

Kaukauna Catholic Parishes Joint Parish Council

April 25, 2026 9:00

Joint Parish Center



Vision: Discover, Live and Share Jesus

Attendees:

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| ☒ Father Luke | ☐ Steve Meehl | ☒ Eric Miller |
| ☒ Tom VanHeuklon | ☐ Anne Hameister | ☒ Kaitlyn Hill |
| ☒ Rick Vanderloop | ☒ Diane Baumgart | ☒ Jason Beilfuss |
| ☒ Tony Bivona | ☐ Jessica Poch | |

Notes

1. Opened with Prayer
2. Agenda:
 - a. Addition: Latin 101.
3. Minutes
 - a. No corrections
4. Bishop's Invitation Questions:
 - a. How do you feel the Holy Spirit is inviting you and our parish to live out "Share Jesus" in our parish and in our community?
 - i. We have a lot, led by the Holy Spirit, but we need to promote them better.
 - ii. Allow people to shine.
 - iii. Finding programs is difficult. We don't reach outside the parish walls well. Maybe show up at events, like Farmer's markets.
 - iv. Fr. Sudha working to get children out of child labor.
 - v. Keep encouraging both financially and otherwise.
 - vi. Supporting our priests. Pray for their protection. How can we take action items from Father Luke?
 - vii. 2 families that want to come into the church.
 - viii. Jenny B. doesn't have the time to do everything we ask of her (baptisms, new parishioners,etc).
 - ix. Catholic 101. Need to be welcoming. Debunk false perceptions.
 - x. Information request cards in the pews. Maybe use a QR code to bring them to the Parish website.
 - xi. Any groups that we should consider combining?
 - xii. Have we met with other parishes to see what they are doing, what is working? Share best practices.
 - xiii. Summary: We want to create an environment where action happens and there is intentionality.
 - xiv. Request for latin 101. Latin seems to be becoming more frequently used. Would like to learn the basics: pronunciation, a little vocabulary, enough to be able to participate and understand when used in mass
 - xv. Talked about encouraging hospitality at all levels. Leadership and training. Publicity and outreach and action.
5. Finance update.
 - a. Both parishes are doing well as far as revenue. Mostly on budget except for snow removal.

- b. SKD: what happened to the Bishop's appeal this year? Last year somebody gave \$25k, so this year, other parishioners need to make up that amount. Still \$5k to goal. Talking to a few more potential donors.
 - c. Next year, suggest that we communicate appropriately to parishioners that we want to meet our Bishop's appeal goal, but not exceed too much, as the parish only gets back half of everything over the goal.
 - d. Working on budgets.
 - e. Year ending in June.
- 6. Staffing update:
 - a. Interviewing candidate for Parishioner Connection role. 2 leads at this time. This role can offload some work from Jenny.
 - b. We think we have somebody for Religious Education (RE) coordinator, but still need somebody to do Jr. High.
- 7. Facility updates:
 - a. Announced that quotes for the St. Francis addition came in \$1M more than expected. Made a final ask for a major donor. Unless somebody steps up, will scale back to a smaller renovation.
 - b. Brown county planning to redo CE in front of St. Francis church. We will be losing 12 parking spots (at least temporarily).
 - c. Holy Cross: will be announcing tuck pointing that needs to be done. \$1.7M to \$2M, depending on if we do a new roof. Plus up to \$500k for school refacing.
 - d. A small committee has been formed to refresh St. Mary's cafeteria. Possible ideas include Wood on columns, popcorn ceiling, floor, lighting, red accent wall.
 - e.
- 8. Upcoming:
 - a. Fr. Sudha going home for month of May,
 - i. Fr. Luke will be busy, and may have trouble doing hospital visits, so may need parishioners to help.
 - b. Confirmation April 26.
 - c. More First Communions.
- 9. School.
 - a. Gala: goal was \$50k; made at least \$54k.
 - b. How do we get more students to lessen the cost burden on existing students?
 - c. Teachers want to come here.
 - d. Looking at getting school choir to sing at masses periodically (maybe every 3 months)
 - e. Education conference. About 50 participants.
 - f. Two teachers are planning to enter convents. We need to share these stories. Consider periodic updates.
- 10. Other
 - a. Comment regarding middle school discipleship. Protestant churches tend to use young adults who have a lot of energy. Try to find somebody like that.
- 11. Closed with prayer.

Minutes updated June 10, 2026, following review & feedback by JPC on May 16.

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