

St. Peter's Parish – Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 26, 2026

Location: St. Joseph Room

Members Present: Sandy Culver, Fr. Evans, Ron Petersen, Jim Weiser, Kelly Beckman

Excused: Ben Horn

1. Opening Prayer

The meeting opened with prayer.

2. Mission Statement

The council read the Pastoral Council mission statement together:

“A family of disciples trying to live like Jesus in our parish, homes, and community.”

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were not approved as they were not available. Plan to approve next meeting.

4. Pastor's Report

Fr. Evans reported that there were no updates at this time.

5. Secure Storage for Parish Documents

Ron Petersen reported that a 4 drawer , lockable fireproof file cabinet was donated by the Hokah Co-op. The cabinet has been placed in the parish basement to provide secure, lockable, fireproof storage for important St. Peter's documents.

Ron Petersen, Dave Fueurhelm, and Lori Turner currently hold keys to the safe.

Ron also reported that we reached the \$4,250 stained-glass window fundraising goal at the March 22nd Moon Tournament at St. Peter's.

That amount and the \$4,250 match by KC Council 5115 covers the \$8,500 renovation cost of the final church window.

6. Kitchen Remodel

A meeting will be scheduled with a state inspector to determine whether a ventilation hood will be required for the remodeled kitchen.

Several ideas were discussed to help reduce project costs, including the possibility of purchasing a used gas stove (approximately 10 years old) and used ovens.

Shelly from Time Out Tavern Catering has offered the use of her ovens for bread making during the Roast Beef Dinner.

Additional volunteers are needed for the Kitchen Committee ad hoc team. It was suggested to include a representative from the former St. Mary's Parish. Possible members were suggested to Fr. Evans for consideration.

7. Publishing Meeting Minutes

Once approved by the council, meeting minutes will be posted on the parish website. Copies will also be placed in a binder in the parish office. A permanent record will be maintained in a binder in the pastor's office.

8. Implementation of Diocesan Synod (August 21–22)

This item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

9. Visitor Policy During School Hours

The council recommends that the School Board review and discuss a policy regarding visitors to the church during school hours.

One suggestion was to consider locking the doors between the secretary's office and the school to create an additional layer of security.

The council emphasized two priorities:

- Maintaining school safety
- Allowing parishioners access to the church for prayer

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting date is to be determined, possibly in August.

11. Closing Prayer

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer.