

## **St. Alphonsus Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

Present: Fr. Kevin McManaman, Christine Blackwood, Alan Close, Maggie Ensing, Nadine Flemming, Art Hokanson, Sandy Kramschuster, Kathy Monacelli, Mary Newell, Camille Nicolai, Mary Sue Taft, and Mike Wusterbarth

Not Present: Harold Anderson

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Chris Blackwood

### **1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Kevin**

**2. Approval of April 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes** – Nadine Flemming motioned to approve the amended meeting minutes, seconded by Sandy Kramschuster. None opposed, the motion passed.

### **3. Guest Presenter – Sister Eileen Kazmierowicz**

- Sister Eileen led the Discernment of Potential New Pastoral Council Members. Julie Bates and Chris Eisold were introduced to the Pastoral Council as potential new members. They each shared information about themselves, including their history with St. Alphonsus, and the gifts they had to offer as potential Pastoral Council members. All PC members had the opportunity to ask questions of the candidates, and the candidates had the opportunity to ask questions of the PC Council. The candidates were then excused so the PC members could interact and reflect on the candidates.
- Voice vote approval of the candidates – Chris Blackwood motioned to approve Julie Bates as a new PC member, seconded by Art Hokanson. Art Hokanson motioned to approve Chris Eisold as a new PC member, seconded by Nadine Flemming. The motion passed. None opposed.
- Father Kevin officially asked Julie Bates and Chris Eisold for their commitment to serve on the PC. Both candidates agreed to serve as new three-year-term members of the Pastoral Council.
- Sister Eileen invited the new PC members to attend the June 4, 2026, Pastoral Council transition meeting. Their term begins at the conclusion of the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **4. April Committee Updates**

#### **School**

- Principal Megan Sagat will speak on the “State of St. Alphonsus School” on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.
- There will be two K4 classes and two K3 classes for the 2026-27 school year.
- School Choice – the numbers are in the process of being put together.

### **Christian Formation**

- First Communion took place on the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup>/May3<sup>rd</sup>. Everything went well.
- Vacation Bible School – this is the first time ever that St. Alphonsus is hosting Vacation Bible School. Twenty-six families have signed up for VBS. They need donations. There are items to choose from on the back table in the gathering space or you can order from their Amazon list. All donations will be appreciated.
- Confirmation – fifty-one teens were confirmed in April. Everything went well.
- Youth Mission Trip– we are over halfway to our fundraising goal. Next year we hope to be done fundraising by this time and just working on building team community (and hopefully have more kids attending).
- Middle school camp – we have begun promoting middle school camp for the upcoming year. Currently, we have one young person who would like to attend.
- We are in the process of planning for next year for middle schoolers to learn more about the Bible. They will be doing Encounter – the Great Adventure Story for middle schoolers.

### **Liturgy**

- Abide with Me Adoration will take place on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- Pentecost – we are bringing back “speaking in tongues” for a special prayer done in different languages. We have not done this in several years.
- The choir will be on vacation starting the weekend after Corpus Christi.
- Additional ushers are needed. There are currently fifteen ushers, seven of those fifteen prefer the 4:30pm Mass.
- The chairs at the back of the church in section five are being removed due to poor lighting. This makes it a safety hazard when distributing the Eucharist to people who are not able to go through the Communion line.

### **Human Concerns**

- Care for Creation – The April 25<sup>th</sup> event at Scout Lake went well.
- Dementia Support Group – The long running ad that was placed in the Catholic Herald has brought in some new members. The group begins the sessions with Rosary. They focus on a holistic/preventive approach.

### **Hands and Hearts**

- The committee will host a June 17<sup>th</sup> Senior Social Bingo event. The event is being promoted in the bulletin for several weeks to increase interest and attendance.
- The idea of organizing a subcommittee to plan events for seniors at St. Alphonsus on a more consistent basis, as other parishes have done, was discussed. The committee will work to find people willing to take on the implementation of this project.
- Homebound Outreach – Thank you notes were received from several homebound parishioners for the Easter plants and prayer shawls. The committee will send “summer” cards to the homebound.
- Greendale Downtown Market – The committee will host a booth at the market on July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup>, and September 12<sup>th</sup>. Amy Schermetzler agreed to help design a banner for the booth.
- Father Kevin’s 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (May 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 11:00am Mass) – the Hands and Hearts Committee members will help at this event.
- The next Name Tag Sunday will be June 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>. The Pastoral Council is hosting Hospitality the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>. The Hands and Hearts Committee will request the PC also help man the name tag tables on this weekend.
- New Parish Members – three new families joined the parish in March and received welcome phone calls.

### **Finance Council**

- The 2026-27 Budget was approved and submitted to the Archdiocese. The Pastoral Council budget was increased, as requested by the Hands and Hearts Committee. The budget will be posted on the St. Alphonsus website.

## **5. Pastor’s Report**

- FEMA Grant Proxy – to use FEMA Grant funds for a backup generator to prevent flooding in the church. There are three parts to the project: Electrical Installation (\$64,850), Plumbing (\$3909.45), and Fencing (\$3030). The total cost of the

project is \$71,789.45. Kathy Monacelli motioned to approve the FEMA Proxy, seconded by Art Hokanson. None opposed, the motion was passed. FEMA Grants in the amount of \$150,000 were awarded to each of the three St. Alphonsus addresses (church, school, and parish ministry center).

- Father Kevin has had several funerals and sick call visit requests within the last few weeks.
- Father Wally is moving out of the parish house and will live with his brother. His farewell Mass at St. Alphonsus will be at the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am Mass.
- Father Kevin McManaman met with Father Kevin Tanel at the Priest Assembly.
- Father Kevin invited Archbishop Grob to celebrate the St. Alphonsus Day 11:00am Mass on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- St. Alphonsus will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2028.

## **6. Other Discussion and Informational Items**

- Pastoral Council will host June Hospitality. The date has been changed from June 14<sup>th</sup> to the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> to welcome Father Tanel. We will also have hospitality after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Father Tanel will preach at all Masses at the weekend of June 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>. Pastoral Council members are also needed at the name tag table before each Mass and in the community, room serving refreshments after each Mass. Kathy will send out an invitation to Sign-up Genius for this event.
- The last All Committee Meeting for this year is Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments will be provided by: Chris Blackwell (sweets), Camille Nicolai (snack bags of chips), Art Hokanson (soda) and Mary Newell (water).
- Officer Discernment for next year will take place at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Council Meeting.
- PC members were encouraged to give feedback on what committee liaison assignments they might want next year.

## **7. Closing Prayer – Father Kevin**

- Art Hokanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Nadine Flemming. None opposed, the motion passed; the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.