

Pastoral Council minutes
March 24, 2026

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

Opening Prayer by Brad Kelzer
February minutes and March agenda approved by consensus

Easter week plans & schedule

- Three masses scheduled on Easter, and an egg hunt. We expect similar numbers as Christmas. For safety we will use artificial lights instead of candles.

Reminder to send ideas to Creation Care Team about ideas for the parish

Pastoral Council new member process

- Nominations will be due April 25-26. We ask a council member to speak at each mass. Wine and cheese gathering scheduled for May 13 at 6:30.
- Term ends, can renew: Lynda, Brad, Kimberly
- Term ends, cannot renew: Greg
- In mid-term: Bill, Gerry, Brittany

Online Giving Software

- David sent letters to parishioners who have not switched. 41 people remain. Next step is to call these parishioners.

Parish Talk- what is everyone hearing?

- Inquiries about the neighbor's black dirt piles. It is not on parish property and the City determined it is from a dugout pond.
- Are we considering shades or tinting for the front windows in the gathering space? It is on the church wish list.
- A couple people have looked at prices for "catholic church" signs to place on the highway.
- Why isn't Christ our Light listed in Star News church directory?
- A drain pipe along the front overhang has cracked and is being repaired by our contractor/subcontractor.

Comments from the Pastor

- Wedding and baptism classes are starting.
- We have signed a proposal of approx. \$20,000 for our A/V project (includes added features in classrooms, conference room, and will no longer need tablet tripods to record masses)
- Landscaping project to plant hundreds of trees, and possibly burn prairie grass in rear property this spring. If budgeted, we may plant more native plants.

- Knights want to make another grotto for the Mary statue so let's incorporate that in land plans.
- Council members are asked to help with foot-washing at Holy Thursday.

Vision Teams

- Social Concerns: Still collecting supplies for immigrants. Creation Care is looking at plans for hiking trails and a camping weekend. Father Tom at Red Lake has not responded to Molly.
- Hospitality: Planning Easter Vigil; contact Kathy to volunteer.
- Building and Grounds: Several people have not had good experiences with Minnesota Land Trust, so they would like to participate in Creation Care Team's discussion about it.

Closing Prayer by Lynda Bouley

Next meeting on April 28, 2026