

# St. Catherine Pastoral Council Minutes

December 8, 2025, 7:00 - 8:25 p.m.

Present: Fr. Peter Patrick, Jeff Morzinski, Mary Krolikowski, Toni Wagner, Kathy Hazen, Dayna Gramoll, Colleen Plakut, Tonya Johnson, Kelly Guthery, Kris Reck, Lauren Bondhus, Joe Brien

Excused: n/a Absent: n/a

## Mission Statement:

We are a Christ-centered community, the vital and spiritual presence of the Catholic Church in Sherman Park and beyond.

Living the Gospel we:

- Welcome all to participate with us
- Learn and grow through God’s love
- Join with others to serve the needs of our community
- Honor the sanctity and diversity of life, and
- Celebrate the joy of our faith and community

**Prayer and shared reflection:** John 1:1-5; Jesus is the Light of the World

Topic	Discussion & Recommendations
Approval of Nov 2025 minutes	Minutes were approved via email.
Pastor Report	Delay for training Eucharistic ministers until January 2025. St Catherine School now has a 4 star rating!
Administrator’s Report	Young Star Coach (agency that gives us a rating for daycare) visited. Daycare is currently rated at a level 3 and we are trying to get to a level 4. Daycare was complimented on how far it's come. February will be the next eval.  Feedback from congregation on the year end statement was positive.
Ongoing business	<b>a. Action Word Banners</b> Toni worked on a sample and asked for feedback. (The mission statement was printed in 3 different ways and many PC members liked the one in blue text.) Toni to connect with Ms. Shea

for additional support in creating word banners. Father also suggested that Toni talk with Jessica Quintanilla for design help, particularly in regards to the Centennial design.

**b. Evangelization:**

1. Group shared on idea of JOY.
2. Growth of food pantry is looked at as an opportunity of helping others in:
  - Feeding in ways beyond food.
  - Providing extra resources (as in how to access).

**Task:** Mary K (also Toni?) will talk to Rob Shelledy and Jane Kornberger about creating a space for fellowship, similar to the way it was before Covid.

**c. Processes:**

a. Re: New Parishioners

The pastoral council member to register new people/families should feel responsible for making sure that person/family gets the information they seek. We want people to feel that their needs are being heard and met. Mary raised the question of how to use the registration information for follow up. It was agreed that a checklist would be helpful. Welcome Sunday - to be known as Fellowship Sunday. All are welcome, both current and new parishioners and visitors. The end goal = time to visit and it is a moment to register. Decision was made to start on January 11th with Pastoral Council to host. Future goals - 1) to hold every 2nd Sunday of each month 2) come up with a schedule of which committees will be 'hosting' & helping (KOC?) 3) determine budget

b. Re: adult baptism

PC member shared an experience of trying to meet the needs of a person who wanted to be baptized Catholic, highlighting the difficulty in making the connections in the parish for the person.

c. for volunteering for ministries

It was noted that the parish directory is dated. It would be nice to have an updated directory of committees and point person(s)/contact information available (perhaps posted in back of church).

	<p>Colleen and Kathy to work on this project. Toni to provide old “phone trees”.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>d. training for Eucharistic ministry to the homebound in December — deferred</p> <p>e. Has anyone spoken to Pancake Breakfast folks about freewill donations? What does the money from Pancake Breakfast support? — deferred</p>
Homework - Strategic Planning	Mary K. provided copies of planning tables featuring goals and objectives based on our mission statement. PLEASE review and then write the strengths and weaknesses of one or more goals, strategies to strengthen them if possible. Rank them as easy or difficult.
Pastoral Council liaisons	DEFERRED to January Parish engagement, Green team (Pollinator garden, insulation for church ceiling) Facing Racism: Immigration
Other business/comments/events	For January, consider being on the Retreat Planning Task Force
Pulpit Announcements	Dec 14 Jeff                      Dec 21 Colleen                      Dec 28 Kathy Jan 4 Lauren                      Jan 11 Toni
	Our deliberations tonight helped to further our Parish Mission by ... ...further developing communication
Closing prayer	Anima Christi

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauren Bondhus

Next meeting - January 12 at 5:30 pm