

St. Catherine Pastoral Council Minutes

April 13, 2026, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Present: Fr. Peter Patrick, Mary Krolikowski, Toni Wagner, Colleen Plakut, Tonya Johnson, Kris Reck, Lauren Bondhus, Joe Brien, Jeff Morzinski, Dayna Gramoll, Mary Brooks and St. Sebs guest, Karen Earle

Excused: Kelly Guthery, Kathy Hazen 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: Mark 16:5-7 ; Theme - Resurrection

Topic	Discussion & Recommendations
Approval of Mar 2026 minutes	Minutes were approved via email
Pastor Report	<p>Father is deeply concerned about the finances of the parish - For the first time, we are currently looking at a deficit budget. (The parish budget is due at the end of April.) Bill Coleman will be meeting with Father to discuss further. A great effort has already been put into trying to contact parishioners and get the pledges for the next fiscal year. Cindy at the Archdiocese is a resource that needs to be utilized.</p> <p>Summer school this summer - June 25-July 23, 2026 Center for Urban Teaching (C-FUT) is in charge of this program. Teach teachers how to be an urban teacher. St Catherine’s K4 - 8th grade have been invited to participate.</p>

	Fr. Peter Patrick changed cell phone: 414-396-2914
Ongoing business	<p>a. Evangelization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Food pantry - Hospitality is happening! The Melendes family is doing the hospitality. ACTION ITEM - Invite others to do this. Think of parishioners and propose their involvement. b. Foot Care Clinic - A written proposal needs to be submitted. Mary Brooks to facilitate a conversation with the parishioner who wants to do this. <p>b. Pastoral Council Retreat Planning</p> <p>Kris and Kathy - please jump start planning with St Sebs. Karen Earle will send contact information.</p> <p>c. Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parish Profile updating, kickoff TBD. No new action b. Pancake Breakfast freewill donations—short report: As there is only one more pancake breakfast this year, the plan is to start freewill donations Sept-Dec., then evaluate. c. Responsibility for Fellowship Sunday - Colleen raised some questions on behalf of the Parish Engagement Committee: the logistics of who, how - instructions for committee group - are invoices being submitted? What are the responsibilities? Who passes the process to each committee? Toni's procedure should be evaluated and tweaked as necessary. Mary B needs to know the schedule so they should not have a conflict. Toni may have to walk the committees through the setup until people are familiar. d. Directory and Ministry Guide - Carole placed an addendum on the website. The addendum should also be printed off and included along with the Directory in the welcome packets for newly registered parishioners. Maria from Sebs stated that updates and changes have to be submitted by late June in order to have the publisher by July. Mary Brooks and Colleen to further discuss. <p>d. Strategic planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. review of input - goals discussed as follows:

	<p>Increase Mass attendance and Increase membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invite people at food pantry (flyer is ready to go) ● Our church is not listed on Archdiocese website for Mass Times (Tonya to submit?) ● Highlight events/organizations that we already have. ● Start instagram page and increase visibility on Facebook Page. <p>Strengthen ministries, esp SVdP, by engaging neighbors/the community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food pantry people and/or recovery groups - get to know them. ● Propose projects for school children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -clean up the church yard -plant flowers in front of the school (5-6 grades?) -make a pledge to not litter (though Safe and Sound) -Recycling -Shoe Collection - athletic shoes <p>Get fellowship Sunday running - DONE!</p> <p>More interesting, diverse worship space</p>
<p>Nominations for New Pastoral Council Members</p>	<p>We need to start nominating people to be on the Pastoral Council. Please bring three names of people that you recommend to the next meeting. (Terms for Mary K, Lauren, and Joe are up. Joe plans to continue for another term. Mary K and Lauren may not renew.)</p>
<p>Pastoral Council liaisons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Other Committee Reports – Please review ahead of time to expedite the meeting. ● Facing Racism: Immigration: Know Your Rights presentation at St. Sebs (this is happening now)
<p>Other business/comments/events</p>	<p>Bill Lipscombe is looking for housing for 6 Creighton students (teachers in MKE area). Perhaps put them in the rectory. Proposed lease is to start in July for one year. 5 men, one woman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This has been tabled until more information is gathered. The rectory is not “guest ready” and pending seriousness of the proposal, we do not have the funds to move forward.

	<p>Request from a priest who wants to stay in the rectory. He is a student at Mount Mary - currently at All Saints. Fr. Anthony Okore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pastor suite is currently undergoing a refresh and should be ready by the end of April. • A brief poll was taken by council and it was approved to prospectively have the suite occupied by a priest. Caveats - income for parish and involvement in parish life.
Pulpit Announcements	4/19 Lauren 4/26 Kathy 5/3 Joe 5/10 Jeff
	<p>Our deliberations tonight helped to further our Parish Mission by ...</p> <p>Talking about welcoming others</p> <p>Shining light on the finances</p>
Closing prayer	Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Bondhus

Next meeting - May 11 at 5:30 pm FKCC