

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SMCC) | HUNTERSVILLE, NC
PASTORAL COUNCIL | MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 2026 | FINAL

Date: 7-8 pm, Monday, 3/23/2026

Location: SMCC – Kerin Center, Room 201

Attendees: Father John Putnam, John Ferrannini, Tricia Sisson, Jairo I. Cadena, Jr., Bill Mooney, Mike Garcia, Chris Bixler, Mark Antoszyk, Adriana Cadena, Chad Wilson, Rob Cannon, Nadia Rahaim

Absent: Devon Atkins, Scott Bruno, Chris Fernandez

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.
 - The meeting opened with prayer & intentions.
 - Roll was taken. A quorum was confirmed.
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2. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the February 24, 2026, meeting were presented for approval.
 - **Motion:** To approve the February 24, 2026, minutes.
Second: Received.
Vote: Unanimously approved.
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3. Welcome & Introductions

- Nadia Rahaim attended as a guest to observe and consider joining the council.
 - Nadia shared her background: parishioner since 2014, mother of four, former catechist, preschool director, active in community, etc.
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4. Overview of Council Role (for Nadia)

- Council consists of 13 members.
 - Members serve as liaisons to parish committees and bring reports back.
 - Council advises the pastor on parish matters.
 - Members often receive parishioner feedback and concerns.
 - Bylaws are currently being revised.
 - New focus area: engaging young families and married couples.
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5. Membership Updates

- Member resignations noted.
- A potential announcement will be made to fill vacancies.
- Pastoral council thanks Scott Matey and Liz Swanson for their past volunteering on the council.
- New Pastoral council cycle begins August 2026.

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6. Committee Reports

Membership Committee

- Ushers' closet supplies may be moved to the Kerin Center for consistency.
- Awaiting cost information on consumables.

Buildings & Grounds

- No major updates.
- Still exploring options for mats at the drop-off area.
- Discussion of possible naming rights for donated benches.
- Benches – one available bench from a Garden Center has been identified for the church pickup area. The bench will be set in place soon. The Garden Center might be able to have another matching bench in the fall.

School Report

- No report was received.
- School dismissals and events have impacted parish traffic and attendance.
- No new investments in the school this year.

Eyes & Ears (Parish Feedback)

- No major feedback.
- Blue tape on the ground has been removed as previously requested.

Safe Environment / Protecting God's Children

- **Adriana Cadena** must complete required volunteer training.
 - Several members have upcoming renewals.
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7. Pastor's Report (Father John)

Safety & Insurance

- Parish is self-insured with catastrophic coverage.
- Ongoing challenges with claims management through Catholic Mutual.

Staffing

- Actively searching for a new Faith Formation Director.
- Restructuring evangelization and formation roles.

Liturgical & Seasonal Updates

- Holy Week and Easter preparations are underway.
- Easter Sunday will include an additional early Mass (7 am).
- One Mass will be held at CTK.
- Dominican mission was successful and well attended.

Sacraments & Clergy

- Confirmations scheduled for the last two Saturdays in May.
- Chrism Mass next Tuesday.
- No expected clergy assignment changes.

Other Updates

- Organ components have arrived and are being stored until installation.
- No changes expected for kneeling pads during Bishop's visit.

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- Precious Blood distribution will resume on Holy Thursday.

Young Families Initiative

- Growing demographic of families who feel “in between” existing ministries.
 - Exploring a soft-launch social event with childcare to build community.
 - Considering collaboration with ideas proposed by Chris Fernandez.
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8. New Business

- Inquiry about volunteer opportunities for youth:
 - Contact: **Richard Clancy** and **Karen Donahue**.
 - Discussion of future social gatherings for council members.
 - Planning for May 2026 meeting is tentative due to Memorial Day.
 - June 2026 and July 2026 meetings will be skipped unless urgent issues arise.
 - August 2026 meeting marks the start of the new council cycle.
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9. Prayer Requests

- Parishioner undergoing chemo; condition is serious.
 - Continued prayers for parishioners in recovery.
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10. Closing Prayer

The meeting concluded with the Lord’s Prayer and invocation of St. Mark.

11. Reporting Cadence

Committee reports are to be submitted to **Karen Donahue (karen.donahue@stmarknc.org)** **before the third Sunday** of each month for inclusion in a compiled digest distributed prior to meetings.

12. Next Meeting

7-8 pm, Monday, 4/27/2026, Kerin Center

13. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 7:30 pm.
