

KR County Line Catholic Parishes
Pastoral Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
Location: St. Francis Xavier

Present: Fr Hugo, Mike Leshok, Susan Ludwig, Mary Kay Walsh, Larry Pileski, Jean Petersen, Linda DeBrabander, Donna Jaworski, Dianne Funk, Mark Niccolai, Tom Czerniak, Lynn Johnsen, Gina Halter, Jane Serdynski, Ellen Galvan, Glen Bordak, Chris Franko

Excused: Cathy Jacobs

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

I. **Opening Prayer:** Fr Hugo

II. **Approval of prior minutes:**

Motion made by Glen Bordak to approve the November 11, 2025 minutes; seconded by Tom Czerniak and motion carried

Welcome of New Trustee for St Robert Bellarmine parish, Chris Franko. Chris is serving to complete Jackie Fonk's term.

III. **Parish Administrator/Pastor Report:** Fr Hugo

-Fr Hugo expressed appreciation of the support he receives from the staff of KR County Line Catholic Parishes, from the trustees, and from the parish council.

-After discussion with council members, a decision was made to forgo a council meeting in January, 2026. The next meeting will be February 10, 2026 at SRB at 7pm.

-Evening Advent Reconciliation will be on 12/17/25 at SRB, see website, parish calendar

-Fr Hugo will be saying all the masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this year

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

-Milke will be off work during the week of Christmas.

-On Saturday 11/29/25 mass at SMD was cancelled due to snow. We are now set up with Milwaukee TV stations to be listed along with closing announcements (as with poor weather). Milwaukee channels 6 and 12 will be listing our closures as "KR Catholics" and channel 4 will be listing closures under the name "St. Robert's Religious Education." Parishioners can also check the KR Catholics Website and Facebook page for closure information.

V. **Old Business:**

- A. Parish Council Retreat update: Jean Petersen presented on her research of options for retreat locations, dates, speaker, and costs. Members discussed options and date considerations. Jean will investigate if the St. Iakovos Retreat Center is available on a few

preferred dates. Group members generally agreed that a potential option would be to meet at one of our Parish halls for a one-day retreat if an off-site retreat center is not available on a preferred date.

VI. New Business:

A. Parish Council/ Trustee Member Terms

-Jane Serdynski provided all attending with a printed list of current names and terms of the 4-parish Council and Trustee offices as of July 1, 2025. Jane gave a verbal overview of the information.

-Council member term limit is two 3-year terms.

-Most term dates are already staggered between council members within the same parish, excepting SJB. SJB current council members and trustees indicated they plan to make adjustments to the current term expiration dates so that they will be staggered.

-Parishes can consult with Fr Hugo to help determine how to adjust terms

-2026 election process: a committee will be formed to help run the election with representation from each parish on the election committee.

B. Discussion of Mass times

-We will continue to table mass time discussion for now. (As needed, see comments on this topic in the 11/11/25 meeting minutes.)

VII. Committee Reports:

**** Attachments sent with Agenda for review when available**

A. Finance:

a. SMD

-353 pies made and sold for Thanksgiving pie sale

-Lasagna Dinner planned for 2/14/26; Tickets will go on sale 1/18/26, \$45 per person

b. SJB

-Annual meeting went well; parish is in good standing financially

-Finance committee is making progress

-Parish is discussing fund-raising options

c. SFX

-2025 Turkey Dinner profit was \$39,747 including donations, raffle/ auction, bake sale, and 1,120 meals served

-A contractor was selected for repair of the parish center roof; costs will be covered from the current parish roof fund then using LOA/ Love One Another fund

d. SRB

-Annual meeting was held. Financials are in the black for end of the year

-Parish is hoping to increase revenue, meeting planned. One idea is Bingo

-BBQ Chicken dinner was held in October, \$3,700 profit reported

- B. **Christian Formation Youth and Adult
 - See Faith Formation Report/ Updates sheet (dated 9/6-12/23)
 - See Pastoral Associate Report sheet (dated 12/2025)
- C. **Human Concerns
 - No reporting in meeting
- D. **Knights of Columbus
 - Coats for Kids drive is finished
 - Holy Family Cards will be handed out in churches on the Feast of the Holy Family
- E. **Prayer and Worship
 - See Pastoral Associate Report sheet (dated 12/2025)
- F. **Quad Quilters (QQ)
 - No reporting in meeting
- G. **Communications
 - Committee met about recommended changes to the Bulletin with some changes already being made. The goal is to make the Bulletin as readable and informative as possible.
 - Planning is in the works to include the parishes' current financial standing in the Bulletin once per month
 - Pulpit announcements will be minimal, as discussed in a prior council meeting

Just prior to ending meeting, Council members shared gifts/ gift cards with Fr Hugo and Mike Leshok, from Parish Council members. A gift will also be given to Fr Joe from Council members.

VIII. **Closing Prayer:** Fr Hugo

Next Pastoral Advisory Committee meeting: Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at SRB at 7pm

A motion was made by Jean Peterson to adjourn the meetings; seconded by Larry Pileski. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Ludwig