

St. Alphonsus Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Present: Fr. Kevin McManaman, Fr. Kevin Tanel, Julie Bates, Christine Blackwood, Alan Close, Christopher Eisold Art Hokanson, Sandy Kramschuster, Mary Newell, Camille Nicolai,

Not Present: Nadine Flemming, Mary Sue Taft, and Mike Wusterbarth

Meeting called order at 6:31pm by Christine Blackwood

- 1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Kevin McManaman**
- 2. Approval of the June 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes** – Art Hokanson motioned to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Christopher Eisold. None opposed, the motion was passed.
- 3. Guest Presenter – N/A**
- 4. Welcome to Fr. Kevin Tanel** – Christine Blackwood welcomed Fr. Kevin Tanel to the Pastoral Council. All members present introduced themselves to Fr. Kevin Tanel.
- 5. September Committee Updates**
 - School**
 - There is a total of 156 students enrolled in the St. Alphonsus school for the 2026-27 school year. This is an increase of twenty-three students from the 2025-26 school year.
 - There were twenty School Choice positions available this year. Thirteen of these positions have been filled. Nine of the students were existing St. Alphonsus students. Principal Megan Sagat is in the process of finalizing the final numbers.
 - Students who were receiving St. Alphonsus Tuition Assistance funds are now in the School Choice program and therefore, will not need to access the Tuition Assistance funds. The Tuition Assistance funds will now be used to assist other families.

Christian Formation

- Fifty children participated in the 2026 Vacation Bible School. It was noted that Rachel Kroes did a wonderful job of coordinating this program.

Liturgy

- An Adoration event is planned for Sunday, October 25, 2026.

- Choirs will return from summer break on Saturday, September 12th and Sunday, September 13th.
- A music concert will be held on the Sunday before Veteran's Day. 250 years of music will be the theme.
- A Christmas Concert is planned for Sunday, December 6, 2026.

Human Concerns

- A detailed Human Concerns Summary will appear in the Annual Parish Report that will be going out very soon.
- We will be inviting Human Concerns subgroups to participate in the September 22nd, Leadership In-Service

Hands and Hearts

- The committee touched base on Homebound parishioner outreach. All is going well; a couple of homebound people reached out with notes this summer. The committee will begin to plan for a Christmas connection idea.
- The committee covered three dates at the Greendale Downtown Market this summer. The church bulletins and little Jesus figures were a hit. The third date will be Saturday, September 12th.
- The committee is planning a Senior Nutrition Presentation on Thursday, October 8, 2026.
- Other possible Senior events that were discussed are Alzheimer's/Dementia, partnership with the Greendale Health Department, and a Christmas luncheon.
- The weekend of September 19th/20th will be Name Tag Weekend. Sue Ruedinger will write a bulletin article about Name Tags.
- The Hands and Hearts committee will host the September 20th Hospitality Sunday.
- The committee will explore developing a pew card with QR codes for our website for membership and donor information.

Finance Council

- The fiscal year ended on June 30, 2026. The year will end in the positive.
- Financial Reporting needed to be changed due to the School Choice Program.
- The reporting and policies/procedures for Script are being updated.

6. New Committee Liaison Assignments for the 2026-27 year

- The Committee Liaison Assignments for the year 2026-27 were discussed. Christine Blackwood advised the committee members to check their email for assignments.

7. Pastor's Report

- Father Kevin Tanel shared with the PC that he will be holding monthly Advanced Altar Server Training. He is also focusing on increasing Eucharist Adoration.
- Father Kevin McManaman shared with the Pastoral Council that his goal is to grow the parish.
- Father Kevin M. shared with the PC Expectations of Council Members and Essential Characteristics of a Parish Pastoral Council.
- Father Kevin McManaman advised the PC that it has been a busy summer. There have been thirty funerals in 2026 and sixty-two sick calls. There also have been many Baptisms.
- The following positions will be vacant due to retirements: Sally Hauerwas, the Parish Office Receptionist/Administrative Assistant (retiring at the end of September) and Kathy Jaeckels, the Director of Finance (retiring at the end of December).
- The flooring was replaced this summer in the entire K-Wing with Love One Another Funds.
- The entire fourth floor of the school building will receive fresh paint with Love One Another Funds.
- FEMA Projects – Cameras on the outside of the Parish Ministry Center were installed and the generator was placed and it now needs to be hooked up.
- There will be a parish Mission on February 15th, 16th, and 17th. Deacon Greg Kandra will be the Mission speaker.
- Father Kevin McManaman, Father Kevin Tanel, and Kathy Jaeckels will meet to discuss the Annual Appeal.
- Father Kevin M. met with Dr. Antoinette Mensah, Ph.D., Director of Missions, with the Archdiocese to discuss twinning with the Archdiocese on the La Sagrada Familia Mission. At this time, it was decided to table the discussion.

8. Other Discussion and Informational Items

- Hospitality Sunday will be hosted by the Pastoral Council on June 13, 2027.
- Leadership In-Service will take place on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.
Christine Blackwood will provide the beverages.

9. Closing Prayer – Father Kevin McManaman

- Art Hokanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Sandy Kramschuster. None opposed, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned by Christine Blackwood at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted by Camille Nicolai