

St. Catherine Pastoral Council Minutes

June 8, 2026, 5:30 - 7:03 pm

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

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 14: 25-27; Theme - Jesus Sends His Holy Spirit

Topic	Discussion & Recommendations
Approval of May 2026 minutes	Minutes were approved.
Pastor Report	Strategic plan - helps us look back on what we have achieved and what we are going to do in the next 5 years. This plan should be looked at through the lens of individual committees. Liaisons will present this idea at the upcoming meeting(s). Father thanked Mary K for her leadership. Five 8th graders graduated from St Catherine. Ten 3K kids graduated from Daycare. (Unknown how many will be continuing at St Catherine School)

Ongoing business	a. Nominations for new Pastoral Council members - PROGRESS REPORT Jeff and Lauren are working on contacting the nominees. Thus far, Jeff was able to talk to three parishioners in person and one of them is interested in serving. Jeff also requested to add one more name to the nomination list - Kyle Dlabay. This was approved at the meeting. ACTION ITEM: Toni to talk with Jeff and Lauren to set a date for discernment. b. Retreat planning update Saturday, October 10th by Jon Metz. 8:30am - 2pm THEME - Evangelism (both within parish membership and outside of parish membership) Breakfast - St Sebs. Lunch - St Catherines c. Strategic planning: a. Update and Looking ahead (see planning table for objectives) Goal: Improve effective and timely communication - Champion = Colleen Plakut. Still working on the directory in collaboration with Maria from St. Sebs. (pages 40-51 specifically) Colleen gave a copy of her questions to Fr. Peter Patrick. Father and Tonya to aid as needed. Timeline for review: Obj 1-3 one year Obj 4 July 2026 ACTION ITEM: Mary K to work with Karen Earle to figure out a date on which the PC NEW members/officers will be invited/presented for purposes of printing new directory. Goal: Attract new parish members from the community - Champion = OPEN Follow up on this at next meeting Goal: Increase mass attendance/parish membership - Champion = Kelly Guthery Timeline to review goal - 6 months Goal: Strengthen ministries, esp. SVdP, by engaging neighbors - Champion = OPEN SVdP members require safeguard training. How to get more SVdP members? Invitation to a training? Or Orientation? Include time commitment. Follow up after Fellowship Sunday
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	in September. Timeline to review - next 6 months (also, it was noted that there are several members of the parish who can give the safeguard training) Goal: More interesting, diverse worship space. Champion = OPEN Timeline to review - 6 months? (Overall, this is a 2-3 year goal as there are many things to consider, such as additional storage space or the future of the Swahili Mass) Goal: Show community how amazing parish - Kelly = champion Timeline to review - 1 year At August meeting, determine accountability for each goal.																				
Pastoral Council Liaisons	- Other Committee Reports – Please review ahead of time to expedite the meeting. - At outdoor Mass, going to bless the new garden on East side of building - Childcare committee - Is there an update on staffing in the future? Tonya is working on it.																				
Other business/comments/events	- Joe wanted to know about census re:marital status: widow/widower not on there. - Only one folder left in the library for new membership; Toni stated that she and Mary Brooks are working on it and will be adding the census form to the folders. - Tonya reported that the budget has been submitted. Changes were made to create a balanced budget. GOALS: Increasing contributions by about 2%. More fundraising and creative revenue through QR codes to specific expense coverage (ie Reflections of Faith). Moving forward, the parish will be applying endowment funds to cover certain expenses. - LOA grants for food pantry \$10K and Senior ministry \$5K (Potentially daycare funding?) - Joe Brien brought up the following: a) Fire prevention presentation available. b) AED. Has it been tested? Who is trained to use it? c) US flag to be added to building? It was determined that these items are things to be presented to Buildings and Grounds.																				
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	Our deliberations tonight helped to further our Parish Mission by attempting to plan ahead, having deadlines ... Making parish needs clear by presenting the budget
Closing prayer	Anima Christi

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Bondhus

Next meeting - August 10 at 5:30 pm FKCC