

Total Education Board Agenda

October 21, 2025

5pm

Present: Jessica Dembinski, Sarah Grubb, Liz Block, Kris Kelly, Emily Krebs, Chris Nelson, Angela Cutler, Maureen Moseman, Katie O'Neal, Erin Griesman, Cheryl Erker, Becky Sluyter

OPEN SESSION

1. Call meeting to order: Jessica Dembinski
 - a. Opening Prayer:

Updates:

- a. Meeting Dates for 2024-2025
 - i. November 11, January 13, February 10, April 14, May 12

2. Presidents Report (Jessica Dembinski)

3. Religious Education Committee Report (Cheryl Erker)

- a. Family Religious Education (FRE) Program: The 7 Sacraments

- i. God Made all things: Visible & Invisible
 - ii. Signs & Symbols
 - iii. GRACE People

- b. Sacrament Program

- i. Oct. 29: 7th/8th Service Day- making poppies and cards for Veterans
 - ii. Nov. 4th: 1st Reconciliation Event- students only
 - iii. Nov. 5th: Confessions for Family Rel Ed

- c. New business:

- i. Assessment/test for 7th & 8th grade students: Catholic Confirmation Assessment test
 - ii. Looking for a Community Service Project
 - iii. Searching for a new part-time assistant
 1. Family of Faith Program

- d. Old business:

- i. Searching for a new part- time assistant

- e. Personal Development: Nothing to report

4. Youth Group Report (Lauren Mohatt)

- a. Youth Group started back up for this school year on October 1st.

- b. New faces and slight structure change this year to allow for more programming.
- c. Lauren remains as Director of Youth Engagement overseeing all aspects of the program, but has brought on a couple YG alums to assist with different things. Maggie Vazquez helps plan weekly meetings alongside the young adult advisors. Kate Vazquez will help plan and execute retreats and leadership programs. Other YG alum will volunteer their time to help with such events and programs throughout the year.
- d. Keep an eye on our social media (Facebook and Instagram) for upcoming meetings, service projects, events, etc. Lots of exciting things to come in 2025-2026!

5. 5 Day School Report (Chris Nelson)

- a. Safety Update
 - i. Mass Protocols
 - ii. Drill Practice
 - 1. Medical lockdown
 - iii. 7th and 8th Grade students received safety training (CPR and AED)
- b. Grant Request for School Hardening (matching grant)
 - i. New Classroom Doors
 - ii. Protective Film
 - iii. Cement bollards around the field
- c. STAR Testing
 - i. Share changes made to benchmarks
 - ii. School Report for Fall Test Window
 - 1. Information shared with families in Cardinal Corner
 - 2. Families can request further information
 - iii. There will be no TerraNova testing this year
- d. Blue Ribbon won't continue after this school year
 - i. Will seek information on the new NCEA Schools of Distinction Award

6. Reed Early Learning Center Report (Katie O'Neal)

7. Home and School Report (Angela Cutler)

- a. Grandparents Day Mass was a success
- b. Cardinal Cruise
- c. Will have a playground committee representative
- d. No Trunk or Treat this year
 - i. Potential for next year
- e. Working to have a master calendar for fundraising to simplify what's in place now

8. Parish Council Report (Kristi Kelly)

- a. Thank you for helping with the Parish festival

9. Pastor's Report (Rev. Ryan Lewis)

10. Maureen Moseman

- a. November 8, Arboretum Fall Clean Up Day- 1 pm to 4 pm (rain date of Sunday, November 9) – see QR code (attached) to sign up
 - i. Service hours available for youth.
 - ii. St. Robert's Arboretum was started in 2002 and accredited in 2012 by the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. We are fortunate to have 13 acres of diverse trees, shrubs, and beautiful statuary that creates a peaceful, prayerful, reflective environment for our parish. Thirty volunteers maintain flower beds weekly throughout the year. They are joined by parish and school volunteers twice a year for mulching (spring) and clean up (fall).
 - iii. QR Code to Sign Up
- b. We are recruiting volunteers for committees for Bella Festa 2026 (February 28, 2026):
 - i. Decoration (lead by Katie Witt)
 - ii. Silent Auction (lead by Jean Mendick)
 - iii. Live Auction (lead by Maureen Moseman and Ali Hult)
 - iv. Sign Up Party (lead by Renee Paulin)
 - v. Games of Chance (lead by Summer Sargent, Jean Mendick and others)
 - vi. Volunteers will meet on Monday, October 27 at 5:30 pm.
 - vii. Contact Jean Mendick at JMendick@stroberts.com for more information.
- c. Save the Dates for Upcoming events:
 - i. Saturday, November 8, Mass and Brunch for Founders and Senior Parishioners (born 1960 or earlier) with spouses & family – Mainelli Center
 - ii. Sunday, November 9, 9 am Mass – Blessing for veterans and active duty military followed by Knights of Columbus breakfast in the Mainelli Center
 - iii. Sunday, November 16, 7:30 am - 1:00 pm, Red Cross Blood Drive, Mainelli Center
 - 1. Each unit of blood donated will result in a \$10 donation to the 8th grade class for their DC trip.
 - iv. November 18, 2025 - Planned Giving Seminar, 9 am in Mainelli Center
 - 1. Retired attorney Larry Dwyer will speak on Wills and Estates including bequests
 - 2. A CPA will speak on recent tax changes affecting retirees e.g., Qualified



3. Charitable Deductions from IRAs, increased limits for charitable deductions
4. We will have a speaker on advance funeral planning

- v. Thursday, November 20, 2025 – New Parishioner Reception, 6 pm Mainelli Center
- vi. Thursday, December 4, 2025 – Night of Hope 6:15 music, 7 pm speakers in church
- vii. Sunday, December 14, 2025, Living Nativity 6 – 8 pm outside
- viii. Monday, December 15, 2025 – Parish Advent Reconciliation Service, 6:30 pm
- ix. Bella Festa, Saturday February 28, 2026

11. Guest Speakers

12. Committee Breakout

13. Closing Prayer