

Pastoral Council minutes  
January 20, 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 Lynda Bouley

December minutes and January agenda approved by consensus  
Additions to Agenda: Next meeting date; Financial update

Next Meeting Date

- Suggestion to add next month's meeting date to the mass parish email, so parishioners who want to visit know the date.

Financial Update

- General operating budget is just slightly above break-even. There was an unbudgeted \$20,000 property and liability insurance for the new building, and unbudgeted expenses for North building during the rental period. We are still getting contributions for Ignite Faith campaign. Finance Council's plan is to keep \$275,000 in a rainy day fund, and we currently have \$475,000, so \$188,000 will be applied to our debt.

Security update

- No update on placing concrete bollards in front of doors.
- FIRE sessions will start locking the front doors similar to we're doing at mass times
- We have put an ICE protocol in place, following the lead from Diocese and Elk River schools.

Transportation to mass

- Currently Molly reports low numbers of parishioners who need a ride. A better option would be seeking volunteer drivers. Parish will not coordinate a transportation service because of expense and liability reasons.

New building

- We are tentatively scheduled in April to have a walk-through with the contractor for any repairs.
- Coat room is working well, instead of leaving the coat racks in the entryway.
- We will also place a cabinet to organize items such as coffee, pantry, etc., and a wall panel to hold brochures in the entryway.
- Suggestion to add mini-fonts of holy water at the sanctuary doors, to avoid a log jam at the single font.

- Suggestion to add another light close to County Road 9 to better light the driveway entrance.

#### Christmas mass times

- Attendance was about the same as 2024, and pretty well disbursed throughout the masses. Staff managed the extra mass well, and traffic flow worked. We'll probably keep the same mass times next year.

#### Implementation of new Online Giving software

- Emails last week to remaining Vanco users have helped. David will follow up with remaining 77 people who have not switched.

#### Parish talk - what is everyone hearing?

- K of C are still interested in displaying their charter, awards, community activity in the church.
- Two parishioners asked what is happening with our sister parish. We are working on a plan to re-ignite activity after their change in priest, and also discussed the possibility of joining with an additional sister parish.

#### Vision Teams

- Hospitality: They have 7-8 leaders to help with weekly donuts on a continual basis. Discussion of how to improve or expand how hospitality members can help the parishioners.

#### Closing Prayer by Greg Wench

Next meeting on February 24, 2026