

St. Catherine Pastoral Council Minutes

August 10, 2026, 5:30 - 7:07 pm

Present: Toni Wagner, Colleen Plakut, Tonya Johnson, Kris Reck, Lauren Bondhus, Joe Brien, Jeff Morzinski, Kelly Guthery, Kathy Hazen, Dayna Gramoll, Tina Kyles, Liz Krueger, Fr. Peter Patrick
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: Matthew 18: 1-5 Theme: Welcome the Children

Topic	Discussion & Recommendations
Introductions	All members were introduced to the Pastoral Council by interview-type reporting on 1) membership at St Catherine, 2) Hobby, 3) What would you like to see change at the parish (and/or work on) this year?
Pastor Report	Father welcomed the new council members Strategic plan and vision needs to be clear for the parish and pastoral council. Stick to it! (Where do we see St Catherine Parish in the next 10 years?) Father requested us to work in partnership with St Sebs. What is working between the two parishes? ● Discussion of formal and informal collaborations Swahili Mass may be moving to St Pius. St Sebs School has a special request in regards to the use of the gym at St Catherine - Building & Grounds committee to follow up.
New business - 2026/27 leadership positions	Chair - Liz K, Vice-chair - Dayna G, Secretary - Lauren B These three positions have been filled and approved by the new pastoral council.

	On August 23rd Father will present new PC to parish
Pastoral Council Liaisons	Spiritual Life & Worship - Kris Finance Council - Kathy Buildings & Grounds - Toni Human Concerns - Joe School (Reimagined! and Daycare) - Kelly Faith Formation - Open (possibly Tina?)
Other business/comments/events	- Retreat for Pastoral Councils and Parish Staff will be held at St Sebastian on October 10th from 8:30 am - 2 pm. Jon Metz will lead the retreat - Lauren to provide the current Pastoral Council with Strategic Plan/Vision via email. - Colleen is compiling information for the Parish Directory and will be sending a draft of what she's put together thus far. The deadline for final edited version is set for Sept 14. Let's help her get information ahead of that deadline! - Kelly, Tonya & Jeff to begin forming an ad hoc group whose objective would be to propose to the Parish Council a re-imagined School / Daycare committee design. (They will provide an update at future meetings).
Pulpit Announcements	8/16 Kathy 8/23 Joe 8/30 Kris 9/6 Tina 9/13 Liz
	Our deliberations tonight helped to further our Parish Mission by acknowledging gifts and stepping up to volunteer for positions.
Closing prayer	Anima Christi

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Bondhus

Next meeting - September 14 at 5:30 pm FKCC