

KR County Line Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12, 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, Dianne Funk, Lynn Johnsen, Gina Halter, Jane Serdynski, Tom Czerniak, Glen Bordak, Chris Franco

Excused: Ellen Galvan, Cathy Jacobs

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

- I. **Opening Prayer:** Chris Franco
- II. **Approval of prior minutes:**
Motion made by Glen Bordak to approve the March 10, 2026 minutes; seconded by Tom Czerniak and motion carried
- III. **Craig Chyla- Catholic Central Update**
 - Craig is a CC Board Member; he was installed September 2024
 - Many changes have been happening at CC over the past 18 months
 - Nick Kelly is the current principal; 116 students
 - Craig discussed changes and improvements, including: block scheduling at school, sports teams, use of social media for communication with the community, partnering with Gateway to allow students to earn advanced credits, and planning for creating a strength & conditioning center and a STEM lab at CC.
 - Craig suggested that they are using a program/ service that has tools which may be useful for students in the KR Catholic Parishes Faith Formation programs
- IV. **Parish Administrator/Pastor Report:** Fr Hugo
 - Archbishop Jeffrey Grob will be in town this coming Thursday to bless two farms with Fr Hugo: MGD/ Mighty Grand Dairy Farm (St Francis parishioners) and the Morelli Farm (St John parishioners).
 - SFX has new carving, created on a tree trunk by a local artist. There will be a blessing of the artwork this coming Sunday after Mass.
 - SJB will have a Town Hall Meeting this coming Sunday after Mass to discuss the parish and projects, including rectory repairs, and refurbishment of the south (right) side Church sacristy. Fr Hugo commented that he is seeing new faces and some new young families at the church/ churches. Council members complimented Fr Hugo on his welcoming demeanor.
 - Fr Hugo requested of the Council members that they be a model for volunteering at the festivals/ events of you their parish and the sister parishes of KR Catholics. He expressed thankfulness for each parish and said that he feels blessed to be our Pastor.

V. **Director of Administration Report:** Mike Leshok

-Welcome Bags: Cathy Jacobs has put together the first 30 bags. Fr. Hugo wants them handed to people that come in and turn in new parish registration forms. Mike is/ will be asking the Discipleship team to take on the responsibility for making new sets of bags as needed (Parish staff will not be responsible for making new Welcome Bags).

-Property inspection of all Parish buildings by Catholic Mutual Insurance will be happening 5/18/26.

-The Discipleship team is handling the KR Catholics involvement in the July 4th Parade (Union Grove)- they are asking for \$1000 to cover costs for items in use or distributed at the parade, including: koozies, banner, t-shirts. An informative float will be put together, and Fr Hugo will walk alongside the float during the parade. A suggestion was made to update the parade announcement in the bulletin and to more specifically invite parishioners to participate via announcements in the bulletin and the pulpit. Council members recommend \$250 per parish be spent to cover costs associated with the parade.

-KR Catholic Parishes office staff has been fielding requests from various committees. Committees are responsible for managing their projects and members should be mindful not to overload office staff. If resources are needed, committee members can arrange to do some copying or computer work at the KR Catholic office. Mike should be contacted in advance to arrange for times, and for requests in general.

-Discussion of fund raising: Fr Hugo is wondering if requests of parishioners for extra collections (such as a second collection at mass, flower fund, mission trip, Catholic Central HS, etc.) may feel excessive to parishioners. The set-up of the once monthly Sharing Sunday extra collection at mass was discussed. A general recommendation was made to continue to announce the reason/ recipient for the extra collection funds prior to each Sharing Sunday mass.

-Bulletins: a desire to consistently include budget/ financial information in the Bulletin was expressed. The information could be a basic snapshot of what was collected, projected collections, Envelopes YTD, Net Income YTD.

VI. **Old Business:**

A. The Parish Council Election Update:

SFX: one nomination, Patty Weir accepted the nomination for council member

SFX: Karen Franco cannot accept the nomination; Rachel Hagan accepted

SMD: four were nominated; two accepted and two declined. There will be an election for a council member position at SMD this coming Sunday.

All newly nominated/ elected council members will be invited to the June 2026 Parish Council meeting, which will also be a farewell meeting for those leaving the council.

VII. New Business:

- A. Census Update: A census was taken a couple years ago, while Deacon Anton was serving as Administrator. Information collected from the census has been or is being entered into Parish database. For future consideration- will the census need to be updated in 2027?
- B. Discipleship update: Brian Shimon is heading up Discipleship projects of a) KR Catholic involvement in the July 4th Parade and b) making and distributing Welcome Bags. Brian continues to look for direction on Discipleship endeavors at KR Catholic Parishes

VIII. Committee Reports:

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

A. Finance:

- a. SMD
 - Two scholarships are being offered for students who attend a Catholic school- see bulletin. Applications are being accepted now.
- b. SJB
 - Rectory renovation project is in progress with goal of having it ready for rental as of 7/1/26 if possible.
 - SJB Finance committee is trying to review and streamline all SJB accounts
 - SJB Annual meeting is this coming Sunday
- c. SFX
 - Envelope collection is up \$6,000; Total donations are up \$7,000.
 - Cost of school roof repair has gone up; sent to Archdiocese for approval
 - Church interior beautification project: Thank you to Mary Kay who is heading up the committee. A presentation on a design that would include using the donated altarpiece in the sacristy will be introduced to the parish this coming Sunday.
- d. SRB
 - SRB is a bit in the red as of April 2026
 - SRB Festival is coming up- the parish is busy planning for that event

B. *Pastoral Associate Report**

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

D. Prayer & Worship: Email questions to Maria

E. Human Concerns

F. Knights of Columbus

-Glen discussed display of Icons. Our Lady of the Clergy Dinner is coming up. Fundraising briefly discussed. Flag retirement boxes will be at the churches,

G. Quad Quilters (QQ)

H. Communications

-Committee is working on Bulletin changes and an on-line Newsletter

IX. **Closing Prayer:** Fr Hugo

Next Pastoral Advisory Committee meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at SFX at 7pm

A motion was made by Lynn Johnsen to adjourn the meetings; seconded by Donna Jaworski. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Ludwig