

St. Wenceslaus Church, Wahoo, NE

Parish Council Minutes – November 15, 2025

Attendance – Fr. Eickhoff, Fr. Alder, Dianne Turman, Chris Lautenschlager, Tobin Spangler, Mike Weiss, and Bob Sullivan

Opening Prayer – Fr. Eickhoff

Minutes approved

Pastor Update - Fr. Eickhoff

ACOLYTE MEETING – The first new acolyte training for the deanery will be January 10 or 17. Installation will be late January or early February. Other parishes of the Deanery will join this training.

The 150th anniversary of the parish celebration is planned for September 2027. A committee will be formed next summer/fall.

The annual census was taken over 2 weekends. The first attendance count was 833. The second count was 877. The last 2 years attendance has been about 42%.

Father ordered 250 copies of the book, The Advent of Rescue.

Father reported that 2 converts will be entering the church the first week of December.

PCCW has distributed some funds. Father was given \$300 to buy Bibles and rosaries for the jail ministry. The PCCW is also donating to Women Care Centers and to Mission Connect.

STRATEGIC DISCERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEES-

PARISH MISSION- Our Lenten Retreat will be March 7-12, 2026. Fr. Zachary will preach at weekend masses on March 7 and 8.

Bob presented The Rescue Project Timeline beginning November 15, 2025, and continuing through May 2026. Rescue Project 2026 will begin the first week of February. About 150 parishioners attended the first time it was presented.

Committee Reports

Stewardship and Evangelization – (Sally) The Stewardship committee hosted a welcome dinner on Oct. 19. It was well attended.

The committee is planning a Cue Card drop in early 2026.

They will sponsor a Giving Tree for the Liberty House.

Men's Ministry– (Bob) The next Men's Night is scheduled for November 19, at 7:00 at Paul Sutton's shed. The speaker will be Max Chapman.

Building and Grounds Maintenance and Safety – (Chris) Renovation of the nave flooring, pews, and sacristy is set to begin in 2027. Father has a meeting set up with Kevin Clark for Friday, November 21.

Discussion of the lighting on the Northeast corner of the playground is tabled until playground renovations are made.

St Wenceslaus School Report – Mike Weiss will be retiring at the end of this year. An ad is being prepared for this vacancy as well as a committee to aid with the search and interviews.

Mike reported that the school addition should be paid for at the end of this fiscal year.

Repairs for the lettering and the overhang on the school are being planned.

The classrooms are being kept locked as an added security.

Bishop Neumann High School - (Tobin) They are preparing to launch a Five-Year Improvement Plan.

Finance - Mike Vech) Glenn Baumert will promote estate planning and scholarship fundraising.

New Business

Our parish will host a community Christmas Cantata on December 14. It will include readings and music. A children's choir and a parish choir from St Wenceslaus will perform as well as a community choir.