

Sharing Our Hearts and Hands with the Parish



HOLY CHILD ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024

AGM scheduled for Sun., Mar. 2 at 12:15 p.m.

Holy Child Parish Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall (or Balzer Room)
Agenda

Mission Statement: We, the people of Holy Child Parish, are a community of Baptized Catholics living in the eastern sector of Regina. We believe we are called to build the Kingdom of God through worship, service and education, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the direction of the Archbishop, and leadership of the Priest given to our Parish.

Chairperson: Charlene Rogalski Secretary: Maureen Wild
Organizing Committee: Faye Helmerson, Marian Grady
Nominating Committee: Dave Helmerson, Gerald Hoffart, Paul Ponak

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer - Father Brian
2. Charlene Rogalski and Laurie Kirkness are away; therefore, Gerald Hoffart will chair the AGM
3. Adoption of Agenda for Annual General Meeting
4. Adoption of March 3, 2024, Annual General Meeting Minutes
5. Adoption of 2024 Annual Report
6. Annual Meeting – any updates from parish groups:
 - a) Liturgy Carol Kaip
 - b) Social Justice Agnes Parisloff, Faye Helmerson
 - c) Finance (& Bldg/Grds) Paul Ponak, Dave Helmerson
 - d) Hall/Catering Wayne Matt
 - e) Deanery Representative Sharon Bender
 - f) Members at Large Laurie Kirkness, Gerald Hoffart
 - h) K of C Paul Ponak and Gerald Hoffart
 - i) Parish Team Marian Grady, Dc. Dennis Ziegler, Fr. Brian Meredith
7. Questions from the floor
8. Elections: The chair of the nomination committee (Dave) will chair this part of the meeting.
 Positions available for election:
 Chairperson
 3 Member at Large positions (one of which shall be youth)
 For each position
 Announce any names on the slate
 Call for any nominations from the floor
 If more than one person is nominated, then hold election (use pieces of paper)
9. Other concerns or comments
 - a) Will need to update the [parish's 2015 constitution](#) based on the [new Archdiocesan guidelines](#). Would be good to create an ad hoc committee to review both documents and report to Pastoral Council so that the updated constitution can be presented for approval at next year's AGM
10. Closing Remarks
11. Suggested date for next AGM: Sunday, March 1, 2026, at 12:15 p.m. in the hall.
12. Motion to Adjourn
13. Closing Prayer

Written Reports

From

Parish Groups

Liturgy Report 2024
Submitted by Carol Kaip

Our Parish had a special mass on Friday, May 10 at 7p.m. to celebrate our many diverse cultures. The many cultures were asked to wear their traditional clothing from their country of origin. Everyone was invited to bring forward in procession a symbol that represented their culture. Nineteen different cultures were represented and thirty-three parishioners brought forward a symbol. We were also very blessed to have the Eritrean choir lead us in music. After mass we all went into the hall to share food from our many cultures. The night was a huge success and a blessing for all who attended.

Our parish had a Prayer Service for Victims of Clergy Sexual Abuse on November 21st. Archbishop Don and Father Brian participated in the service and a very special thank you to both of them. Thank you to all who came out to pray and support victims in our parish and our diocesan community.

Social Justice Report 2024

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of these who are members of my family, you did it on to me. (Matthew 25:40)

Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. We currently have 13 members.

Once again our parish, parishioners and community supported our fundraising efforts through a DECA garage sale, Fair Trade Items, Sarcan, Bake Sale and monetary donations.

Our Giving Tree donations were once again very generous with socks, underwear and sanitary products. Recipients were WISH Safe House, Indigenous Christian Fellowship, Queen City Wellness Pharmacy, Waterston House, Circle Project, Awasiw-A Place of Hope, Warming Centre and Marian Centre.

Other donations over the year were made to School Sisters of Notre Dame- Canadian Jesuits International for Haiti; Canadian Food Grains Bank for Gaza; Development and Peace- Grow Hope Saskatchewan; asatowikamik Food Bank Hub; St Catherine's School; Seaspray Laundry and Chalice.

Thank you for your donations of Can Tabs, that are taken to the Pasqua Hospital where volunteers from the Gift Shop use the money from the sale of these to purchase items for the hospital. Also for the donated eyeglasses that are taken to the CNIB, to be sent overseas.

Members of our committee, in addition to our own events, have also attended and /or volunteered at Marian Centre; Development and Peace; North Central Family Centre; Celebration of Culture; Carmichael Warming Centre; South Sudan Equity (School Building).

We also had guest speakers: Sarah Kozusko, a pharmacist, from Queen City Wellness Pharmacy; Alysia Johnson with Operation Fresh Start Laundry Service; Dave Helmerson who introduced us to Navajo Code Talkers on YouTube.

THANK YOU to our Holy Child Parish Family, Fr. Brian, the Parish Staff and Social Justice members for all the support you give us.

May God Bless all of you.

Co-Chairpersons, Agnes Parisloff and Faye Helmerson

Those who shut their eyes to the cry of the poor will themselves cry and not be heard. (Proverbs 21:13)

FINANCE REPORT for 2024
Submitted by Paul Ponak
2025 AGM

The 2024 year started out quite optimistic, financially. The annual 2024 budget anticipated a minimal surplus in the \$2,500 range. However, unexpected costs of near \$30,000 plus smaller expenses to office equipment (computer) & a couple of toilet repairs, one in the office & one at the sacristy, saw the small surplus turn into a significant shortfall.

As mentioned at last year's AGM, we do see the Parish in a strong financial position (not withstanding the last few year's deficits). The Parish has a very good reserve position, however the string of financial shortfalls cannot continue indefinitely. \$40,000 was withdrawn from the interparochial sharing account held at the archdiocese leaving a balance of \$617,000. This Parish reserve fund is invaluable to be able to sustain the services & Ministries provided by the Parish.

Clearly the main source of income for the Parish is attained via the Sunday collections. At one time catering by the Parish did provide a good income stream. In recent times there are fewer catered events & we only expect a net of \$10 - \$15,000 from this source.

So, back to Sunday collections. In the last couple of months, the monthly collections are nearing pre-pandemic levels plus the Parish did a great job in meeting the Bishop's Appeal target. If this trend can continue we are aiming for 2025 collections in the \$315,000 range, approx 10% increase from 2024. This level of collections in conjunction with maintaining current operating expenses & minimal 'unexpected' costs would meet a modest operating surplus of approximately \$10,000. We are hopeful this can be achieved with the Parishes on-going support. We can do it!

Finally, there are a couple of fundraising opportunities being looked at, however no firm details at this time.

The Parish will continue to engage an independent party to do a review of its financial accounting – bank reconciliations, payroll, etc. This same individual has been used for the past 10 years & has a good understanding of the procedures/processes within the Parish. He offers recommendations, etc. in areas where they can be beneficial to operations.

To close, a HUGE thank you to Fr. Brian for his guidance & leadership and to the office staff for their dedicated efforts during the year. You are key to making Holy Child Parish a Welcoming place.

Knights (K)news – Archbishop O’Neill # 8896 – Report for 2024

Well, here we are 2025!! As we move into a New Year, it’s good, maybe interesting, to have a look in the ‘rear view’.

Our Council was quite busy/active in the past year –

⇒ Continued the work of delivering clothing items (toques, mitts, blankets, etc.) for the Angels4warmth group. This is a once/month (except for July & August) activity, usually the 1st Thursday of the month. Items are picked up at Holy Trinity Parish around 9:45 am then delivered to various agencies who have made requests. Depending on the number of deliverers, we’re usually done & home in 60 – 90 minutes.

This past year in excess of 14,000 clothing articles were delivered. The receiving agencies, which include places like Carmichael Outreach, Hope’s Home, Chili for Children, Pasqua Hospital – palliative care unit & Indigenous Christian Fellowship, to name just a few, are always very appreciative of the clothing provided

⇒ Council hosted two Parish brunches – Mother’s Day included presenting a carnation to mothers & grandmothers. A donation of \$500 was made to the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation from the brunch proceeds. The 2nd brunch was in September. Through generous donations & net proceeds from the brunch a donation in the amount of \$1,000 was sent to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Jasper re: fires in the community
We also prepared/delivered pancakes & sausage on Shrove Tuesday for St. Catherine School – 350 students/staff enjoyed this special treat

⇒ During the months with a 5th Sunday, Council leads the Praying of the Rosary prior to all weekend Masses. As well, the Knights attend to the Ministries at the 11 Mass (10 Mass in summer)

⇒ Council supports ProLife events, including the March for Life, Life Chain & the annual ProLife fundraising banquet

⇒ Food for Families program –for the past several years we have partnered with the K of C Charitable Foundation through a grant process – the Meier Grant. This enabled us to allocate 9 - \$500 cheques to agencies that support or provide food programs. Carmichael Outreach, Chili for Children, St. Catherine School Food Program, Marian Centre, Salvation Army – Waterston House, Al Ritchie Community Assoc., REACH, Regina Food Bank & Holy Child Parish – Families in Need received these funds

⇒ Coats for Kids – two boxes of new coats (12/box), one girl’s & one boy’s were delivered to St. Catherine & St. Theresa Schools. School staff attend to the coat distribution

⇒ State convention – this was a major undertaking for Council. Holy Child & Resurrection Parishes hosted the various programs during the weekend. The business meetings & necrology Mass were held at Holy Child. This meant preparations for two breakfasts, a Saturday lunch & a farewell luncheon. Needless to say there was a lot of preparation (maybe a little bit of stress) & work needed to ‘pull this thing off’! Wayne & Marilyn did a great job organizing & members filled shifts as/when called upon. Thanks to all

The Knights of Columbus Council supports the Parish in a number of ways. Through active participation in the various Mass Ministries and on Parish Council. From various events & programs we have been able to direct approx \$6,000 to the Parish in 2024.

This is a quick glimpse of some of the Council activities. We thank the Parish & community for your on-going support, from ticket purchases (mostly football related) to attending the brunch to buying a cash calendar. We’ll be counting on that support again this year

Thank you, Fr. Brian. Your guidance & support are very much appreciated. Also, thanks to the Parish staff for all the work that you do.

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EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Submitted by Marian Grady

Sacramental Programs:

- Baptism, Confirmation/First Eucharist and Reconciliation: Fr. Brian works with families preparing for Baptism, using online resources. We have family centred evening sessions for Confirmation/First Eucharist and Reconciliation with materials for families to work on together at home. Archbishop Bolen presided at our parish Confirmation/First Eucharist celebration on Friday, April 5 at the 6:30 p.m. First Reconciliation was celebrated on Sunday, November 3 at 1:30 p.m. with Fr. Carlos assisting Fr. Brian. We are now holding the sessions in the church.
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): The Nguyen parents and their two daughters were welcomed through their baptism at the Easter Vigil. The parents and the oldest daughter, Minh Anh, also celebrated their Confirmation and received Eucharist for the first time on that evening. Their preparation was mainly through the parish sessions with families preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Spiritual Formation:

- Sunday to Sunday Bible Study- This fall the members of this group requested to continue gathering to reflect on the Sunday readings. Sr. Anna is able to join them on Thursday afternoons in the church foyer.
- Seasonal Materials- Reflection materials for Advent/Christmas and Lent, Sunday missals and religious art calendars were available for interested parishioners.
- Parish Home Ministry- Due to continuing health concerns, ministry to the sick and housebound is limited, but several family members continue to bring communion to their loved ones and Fr. Brian is available when needed. Some parishioners are also involved in hospital ministry, especially on Sundays at Wascana, following health ministry protocol for volunteers.
- Jubilee Year Preparation- During the month of October a group gathered on Wednesday afternoons to view reflections on the Lord's Prayer in preparation for Jubilee 2025, a series offered by the CCCB.

Report from Deacon Dennis Ziegler

Continued to preach at Holy Child every second weekend.

Preached for Fr Abello in Francis and Vibank.

Discerned with other Spiritual Directors in the Archdiocese of Regina whether to offer another Spiritual Directors Formation program for the Archdiocese of Regina. Discerned to proceed with the program. As part of the leadership formation team, we planned the two-year program, advertised the program, and interviewed candidates. Ten candidates were accepted into the program. The program began in Sept 2024 with a five-day silent retreat at St Peter's Abby in Muenster. I, along with the leadership formation team lead the retreat. The program continues with a weekend every month at Campion College in Regina, where I am part of the leadership formation team, who lead the sessions.

Held two more listening sessions for part two of the synod on synodality. Summarized the input from parishioners and submitted the report to the Archdiocese on behalf of Holy Child. Attended the Synodal study day.

Presented to the candidates in the Deacon formation program the Rite of Baptism and Christian Funerals.

As part of the organizing committee for the St Philomena Walking Pilgrimage, we helped in the planning of this pilgrimage and in the promoting of it by making a presentation before the weekend masses at Resurrection and Holy Child parishes. Karen and I then walked the pilgrimage.

Helped on the planning committee for the Cultural Mass held at Holy Child.

Officiated at a funeral and assisted at two others.

Assisted at St. Theresa and St Catherine school masses.

Offered an advent reflection for Holy Child parish.

Attended the Clergy Retreat.

Karen and I made a presentation to the Resurrection RCIA class on living out our faith, and a presentation to a Grade 12 class at LeBoldus High School on Christian Marriage and how we live that out.

Karen and I help out at the Marian center when they call us to fill in.

Karen and I, continue to offer communion to some elderly people in a care home.

Continue to offer spiritual direction to individuals. Helping others to deepen their relationship with God.

Pastor's Report for 2024
Submitted by Fr. Brian Meredith

In September 2024, the theme for the ArchRegina Congress was "Pilgrims of Hope". In 2025, the Roman Catholic Church will celebrate a Jubilee Year with the same theme, "Pilgrims of Hope". The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that hope is "the theological virtue by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it." As pilgrims of hope, we recall the words of Jesus to his disciples before he ascended into heaven: "remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b)

The parish's operations have been adjusted this past year. Although we've been able to reduce expenses in some areas, while maintaining a basic level of service to the community, it is unfortunately becoming more challenging to meet our expenses with the current level of revenue, and therefore we had an operating deficit again this past year. One of the challenges is that our parish has a very limited geographical area. Although we are grateful to still have healthy financial reserves, it is important to discern for the upcoming years how to make appropriate adjustments to best serve the parish community.

Since October 2023, various caretaking tasks such as overall cleaning, light bulb replacement, snow clearing, lawn maintenance, and furnace maintenance are contracted with various companies. Set-up and take-down of tables and chairs, along with some other manageable maintenance tasks, is being handled through the assistance of current staff, volunteers, and user groups.

As a parish community, we have the potential to develop many more programs and activities. That is possible when groups and individuals are empowered and feel safe and supported to take on more responsibility for the activities and programs, set-up and clean-up, opening and locking the parish facility, and overall management of the activities and programs. I pray that people will become more comfortable over the coming years to bring forth their ideas and to actively share their gifts of time, talent, and treasure in the implementation of their ideas for the benefit of the community and the building up of the kingdom of God.

Lastly, at Holy Child Parish, we have been blessed with excellent, dedicated, faith-filled staff, pastoral council members, finance council members, volunteers in various ministries and groups, and parishioners of every age and nationality. We are also blessed with wonderful Catholic Schools in our parish area. I thank God for you! You walk by faith, hope and love, and you welcome the parish community as your home of faith. May God bless each of you with joy, peace, and love in your journey with Christ and one another!

2024 PARISH STATISTICS

<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
22	16	25	18	Baptisms (infant)
0	2	7	3	RCIA (Adult Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist)
0	0	1	0	RCIA (Full Communion – Profession of Faith/Confirmation/Eucharist)
21	27	14	19	Confirmations
20	27	15	17	First Eucharist
2	2	2	3	Marriages
23	24	21	18	Funerals
1006	1022	1065	1099	Total number of households in parish
2507	2567	2677	2767	Total number of parishioners
387	369	330	342	Number of financial contributors

Average number of people at weekend Masses is 550 - about 80% of pre-Covid times. *(The church pews seat 600 people.)*

	<u>Average of 2012-2017</u>	<u>Average of 2018-2019</u>	<u>(Covid) Average of 2020-2023</u>	<u>Actual 2024</u>
Number of financial contributors	492	427	371	342
Sunday collection	\$321,174	\$286,803	\$229,699	\$282,770
<u>Operating expenses</u>	<u>\$415,810</u>	<u>\$382,683</u>	<u>\$358,767</u>	<u>\$400,032</u>
Difference between Sunday collection and operating expenses	-\$94,636	-\$95,880	-\$129,068	-\$117,262

**Holy Child Parish
Annual Budget Planning for 2025**

2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	Operating Revenue	Budget 2024	Budget 2025
\$ 228,954	\$ 257,635	\$ 282,770	Envelopes - Sunday Collection	\$ 280,000	\$ 315,000
\$ 7,760	\$ 22,895	\$ 32,664	Catering	\$ 33,500	\$ 35,000
\$ 3,805	\$ -	\$ -	Wage Subsidy (Federal Government)	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 31,851	\$ 49,387	\$ 40,424	Other (interest, grants, fundraising, etc.)	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000
\$ 272,370	\$ 329,917	\$ 355,858	Total Operating Revenue	\$ 363,500	\$ 390,000
Operating Expenses					
\$ 212,696	\$ 212,727	\$ 161,220	Remuneration (wages, workshops, benefits)	\$ 152,000	\$ 160,500
\$ 12,198	\$ 21,201	\$ 61,393	Church (repairs, supplies)	\$ 45,000	\$ 50,000
\$ 8,069	\$ 17,699	\$ 27,657	Hall (cook, grocery, supplies, repairs)	\$ 23,000	\$ 22,000
\$ 9,839	\$ 10,798	\$ 11,079	Rectory (utilities, supplies, taxes)	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,500
\$ 20,314	\$ 7,190	\$ 9,666	Office (supplies, photocopier, telephone)	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,000
\$ 38,809	\$ 39,116	\$ 45,090	Diocesan Assessment & Priests' Pension Plan	\$ 42,000	\$ 47,000
\$ 47,080	\$ 53,419	\$ 47,018	Occupancy (utilities, insurance, security)	\$ 53,000	\$ 50,000
\$ 12,236	\$ 9,973	\$ 36,909	Grounds (maintenance, garbage disposal)	\$ 27,000	\$ 30,000
\$ 361,241	\$ 372,123	\$ 400,032	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 361,000	\$ 380,000
\$ (88,871)	\$ (42,206)	\$ (44,174)	Operating Revenue - Operating Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 10,000

In 2024, there were about \$25,000 extra expenses for various repairs, replacement of A/C, and additional preventative maintenance

Parish's Designated Funds for 2024

Name of Fund	Carry over from 2023	+	Amount collected as of December 31, 2024	-	Amount used in 2024	=	Amount remaining in designated fund
Building Fund	53,995		6248		0		60,243

Name of Fund	Amount remaining in Designated fund	+	Amount used in current year	-	Carry over amount from previous year	=	Amount collected in current year as of December 31, 2024
Families in Need	1528		5000		2128		4400

Name of Fund	Carry over from 2023	+	Amount collected as of December 31, 2024	-	Amount dispersed in 2024	=	Amount remaining in designated fund to be dispersed in 2024
Good Works	40		799		834		5

Name of Fund	Amount collected as of December 31, 2024	-	Amount dispersed in 2024	=	Amount remaining in designated fund to be dispersed in 2024
Social Justice Donations (Warming Welcome Project)	4136		1822		2314

Designated Funds That Go to Archdiocese for 2024

(These are usually paid out at the end of each month)

	Amount collected December 31, 2024
TRC Healing Response	200
Annual Appeal	35,174 (Envelope \$23,494, Gift Card \$11,680) *See note below
Education of Seminarians	895
Total Archdiocese	36,269
Needs of Canadian Church	791
Catholic Missions in Canada	705
Share Lent (D & P)	2030 (Share Lent \$1830 & Ukraine Emergency \$200)
Total Church in Canada	3526
Propagation of Faith/Mission	755
Holy Land	2336
Pope's Pastoral Works	986
Total Pope & Holy Land	4077
Overall Total	43,872

***Note: Bishops Appeal donation of \$2000 was deposited in 2024. However, it was intended to be put toward the parish's 2025 goal. This donation will be paid to the Diocese in 2025.**

March 3, 2024
AGM Minutes

Holy Child Parish Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 3, 2024
Minutes

In attendance: Fr. Brian Meredith, Charlene Rogalski (chairperson), Cam Beitel, Sharon Bender, Marian Grady, Dave Helmerson, Faye Helmerson, Gerald Hoffart, Susie Hoffart, Agnes Parisloff, Dianne Poitras, Paul Ponak, Lynda Putzlocher, Maureen Wild (secretary)

1) Opening Prayer

The meeting began at 12:15 with an opening prayer led by Father Brian.

2) Adoption of Agenda for Annual General Meeting

Moved by Dave Helmerson and seconded by Paul Ponak that the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried.

3) Adoption of March 5, 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Moved by Gerald Hoffart and seconded by Dianne Poitras that the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting be accepted as presented. Carried.

4) Adoption of 2023 Annual Report

Moved by Sharon Bender and seconded by Agnes Parisloff that the 2023 Annual Report be accepted as presented. Carried.

5) Annual Meeting – reports from parish groups

- a) Liturgy – Carol Kaip, Marian Grady
 - In addition to the written report, Marian mentioned a decision that was made to not start the Cup yet.
- b) Social Justice – Agnes Parisloff, Faye Helmerson
 - There was nothing to add to the submission in the Annual Report.
- c) Finance (including Building and Grounds) – Paul Ponak, Dave Helmerson
 - The Financial Report and written report are part of the Annual Report. The parish is in a good financial position and able to handle the shortfall. Paul noted that this year the actual “per contributor” average contribution has gone up. The Finance Committee is budgeting for breakeven in 2024.
- d) Hall/Catering – Wayne Matt
 - There was no oral report.
- e) Deanery Representative – Sharon Bender
 - Sharon reported that the deanery is going to have a meeting next week.
- f) Members at Large – Laurie Kirkness, Gerald Hoffart
 - Gerald has received no phone calls or complaints so had nothing to report.
- g) Men’s Club – Wayne Matt
 - In Fr. Brian’s report, he mentioned that the Men’s Club decided to discontinue.
- h) K of C – Paul Ponak, Gerald Hoffart

- Membership has not changed much. Paul is very proud of the Council and parish they serve. He finds it rewarding to help the parish and community at large. Gerald added that perhaps the KofC could fill a void with the winding down of the Men's Club.
- i) Parish Team – Marian Grady, Deacon Dennis Ziegler, Fr. Brian Meredith
- Marian reported that the Archbishop will be coming early this year for Confirmation. It is scheduled for April 5 at 6:30 p.m. It is a small group of about 22 families. The event should be over in about two hours giving time to set up for the 3-4-5 hockey wind-up the next day.
 - Deacon Dennis was not able to attend. He submitted a written report which will be added to the Annual Report.
 - Fr. Brian thanked all for their support and prayers. He asked that we continue to pray for those suffering, health care staff, and for people who are homeless. Fr. commented that our parish has become much more multicultural in the last six years. In addition to Filipinos, there are large numbers from Africa, Asia, and South America. He asked us to be aware of human trafficking in our local communities and gave an example of how that occurs.
- 6) Questions from the floor**
- Cam Beitel thanked the parish for maintaining an excellent website which he is able to access via his cell phone. He said it is a way to stay connected to the church when he is away.
- 7) Elections:** The chair of the nomination committee (Dave Helmerson) chaired this part of the meeting.
- Positions available for election:
- Vice-Chairperson (currently vacant)
 - 2 Member at Large positions (one of which shall be youth)
- For each position:
- Announce any names on the slate
 - Call for any nominations from the floor
 - If more than one person is nominated, then hold election (use pieces of paper)
- Vice-Chairperson
- Paul Ponak nominated Gerald Hoffart. Gerald accepted the nomination.
 - Sharon Bender moved that nominations cease. Paul Ponak seconded.
 - Gerald Hoffart elected by acclamation.
- Member at Large (now two positions)
- Faye Helmerson nominated Cam Beitel. Cam was thankful for the consideration but declined.
 - Since there were no nominations, the positions of Member at Large will remain vacant.
- Youth Member at Large
- There were no youth in attendance.
- 8) Other Concerns or Comments**
- A link to the Synthesis Report from the Synod in October 2023 is on the parish website. It is 41 pages with two pages for each of the 20 topics. Deacon Dennis will be holding two sessions for input. The Archdiocese is also conducting discussions via Zoom.
- 9) Closing Remarks**
- Fr. Brian asked for prayers for the Archbishop who is on a 30-day retreat until the end of March.

- He also asked that we keep Jennifer Ochieng, her family, and diocesan staff in our prayers. She was an employee of the archdiocese who died on February 25.
- Fr. Brian thanked the Knights of Columbus for hosting the 3-4-5 hockey wind-up. It is a tremendous outreach with 600 children and their parents attending.

10) Suggested date for next AGM: Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 12:15 p.m. in the hall

11) Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Faye Helmerson and seconded by Sharon Bender that the meeting be adjourned.
Carried.

12) Closing Prayer

Prayed the Glory Be.