

St. Alphonsus Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Present: Fr. Kevin McManaman, Harold Anderson, Christine Blackwood, Alan Close, Maggie Ensing, Nadine Flemming, Art Hokanson, Sandy Kramschuster, Kathy Monacelli(virtual), Camille Nicolai, Mary Sue Taft
Not Present: Mary Newell and Mike Wusterbarth
Meeting called order at 6:35pm by Chris Blackwood

- 1. Opening Prayer** – Fr. Kevin
- 2. Approval of September 2025, Meeting Minutes** – Art Hokanson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Nadine Flemming. None opposed, the motion passed.
- 3. Guest Presenter – Megan Sagat, School Principal**
 - Megan advised the PC that she has ten years of working experience in education. She is extremely excited and happy to be working at St. Alphonsus. Megan also said that St. Alphonsus School has a strong volunteer foundation.

St. Alphonsus 2025 Fun Run Update

- Megan updated the PC on the St. Alphonsus School 2025 Fun Run. Two parents organized the Fun Run this year, without a professional marketing company. Therefore, all funds raised stay with the St. Alphonsus school. The goal was to raise \$20,000 and \$33,000 raised.
- The funds raised from the Fun Run will be used for the school's technological needs. A three-to-five-year technology plan will be developed by the principal with the help of a parent advisory group. The plan will be communicated to all parents.

K3 and K4 Update

- The K3 program currently has thirteen students enrolled. The K4 program currently has fifteen students enrolled. A second K4 class is being considered for next school year.
- Next year's K3 will have two options for parents. A five-day full-day option and a full-day part-time option will be offered.

Enrollment Date

- Enrollment will start directly after the January 2026 Open House.

4. October Committee Updates

School

- Art H. advised the PC that the School Committee update was posted on the PC School Committee Google Document Folder.

Christian Formation

- Rachel Kroes, Associate Director of Child Ministry, is settling into her role at St. Alphonsus.
- We have had two Sundays of CF. There are: Sixty-three students enrolled in children's ministry, thirty-four communicants, and fifty-two candidates for confirmation.
- The Family Program will be doing a Food Drive for Thanksgiving.
- A Mission Trip is planned for this summer with St. Matthews in Campbellsport, Wisconsin and Shepherd of the Hills in Eden, Wisconsin.

Liturgy/Worship

- Father Kevin shared with the PC that the Liturgy Committee was planning a Praise and Worship Adoration Hour that will take place quarterly. There would be live music, Benediction, and silent time.

Human Concerns

- The Human Concerns subgroup members participated in the September 23rd Parish Leadership Evening.
- The Human Concerns Committee will be hosting a "Life Fair" during the January 11th Hospitality Sunday. There will be a display table in the Community Room. This is an opportunity to promote "Life" issues at no cost to the parish.
- The Emergency Food Pantry has reported that they have been working with the Greendale Lions Club. The Lion's Club has been helpful in the past with food drives. For example, Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas hams.
- The Emergency Food Pantry has been invited to speak on the topic of hunger in our area at an upcoming Greendale Lions Club meeting.

Hands and Hearts

- The committee met on September 30th and dedicated the entire meeting to the planning of the Saturday, November 8th Family Bingo Event.
- During the month of September 2025, seven new families joined St. Alphonsus.

Finance

- The Arch approved our 2025-26 budget.
- The Annual Campaign Appeal mailings will be sent out on October 17th. Father Kevin will speak about the Annual Campaign Appeal on the weekend of October 17th and 18th.
- A conversation was held on segregated and restricted accounts. There was also a conversation held regarding the Arch Assessment. Father Kevin noted that we are part of the whole. Therefore, the Arch Assessment is needed and warranted.

Pastor's Report

- Flood Recovery – All repairs have been completed. The drainage issue has been resolved. Although we have two sump pumps, we may need larger pipes. The church has a \$1000.00 deductible. Everything else will be covered by insurance.
- Funerals – There are many funerals over the next two weeks. We are now offering funeral catering by Katie Cech, St. Alphonsus school lunch program director.
- The Pilgrimage – The highlight for Father Kevin was concelebrating Mass at the House of Mary in Ephesus, Turkey.
- Healing Prayer Chaplin – Father Kevin has been named Healing Prayer Chaplin for the Arch.
- Staffing – St. Alphonsus is now fully staffed.
- Temperature in the church – Father Kevin has been experimenting with the temperature in the church. The back of the church is colder because it is higher, and the blowers are located there. The area toward the altar is much warmer.
- Trivia Night – Elizabeth Hanson will be running the next Trivia Night.

5. Continuing/Informational Items

Virtual Parish Councils Training (September 17, 2025)

- Three PC members attended the training on how Pastoral Council is to function within a parish. The facilitator is willing to give private sessions.

In Service Leadership Meeting (September 23, 2025)

- The meeting was facilitated by Sister Eileen. The participants made positive comments.

Next-All-Committee Meeting (Tuesday, October 21, 2025)

- Hospitality and Refreshments will be provided. Maggie E. volunteered to bring the soda and Camille N. volunteered to bring the snack. Father Kevin will not be at the meeting. Kathy M. asked Karen Farrell to do the prayer.

Online Bulletin issues – notify Matt Evrard of any online bulletin issues.

Deanery Meetings – Will be held in October 2025 and April 2026.

Google Doc Access support – Matthew Evrard will be the guest at our next PC meeting to answer Google Doc Access support questions. Chris B. also said she can assist with issues.

Planned Absences – Please email Father Kevin or Chris B. if you will not be able to attend a PC meeting. There is an online Planned Absence Form also.

6. Closing Prayer – Fr. Kevin

- Upon motion by Maggie Ensing and seconded by Father Kevin, the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. None opposed, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Camille Nicolai