

Education Commission Meeting Minutes February 24, 2026

Present: Debra Beaman, Linda Kramer, Nicole Kiefer, Emily Kontos

Committee Reports

SEPA Event Dates

- Daddy/Daughter Dance was well-attended and very successful.
- Mother/Son Olympics is planned for Saturday, March 14 from 2-4:30 pm. This is open to all parishioners. Specific sign-up information will be shared with the parish this week.
- Music Trivia Night has 175 attendees and there was positive feedback regarding the event. However, SEPA did not raise a large amount of money from this event.

School Committee

- Literacy Night (with interactive stations) will be held on March 24th for school families.

School

- Spring Music/Band Concert is planned for May 21st.
- 3rd grade will be planting a garden at St. Edith this spring.
- 26/27 School Calendar has been published (See attached.)
- Chess, Art, and Lego, and Coding clubs continue
- Classes continue to lead Saturday evening Masses once per month (3rd grade leads on March 7th).
- Classes continue presentations at all-school assemblies of Catholic Social Teaching themes. 2nd grade presents on February 25th on “The Rights and Dignity of Workers.”
- There are many activities planned for “March is Reading Month.” (See attached.) Highlights include a visit from author Aaron Zentz and contests for bookmark designs and number of minutes read per class. All students will create a Book Fair project/report to be displayed at school. Students will also be collecting money for the “Seedlings” charity.
- Incoming 1st grade has a wait list for next year. Many opening for 3-year-old preschool – please share with those you know looking at preschool options.
- Many school tours being given (including many from St. Valentine’s school as they are closing at the end of the school year).
- Bishop Monforton will celebrate Mass on Wednesday March 25th at 9 am for all-school Mass.

Religious Formation News:

- First Reconciliations were celebrated Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and 14 for 48 students. We will have 49 students celebrate First Eucharist May 2, 2026.
- 6th grade students began practicing for the Stations of the Cross which will be presented to Sunday and Monday classes on March 15/16. We are asking these students to sign up to present these stations to the parishioners at the Friday Stations on March 20. We are doing the Shadow Stations of the Cross.

Adult/Family Parish Formation:

- March 7th is Pizza Dinner and March 8th is Spaghetti Dinner. There will not be a 5:00pm Mass on March 8th however, just dinner. The date for Spaghetti Dinner was moved from March 1st as Tom Costello was going to be on vacation during that time.
- 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 is at 7pm in the Parish Library.
- Lenten Soup Suppers begin 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.
- Sign up has started for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Lunch scheduled for March 28th. Families are asked to sign up children by age groups and RSVP for lunch to help purchase food supplies better.

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- Sessions are on Wednesdays in the Fireside Room at 7:00-8:30PM.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 3/24/26 at 5:30 pm in the RE office.