

## **St. Christopher Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**

April 21, 2026

### **Opening Prayers**

The Parish Council meeting opened with our traditional faith sharing and prayers. The Gospel for the upcoming weekend liturgies for the 4th Sunday of Easter was read aloud and reflected on by each individual Council member and invited guests. 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:

- What tangible or emotional space might you create for yourself to make time for daily prayer?

### **Welcome and Approval of Minutes**

Bill Blough welcomed all to this evening's meeting. He introduced two parishioners – Tony and Katie Ganzer – who had been invited to attend the meeting to consider future service on Parish Pastoral Council. Bill also introduced Rob Elway who is a 19-year member of the St. Christopher Parish Finance Council. In turn, each Council member took the opportunity to give a brief personal introduction to Tony and Katie Ganzer and Rob Elway.

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

### **Parish Council**

#### **Donut Sunday**

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses

The Kushnyr family will attend the 10 o'clock Mass and Donut Sunday. The family immigrated to the US from Ukraine three years ago with the tremendous support of St. Christopher Parish. We are collectively celebrating their recent achievement of green card status in the US immigration process.

Donut Sunday will resume in the Fall after school resumes.

#### **Council Membership**

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.

#### **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.

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

By consensus, the Council determined that the leadership team currently in place will continue for 2026 – 2027: Bill Blough as Chair, Kathy Rohn as Vice Chair, and Mary Horvath as Secretary.

Parish Pillars: Worship, Evangelize, Serve

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

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

Worship Update: Kathy Rohn reported that this Pillar of Faith group met without Father Lito prior to Easter and will schedule an upcoming meeting to include all in the Pillar group in April or May.

Evangelization Update: Sarah Rish reported that this group met on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and will meet next on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Sarah provided a detailed written summary of the meeting discussion which she reviewed briefly with Parish Council.

Service Update: In the absence of Julie Mallett, Chris Rosati briefly reviewed the high points of the Service Pillar of Faith group's initial meeting.

May Meeting

Because Council will defer officer discernment this year, the May meeting will focus more time and attention on the Pillars of Faith initiatives.

Finance Council Update

St. Christopher School is in solid financial condition. School enrollment increased with the addition of the Pre-School program.

About 50% of parishioner giving is now online.

Recent Parish Staff changes have been important to the working of the Finance Council: a new Office Manager and a new Business Manager.

## **Father John's Update**

### Diocesan Capital Campaign

- Significant progress has already been achieved toward meeting and exceeding the Campaign goals for St. Christopher Parish.
- Ideas for Parish capital expenditures continue to be refined to include:
  - Roofs for the Parish Center other Church buildings. This money is now available.
  - Painting the interior of the Church which was last done in 1999. July 2027 has been set aside for this project. Replacement of the pews and kneelers is planned in conjunction with the Church painting work
  - Furniture and fixture upgrades for the School which is planning upcoming centennial events.
  - Atrium chairs.
  - Improved security for the Parish properties, including rekeying the campus buildings.

### SCP Weekend

More volunteers are needed.

## **Concluding Comments**

Additional agenda suggestions are welcome.

Sarah Rish volunteered to lead our Closing Prayer in May.

## **Closing Prayer and Mission Statement**

Ken Szabo offered our Closing Prayer. Reading and reflection of the Parish Mission Statement concluded the meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, May 19, 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.