

Kaukauna Catholic Joint Parish Council

February 21, 2026

Joint Parish Center

Attendees: Father Luke, Tony Bovina, Diane Baumgart, Steve Meehl, Jessica Poch, Ann Hameister, Kaitlyn Hill and Jane VandenBoogart from the Holy Cross Oktoberfest committee

Missing: Rick Vanderloop, Tom VanHeuklon, Eric Miller, Jason Beilfuss

1. Fr. Luke opened with prayer. Check in question about how Lent is going both individually and as a faith community.
2. Approval of agenda and minutes. Discussion on Oktoberfest and joint parish raffle
3. Jane VandenBoogart asked about the timing of the joint parish raffle along with Holy Cross Oktoberfest. The raffle begins right before the smaller raffles for Oktoberfest. The last two years the raffle stopped for a few weeks and started again after Oktoberfest. People have been asking for joint parish raffle tickets thinking they could purchase them during Oktoberfest. This past year the Oktoberfest committee quickly set up a table to sell the joint parish tickets. There were also problems with selling joint tickets at Holy Cross as SKD volunteers were selling because there were not enough from HC. It's confusing selling joint tickets around Oktoberfest smaller raffle ticket sales. Discussion was on whether to move the joint raffle ticket sale to spring or do it with Oktoberfest, doing it together. The council suggested doing it at the same time. Jane will take that suggestion back to the Oktoberfest committee.
In addition to this discussion, the council also discussed the bingo dates at SKD. The February bingo was not as well attended as last year's. Thoughts were that it was held on Super Bowl Sunday as well as Women's Celebrate. The next bingo is March 8. Will see how that one is attended.
4. OKR: Jane presented facts on parishioner data, young adults, as she is inputting that data into the parish website. Faith formation is updated. Also inputted confirmation and updated contact information, including addresses and telephone numbers. Grown children are still showing up at their parents' addresses; they are seeking new addresses for them. A Young Adult KCP Catholic Speakers Series is being held on March 2, April 13 and May 4 for ages

19-29. The series will feature Dr. Goldsmith, Fr. Girotti and Julianne Stanz on Science, Sexuality and Spirituality.

5. Staffing: A new Parish Engagement Coordinator position is being considered. The position would be full time but with funds reallocated from other positions that are being lowered in hours and one position that is currently not filled. The position would allow for outreach to those who may identify as Catholic but are not coming to church or are not on the parish roles. Titles for the position were discussed such as Community Connections Coordinator. The parishes will advertise the position as well as for one soon to be vacated by Sue Zwiers.
6. Finances: Both parishes are doing well. Budgets at SKD and HC are about \$20,000 ahead. Expenses are within budget.
7. OCIA, Bishop's Appeal, parish goals update: OCIA has 11 people from just the parishes, another four for Confirmation and three from other parishes. They are all in their 20's. The Bishop's Appeal is starting out well HC is currently at 50% with SKD at 25%. The parish has two goals of assisting those coming to OCIA and Mass attendance.
8. Building and Grounds: HC church needs tuck pointing. The numbers are coming in about one half million plus another one half million is needed for the rest of the building. One by One funds are already used at HC. St. Francis still has money to do their proposed projects. St. Mary's is looking for a couple more people for the building and grounds committee. The boiler issue at St. Mary's has been taken care with two new boilers installed.
9. School: Eighty percent of the current families have renewed their paperwork to attend school next year. One to two families per week are touring the school.

Upcoming meetings:

Joint Parish Council Meeting ---Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m.

SKD Finance-SKD Finance Council meeting ----- Tuesday, March 17, 5-6:30 p.m.

SKD Building and Grounds---Tuesday, May 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.