

St. Christopher Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

March 17, 2026

Opening Prayers

The Parish Council meeting opened with our traditional faith sharing and prayers. The Gospel for the upcoming weekend liturgies for the 5th Sunday of Lent was read aloud and reflected on by each individual Council member. Personal intercessions were prayed.

Faith Sharing and Formation

Parish Council members all engaged in personal and shared reflections based on Group Reflection Questions developed in conjunction with Bishop Malesic's *Pastoral Letter, A Flourishing Apostolic Church*. The focus questions addressed Part III, pages 7 – 13, Becoming Missionary Disciples:

- Have you ever thought of yourself as a missionary disciple?
- How could you fill that role?
- What could that look like in your life?

Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Bill Blough welcomed all to this evening's meeting. This evening's minutes are being captured by Kathy Rohn and Cheryl Selak in the absence of Council Secretary, Mary Horvath.

Council's meeting minutes for February 17, 2026 are approved to be posted on the St. Christopher Parish website.

Parish Council

Donut Sunday

Sunday, April 19th – after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses

Bill Blough will send an email to Council members to serve as volunteer hosts for the April event. Council volunteers are encouraged to participate and extend hospitality to parishioners.

Council Membership

The Parish Pastoral Council Norms promulgated by the Office of the Bishop March 4, 2025 were reviewed highlighting the following:

- Councils normally consist of 8 to 14 members of the Parish.
- Members can serve 2- or 3-year terms.
- A member can serve only two consecutive terms.
- A member can return to Council service after a 1-year absence from membership.
- Closely related family members cannot serve concurrently.

Mission Statement

We are the people of St. Christopher Catholic Church, a Eucharistic community of faith dedicated to . . .
Welcome, Celebrate, Care & Grow. . . . in the image and likeness of Jesus.

- Closely related family members of Parish Staff cannot serve on Parish Council.
- Ex officio members of Council and designated Parish Staff who serve with the Pastor on Council may serve multiple consecutive terms without interruption.
- Compliance with the Parish Pastoral Norms is extended until May 2027 to allow time for transition.

Parish Council discussed 2- or 3-year terms. Council collectively assessed the relative merits of a 3-year term to give members sufficient time and experience to serve effectively in Council leadership positions.

According to the Parish Pastoral Council Norms, there are currently 11 members on St. Christopher Parish Pastoral Council who are term limited. Father John, Gayle Cilimburg, Deacon Mike Hayes and Fr. Lito Clemen serve without term limits.

Current Council members whose terms expire in the next 2 years include:

2026: Al Melton, Kathy Rohn, and Chris Rosati. Chris Rosati is currently serving his second consecutive term.

2027: Bill Blough, Mary Horvath, Cheryl Selak and Bonnie Twitchell. All four are currently serving a second consecutive term.

Parish Pillars: Worship, Evangelize, Serve

The apportionment of Council members and their Staff Liaisons are established based on Council and Staff personal preferences.

<i>Pillar of Faith:</i>	<i>Worship</i>	<i>Evangelization</i>	<i>Service</i>
Council Leadership:	Kathy Rohn	Sarah Rish	Julie Mallett
Staff Liaison:	Fr. Lito Clemen	Deacon Mike Hayes	Marianne Brooks Pastoral Associate
Council Participants:	Bill Blough Mary Horvath Cheryl Selak Ken Szabo	Bill Blough Al Melton Jim Moran	Bill Blough Chris Rosati Bonnie Twitchell

Worship Update: Kathy Rohn reported that this Pillar of Faith group will meet after Easter when Father Lito Clemen becomes available.

Evangelization Update: Sarah Rish has collected several ideas and assembled an array of resources that she is enthusiastic about sharing with the Evangelization Pillar of Faith group.

Finance Council Update

Donations are down slightly.

Finance Council representation at future Parish Council meetings is planned.

Father John's Update

Diocesan Capital Campaign

- The Diocesan campaign goal is \$20 million. The St. Christopher Parish goal is \$1.6 M.
- The goal for the Parish has been met by early donations from some 30 parishioners.
- The campaign will launch officially in May or June.
- Major capital campaign spending projects under consideration include new pews and kneelers in the Church and painting the interior of the Church.

Concluding Comments

Additional agenda suggestions are welcome.

Ken Szabo volunteered to lead our Closing Prayer in April.

Closing Prayer and Mission Statement

Deacon Mike Hayes offered our Closing Prayer. Reading and reflection of the Parish Mission Statement concluded the meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Parish Center.

Parishioners are welcome to attend the Council meeting including Prayer, Faith Sharing and Formation. Personal faith sharing is treated with confidentiality by all.