

**Joint Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Doyle Hall**  
**St. Catherine Catholic Church, Luverne, MN**  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**7:00 PM Meeting**

A. Welcome

1. Roll Call: Fr Joshua Miller and Deacon Kevin Aaker were both present
  - Elected Members Present: Laura Luitjens, Katie Baustian, Melanie Madison, Joey Pick, Lyle Gillen, Kyle Caskey, Nancy Siebenahler, Joyce Schmidt, Kim VanHoecke, Nancy Stiles
  - Elected Members Absent: Travs Jenniges, Travis Broesder, Eric Woodley, Mary Laphorn, Theresa Stangle, Greg Carrow
  - Appointed Members Present: Nicole Henrichs, Patti Wieneke, Mary Hemme, Darrell Hemme
  - Appointed Members Absent: Ryan Ridl, Miguel Acevedo
2. Opening Prayer – Angelus
3. Review and approve minutes from previous meeting on 30 April.
  - Katie motioned to approve; Laura seconded; approved

B. Reports

- Pastor Updates: clergy, personnel, Sacraments, projects, priorities
- Clergy:
- Priests in the diocese are being shuffled.
  - Seminarian Micheal Rahm from St Catherine's is in Omaha for June; then will be back at St Catherine and St Leo until July 20 or 21; a parish sendoff will be planned
  - Getting seminarian for the summer; Juan; finished 1<sup>st</sup> year at IHM; will be here June to August
  - Fr Joshua gone June 15 to 18 and July 10 to 27; fishing, Steubenville, and pilgrimage with other chaplains and seminarians
- Personnel:
- Lynn going on medical leave for 6 weeks and Brandi will be leaving St Catherine in August
  - Finance councils are meeting next week to create a business manager description to advertise
  - Have talked to CFO of diocese and he agrees with integrating the jobs at both parishes
- Sacraments:
- There have been several deaths, baptism requests, weddings, and First Communion
  - Also a handful of people have expressed interest in OCIA
- Projects:
- St Leo: storage shed, new concrete soon, air conditioner fixed; changing concourse bulletin boards; organizing communal storage spaces for KC, Faith Formation, Catholic Daughters
  - St Catherine: had gutter failure that ruined some carpet; family bathroom fixed; gathering space repainted and organized; will be doing more organizing
  - Labeling the sacristy also; Michael Rahm is making a manual for sacristans
- Priorities:
- Get administration integrated for parishes; joint staff meetings
  - Jody Richter is diocesan employee; We pay the diocese which then pays her
- Faith Formation Report: Nicole
    - Camp Summit and Steubenville are full: big group for both
    - Totus Tuus: \$25 per child; max of \$75 per family; need volunteers to host for lodging and food (St Leo June 28 thru July 3) (St Catherine July 12 thru 17) Fr Kosse will cover St Catherine Masses because Fr Joshua will be gone; Juan, the seminarian, will be here also

- Parish Financial Reports
  - Ryan Ridl, St Leo, unable to make it:
    - St Leo looks good; shed is on budget; spring dinner was a success; KC covered food cost
    - Not big enough for security grant and no documented security incidents; federal grant took hours to fill out application; would allow doors to be opened or locked via app; or be scheduled to lock so a person doesn't have to actually show up to lock the door; \$2,000 per door
  - Patti, St Catherine:
    - The big discussion is the shortfall, discussions on giving; how to reach out to people; Catholic Foundation of Southern had good info about how/why people give;
    - Fr Joshua: maybe only \$10,000 or \$11,000 outstanding on kitchen project at St Catherine
- Parish Directory update
  - Discussion mostly revolved around how to get pictures of parishioners who live in the care centers

### C. Business

- Discussion: Local implementation of the Diocesan Synod (Phase 1 SMART Goals) [Phase 1 \(November 30, 2025 - June 27, 2026\)](#)
- **Who, What, When, Where, How to accomplish these goals at St. Catherine and St. Leo Parishes:**
  1. *Develop a toolbox for the domestic church*
    - Fr Joshua: digital or physical content to support religious devotion in the home, ie Formed
  2. *Expand Catechesis*
  3. *Establish frequent, consistent, and regionally accessible opportunities for Eucharistic adoration*
    - a. *All parishes that currently host Eucharistic Adoration will plan a renewal weekend to preach on Eucharistic Adoration and expand the group of committed adorers.*
    - b. *Deaneries will evaluate current list of parishes hosting Eucharistic Adoration and determine best location(s) for additional Eucharistic adoration.*
      - St Leo and St Catherine currently have multiple opportunities during the week for Adoration
      - Some people are interested in evenings
      - Information will be added to tv screens so people know when Adoration is available
  4. *Promote Catholic art and signs of faith*
    - selling olive wood items; restructuring the art in the sanctuary draws your attention to it; putting a little signage by the art will help give knowledge about it
    - there are two tabernacles in storage at St Leo that could be restored; could replace current tabernacle or placed to use on Holy Thursday
  5. *Promote catechesis on Mass etiquette*
    - Could have a "teaching" Mass to open Faith Formation classes each year
    - Father could offer evening talks a few times a year about specific topics
  6. *Form fathers for leadership*
    - Diocesan men's day: we need to promote this more and earlier
  7. *Increase participation in, and availability of, apostolates geared towards men's leadership, most especially Troops of Saint George and Knights of Columbus.*
  8. *Create more opportunities for confession*
    - Confession availability will be shown on the tv screens; let Father Joshua know if there is a better day and time to offer confession

Discussion about many things!

- Theology on Tap ideas
- St Catherine KC is huge

- Discussion about asking Grand Knight or Catholic Daughter representative from St Leo to attend parish council meetings because those reps attend from St Catherine

D. Future Business: Implementation of Phase 2 SMART Goals (28 June, 2026 – December 26, 2026)

- Did not discuss

E. Other business

- Discussion revolving around Pipestone baccalaureate
- Fr Joshua is concerned about Catholics knowing the difference between Catholicism and other denominations. He can't allow Catholics to be confused by what protestants do on Sunday vs what Catholics do. He is open to collaboration in terms of works of charity, but not open to protestants advertising their bible studies in our Catholic church. He is not open to inviting Catholics to go to other places for bible study.
- Ambiguity is beneficial to the non-Catholics because they think they are the same; only Catholicism is true; must uphold the Catholic identity

Next meeting Location and Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Wed, June 24, 6:30 St Leo \_\_\_\_\_

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