

**KR County Line Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Location: St. John the Baptist**

Present: Fr Hugo, Mike Leshok, Susan Ludwig, Mary Kay Walsh, Larry Pileski, Jean Petersen, Donna Jaworski, Linda DeBrabander, Mark Niccolai, Lynn Johnsen, Gina Halter, Ellen Galvan, Cathy Jacobs, Glen Bordak, Chris Franco

Excused: Jane Serdynski, Dianne Funk, Tom Czerniak

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm by Gina Halter, council chair

- I. **Opening Prayer:** Jean Petersen
- II. **Approval of prior minutes:**
Motion made by Glen Bordak to approve the February 10, 2026 minutes with minor correction/ revisions; seconded by Chris Franco and motion carried
- III. **Parish Administrator/Pastor Report:** Fr Hugo
 - Missionary Cooperation plan: the Xaverian Missionaries have been assigned to visit our parishes; they will be visiting the KR Catholic Parishes after the summer of 2026.
 - The Archdiocese has "Faith in Our Future" trust money available. Parishes can apply for up to \$10,000 per parish for parish-level programs to address faith formation, prayer, pilgrimage, etc.. Fr Hugo has asked Pastoral Associate Brian Shimon and Director of Faith Formation Sr Evangeline Kiambati for application request ideas. Fr Hugo asked council members to also send suggestions to Brian Shimon.
 - During the weekend prior to this meeting, Archbishop Jeffrey Grob attended Mass at SMC and the St Patrick's Dinner at SJB. The Archbishop was pleased to see the vibrancy of our communities. The SJB Irish dinner was very good and the most recent fish fry at SRB sold 503 meals. Events like these show the positive energy of our parishes to people visiting and to those who are new to our communities.
 - SFX renovation committee remains active in gathering and assessing options for in-church renovations.
 - Fr Joe of the Maronite community sends his regards to the KR Catholic Parishes. Fr Joe sends his thanks for the prayers and gifts extended to him by our parish communities.
 - If KR Catholic parish members are interested to helping students at Shepard's College (in Union Grove) with rides to Catholic services, members will have to contact the College directly.
- IV. **Director of Administration Report:** Mike Leshok
 - Mike has been providing assistance with many tasks across the KR Catholic parishes including SRB fish fry, SJB proxies, etc.

-Pastoral Associate Brian Shimon has arranged for a speaker this coming Saturday 3/14/26 at SRB from 10:00- 2:00; Speaker will be Dan Scholz a scripture scholar and educator. Please spread the word.

-Mike informed the council that Brian Shimon has asked if the KR Catholic Parishes Pastoral Advisory Council has had any discussion on suggestions for the direction of the Discipleship Committee. During meeting Cathy Jacobs discussed past and potential future discipleship activities such as participating in a village parade and providing Welcome Bags for new parishioners. Fr Hugo recommends getting Welcome Bags assembled as soon as possible as he sees new faces at Masses and at parish events. The council discussed ideas regarding the types of things to include in the Welcome Bags and where the bags will be available. Council members should send additional Welcome Bag ideas to Cathy Jacobs. Glen Bordak suggested that if a parade float is being considered, the Knights of Columbus and the KR Catholic parishes could consider doing a combined float.

-The Prayer and Worship committee is not well represented across all four parishes at this time; it currently is heavy with SFX parish members. Fr Hugo would like a robust committee with representation from all four parishes and which would meet monthly. The P&W committee tasks include planning within the liturgical calendar for music, church decorations, celebrations, holy days of obligation, stations of the cross, special blessings (such as blessings of the throat), etc.. It was mentioned that the Knights of Columbus does and can also help with special projects.

V. Old Business:

- A. The Parish Council Retreat will be on Saturday, 4/18/26 from 9:00-1:30 at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. Fr Hugo and Tom from the Archdiocese will be creating the retreat agenda.

VI. New Business:

- A. Parish Council member election will be held May 16th and 17th. Jane Serdynski of SMD will be organizing the election. She is in the process of emailing council members from the 3 other parishes to help run the election.

VII. Committee Reports:

*** = Review current Committee Reports that are sent prior to the meeting

A. Finance:

a. SMD

-Lasagna Dinner fundraiser of 2/14/26 netted a \$4,000 profit.

b. SJB

-Rectory renovation project is in progress with goal to have it completed by 4/1/26 if possible.

- The St. Patrick's Day dinner fundraiser on Saturday 3/7/26 was successful, selling out at 110 meals. The current estimate is a profit of \$3000. Many people who are

not parish members attended. The feeling is the event went well and more fundraising dinners during the year are desired.

-SJB is in the process of submitting proxies for other repairs

c. SFX

-SFX is waiting on the third bid to come in for the repair of the school building roof

- Church interior beautification project: SF has received bids/ preliminary bids for pew refinishing and for work on the donated altarpiece that is being considered

d. SRB

-Envelope and loose donations are increased by \$16,000 compared to the same time last year. SRB is currently in the red at \$600 for this point in the year.

-Snow removal expense has been incurred

-The UG HS is paying SRB \$6,500 to rent parking lot spaces for the year

B. ***Pastoral Associate Report

C. ***Christian Formation (Youth and Adult) Report

D. Prayer & Worship: Mike Leshok provided update, see above

E. Human Concerns: Baby drive is happening until 3/29/26. No meeting this month

F. Knights of Columbus

-They are sponsoring Easter Egg Hunts at SJB and SRB after Masses on Easter Sunday

G. Quad Quilters (QQ): no update during meeting

H. Communications

- The Communications Committee is working with Brian; they will be having their next meeting soon.

VIII. **Closing Prayer:** Fr Hugo

Next Pastoral Advisory Committee meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at SMD at 7pm

A motion was made by Jean Petersen to adjourn the meetings; seconded by Ellen Galvan. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Ludwig