

St. Edith Worship Commission

Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2026

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance: Fr. Jim McNulty, Donna DelFavero, Gary Kudron, Mike Magoulick, Joe Rashid, Laurie Rizzolo, and Linda Bodnar.

Heather Shina was attending remotely by telephone. Cheryl Burford, Cindy Coleman, Zelma Isele and Al Rivard, were excused.

Art & Environment: In the absence of Cindy Coleman and Cheryl Burford, Joe Rashid shared Cheryl's email report: We will begin Lent set up the afternoon of Sunday Feb. 15 and conclude Monday Feb. 16. We are blessed to have enough volunteers to make this happen.

Altar Servers: Joe Rashid shared that Zelma Isele had reported by phone that she has posted server sign-ups for the three Ash Wednesday Masses and intends to have another training session when feasible.

EME's: Joe Rashid reported that Al Rivard had shared a case concerning the "pocketing" of the Blessed Sacrament by a communicant. Just a reminder to be aware, as some unfortunate incidents are still occurring.

Sacristans: Joe Rashid reported that for Ash Wednesday he will be the sacristan at 9 a.m., Trisha Watson at 5 p.m. and Al Rivard at 7 p.m.

Ushers: Mike Magoulick reported that the Ushers would be hosting a Pancake Breakfast this weekend. The Ushers are reimbursing Pat Gawlik for the 11 new servers' robes she is making. They should be ready before Easter. Fr. Jim commended Pat's seamstress skills.

Parish Council: Donna DelFavero reported that Joe Bertrand, on behalf of the seniors, expressed much appreciation for the automatic restroom doors.

Parish Council was updated on AOD plans. The Council's next meeting is March 24.

Denise Brady would like the parish to thank Detroit Bagel Company for the 8-10 dozen bagels they provide most Sundays. Denise or Donna can arrange for a thank you to be sent.

Lectors: Linda Bodnar reported that there were volunteers for all the Christmas and Holyday Masses. The schedule is set through March 22. Bobbie Mieczkowski has returned to the lector roster, and Francoise Gaines was added this week. There are about 30 active lectors.

For Ash Wednesday Gary Kudron will read at 5 p.m., Francoise Gaines at 7 p.m., and for the 9 am. Mass, one of the Winnickers (Joe Rashid secured them, since it would normally be a School Mass).

Bereavement: Gary Kudron reported that the vigil services are going well.

GriefShare will begin on Tuesday, February 24, and Saturday, February 28.

Gary commented that he liked the wreath by the back door to the church. He also mentioned that people really like the Black Books for Lent and have come to expect them. Fr. Jim said that Linda Kramer is in charge of getting them.

Adoration: Laurie Rizzolo reported that there is no Benediction while Deacon Don is ill. To conclude Adoration at 5:30 on Tuesdays there is a prayer service, the Divine Praises, and singing of the *Tantum Ergo*. The Luna is then put away.

Laurie shared how the closing Mass at her former parish, St. Christopher, was very interesting and moving. Gary asked when we might expect announcement of closings due to the restructuring. Fr. Jim replied they should occur in January-March 2027.

Music Ministry: Heather Shina reported that they have been busy with music.

She has been having school children participate on the first Saturday of the month. The Children's Choir will sing at 11 this Sunday (Chris, the drummer, will play with them).

Seven members of the Handbells will attend a Saturday workshop. The Handbell Choir is rehearsing and will play once during Lent, then for the Easter season and First Communions. A new ringer has returned to the parish.

Brady Cook is playing preludes for the 11:00 Mass.

More people are getting involved: violin, guitar, saxophone and bass. She would like for the upper grades of the school to be more involved.

Some of the Felician Sisters may participate in the Easter Vigil.

For the Stations of the Cross there is a Sign-up Genius; Heather will come the first week or two, and a few choir members have volunteered.

Jesus, My Everything is the Lenten theme song, coordinating well with the theme: Let Jesus Transform You.

The Resurrection Choir continues to receive compliments at funerals. A member of the Sunday choir has returned. All are busy getting ready for Lent and Easter.

Heather hopes the Music Ensemble will play on Good Friday.

There is no Sunday evening Mass in March.

Fr. Jim's Comments: Fr. Jim reported that the Lenten theme is Let Jesus Transform You.

The Family Parish Mission, "Grace," will begin at St. Edith on February 23, with hospitality at 6:30 and Fr.

Dave Buersmeyer presenting at 7:00. The Mission will continue at St. Colette on March 2, OLV on March 9 and conclude at St. Kenneth on March 16.

AMENDMENT: Following the meeting it was announced that the session at OLV would be held on March 11, not March 9.

Lenten Reconciliation will take place at St. Edith at 7 p.m. on March 23. Ushers will be needed.

Fr. Jim will be away from March 5 to March 14.

There will be a spaghetti dinner on the 8th, but no Mass. There will be no evening Mass on March 1.

Father has attended a lot of meetings concerning the restructuring. It is a two-year process being led by the Catholic Leadership Institute. Key parish leaders will review models at a meeting on March 9. Parish listening sessions will be held in June (Monday and Wednesday evenings), and there will be the opportunity for written comment and an on-line survey. Results will be announced in January-March 2027, and changes implemented in the summer of 2027. The new archbishop is determined to go through with this plan, as it is very much needed. 70% of the parishes in the archdiocese have less than 600 people at Mass each weekend; there is the priest shortage; there are the buildings to maintain. Vibrant parishes are the ultimate goal.

Joe asked if there were any comments about Christmas. The 10 a.m. Mass was comfortably full. The 4 p.m. Children's Mass has been crowded both in the church and hall. Simulcasting into the hall works much better, as Mike stated. We can't have chairs everywhere – it becomes a safety issue. Having Masses Christmas Eve at 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and Midnight, Christmas Day at 10 a.m. works well.

Joe suggested simulcasting the 11 a.m. Mass on Easter, since it is also crowded.

Easter Masses will be the Vigil at 7, Easter Sunday at 8:30, 11 and 12:30. There was discussion about eliminating the 12:30 Mass, but since the postcards are already in the mail, it that will have to be considered for next year.

The next meeting of the Worship Commission is March 18.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:57 p.m. with a *Hail Mary*, led by Mike Magoulick.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Bodnar

