

Pastoral Council minutes
May 26, 2026

Present: Fr. Kevin, Gerry Leone, Sally Weddel, Don Schleper, Brad Kelzer, Brittany Plude, Greg Wenisch, Kimberly Watson, Bill Daw, Lynda Bouley
Ex Officio: David Badger

Opening Prayer by Bill Daw

April minutes and May agenda approved by consensus

Additions to agenda: Safety update: AED was moved

Thanks and goodbye to Greg Wenisch
Welcome Mary Blattner – introductions

Building issues update

- Worship space floor: Pending from Breitbach to get contractor scheduled for repairing the floor levelness
- Roof drain: Pipe is repaired and heat tape was installed. We need electrician to get power to the heat tape along with an indicator light in the mechanical room.
- Septic: First holding tank was repaired and backfilled correctly.
- All of these costs were covered by the contractors.

Credit card machine during preparation of gifts at mass

- A parishioner visited another church where each collection basket had a credit card reader on it. Request to get more information. Discussed possibilities of use for donut station, have ParishSoft QR codes in the chair pockets.

Online Giving Software

- David is nearly finished with calling parishioners, which has generated some responses.

Video streaming hardware/software installation

- Hardware is all installed and Jenny is working on the software. We are working out a sound issue before going live. Half of the cost was paid, and we will pay the remainder after the contractor's training is completed and we have documented instructions.

Plans for Phase 2 synod groups

- No dates set yet, but we plan to have several options in the fall. The council will do a test group at the fall retreat. We mainly want to capture information of what parishioners are looking for in the next church phase. Suggestion to have teenager groups to get their opinion also.

Creation Care Team survey

- Molly and Jenny are working on correcting the survey link.

Parish talk

- A parishioner mentioned a teenager's opinion that the church space doesn't feel holy enough.
- What should we say to those concerned about are churches closing? We are working through the Holy Spirit to get through the priest shortage. We should communicate proactively to let parishioners know what is happening with other parishes merging or closing.

Comments from Pastor

- We will be doing an outdoor mass on Fathers' Day (June 21). It will be on the lawn, and a test before Fall Fest (September 20).
- Bishop will not be doing confirmations this year, so Father Kevin will preside.
- Finance Council is still finishing up the budget and will send to the Council for approval as soon as possible.
- We are trying to get a light to place on the rooftop cross.
- We are getting an additional street light by the road.

Vision Teams

- Social concerns: Open house tonight to gain interest.
- Building & grounds: Discussed ideas for the land.

Closing Prayer by Don Schleper