

Education Commission Meeting Minutes January 27, 2026

Present: Debra Beaman, Linda Kramer, Nicole Kiefer

Committee Reports

SEPA Event Dates

- Cookies and Cocoa with Santa event was successful with 212 in attendance from school and parish.
- Raffle in December rose over \$20,000.
- SEPA used funds raised from last year's auction to purchase 2 new iPad carts for classrooms, new classroom sets of iPads (for those that needed updating), and a new PA system.
- 170 people signed up for Music Madness Trivia Night on 2/7. Registration is now closed.

School Committee

- Open House was held on the weekend of 1/24-1/25. Tours were given to 15 families.
- 35 people marched in Livonia's Merry & Bright parade representing St. Edith (along with the eagle mascot).
- St. Edith will be attending a Catholic Schools Fair at St. Valentine's on 2/3 to give their students an opportunity to learn about other Catholic schools in the area (as they will be closing at the end of this school year.)
- 16 new students have already enrolled for next year.
- Over 60% of students have already re-enrolled for next year.
- 1st and 2nd graders will have waiting lists.
- The vestibule of the school was updated with new flooring and paint before Open House.
- A light-up sign and new digital screens (which will be able to showcase photos) will be installed in the hallway between the office and gym.
- New security officer (Office Stephanie) has started at the school and will hold a meet and greet event on 1/29. A security fee will be added for all families next year to cover this cost.

School

- Catholic Schools Week is January 26-30.
 - An all school-assembly will be held featuring many animals from Wildlife Safari.
 - Several themed dress-up days are planned.
 - Students will participate in a service project packing lunch for St. Christine's.
 - 8th grade will be presenting on the Catholic Social Teachings theme of helping the poor and vulnerable. They will hold a school-wide collection of CARES of Farmington Hills.
 - A school-wide Spelling Bee will take place.
 - SEPA will be providing lunch for teachers, coffee for parents, and a popcorn bar for students.
 - Student Council will be attending Mass at Blessed Sacrament.

- 7th and 8th grade students will represent St. Edith at the Academic Olympics.

Religious Formation News:

- RE Family Mass Weekend was Jan. 24th and 25th to coincide with the St. Edith Open House. The weekend masses were teaching masses.
- A Sign-up was sent to families with students receiving Reconciliation. Reconciliations are scheduled for Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and 14 from 1-3pm. We have a total of 48 students receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year.

Adult/Family Parish Formation:

- Feb 1st is the next Spaghetti Dinner and Feb. 7th is the next Pizza Dinner.
- Women's Bible Study meets Thursday mornings at 9:30. Faith and Fellowship meets on Thursday evenings from 7-9PM. Bible study for women aged 18-35 begins Jan. 28th at 7pm in the Parish Library for 6 weeks.
- Lenten Soup Suppers are scheduled for Feb. 25th -April 1st at 6:15pm. Our focus this year is Bishop Robert Barron's "The Creed" video series. Limited copies of a 2025 publication by Bishop Barron, "What Christians Believe, Understanding the Nicene Creed" were purchased for those who would like to dive deeper into this topic on their own. A suggested reading plan has been suggested for those attending the soup suppers. Books are available for \$5. One need not attend the soup suppers to purchase the book.

OCIA

- Sessions run on Wednesday evenings in the Fireside Room from 7:00-8:30PM.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 2/24/26 at 5:30 pm in the RE office.