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# Riverview Catholics - Pastoral Council

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Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 7:00 PM, Holy Cross – Immaculata Parish Center

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## In Attendance

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| Fr Adam Puntel | Anna Cristo (HCI)         | Don Saelinger (CTK) |
| Fr Eric Roush  | Stefanie Fitzgerald (CTK) | Jim Sanitato (SRL)  |
|                | Jon Hemmer (SRL)          | Jen Vatter (SRL)    |
|                | Amy Obermeyer (HCI)       | Kelly Zilli (HCI)   |

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## Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

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1. The meeting was opened with a prayer lead by Jen at 7:00 PM
2. Meeting Minutes: June 16, 2026 meeting
  - a. Reviewed & approved with no changes
3. Old business
  - a. ALPHA – Update from Don
    - 1) Had its first meeting a few weeks ago
    - 2) Committee has representatives from all four parishes
    - 3) Plan to move forward with planning the program for Riverview Catholics family of parish
    - 4) Bradley, Amber, and Don will meet with a representative from the Archdiocese
    - 5) Plan to start in January – to run through the beginning of Lent (7 or 8 weeks)
  - b. Riverview Catholics permanent name – planning team update (Mike Keating, Jon Hemmer, Amy Obermeyer, and Stefanie Fitzgerald)
    - 1) Stefanie summarized the roll out plan and next steps. The next steps will commence later this year.
    - 2) Fr Adam has created the draft text for a video to share the plan with parishioners; Madeline and Fr Adam have set a date to record.
    - 3) Madeline will also create a “marketing” plan – bulletin graphics, etc
  - c. Christ the King 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Don Saelinger, Amber Dawson, Stefanie Fitzgerald)
    - 1) Sunday, December 6, 5:00pm Mass, the Archbishop will celebrate (First Mass ever celebrated for Christ the King Parish was on December 5)
    - 2) Dinner afterwards around 6:00 PM
4. New Business
  - a. PC email/voice messages received? (Jon Hemmer/Don Saelinger)
    - 1) None

- 2) If there is there a desire to increase communication between pastoral council and parishioners via email, We could send emails **from** Pastoral Council
- b. Minutes page on website – Madeline has been asked to check links
  - 1) Minutes will be published after they are reviewed & approved by RCPC – which means that they will be more than 1 month in arrears when published. The approved minutes from the June meeting can now be published.
  - 2) Agenda can be added before the upcoming meeting date after it is submitted to RCPC – approximately 1 week ahead of the upcoming meeting.
- c. Ask Madeline to create Riverview Catholic stationary for thank you cards for staff & volunteer recognition. Rachel Worley was nominated for recognition.
5. Pastor's Report Father Adam
  - a. Synod 2027 (after Family Unity Discernment)
    - 1) Family Unity Discernment **for Riverview Catholics** on May 22, 2027 9am-2pm – where do we want to be, and how do we best use our resources to get there?
      1. Anticipatory stage
      2. Work required to collect data, to invite/welcome attendees from our parishes
    - 2) Synod: a session **for each deanery** – prep by staff and committee (to be created) also required for this stage
      1. Disciple Maker Index will be distributed again – we will again be able to
        - a. get our RC parishioners' answers
        - b. compare to previous responses
      2. An opportunity to open communication with the Archbishop so that he can make decisions on the direction of the Archdiocese.
    - 3) Committee will be needed to help – not ready yet, though
  - b. Bradley Barnes has started his role as Director of Evangelization and is creating an evangelization team
  - c. They are working on the streaming at St Rose masses – sound has been an issue
  - d. Men's Group cookout @ HCI went well, about 40 in attendance.  
Fr Jeremy makes a "mean" hamburger
6. Parochial Vicars' Reports
  - a. Father Eric

- 1) September 7-17 – Italy Pilgrimage
- 2) Adult faith formation opportunity - to work on in the Fall. In response to questions following OCIA
- 3) Also considering a program based on Ignatian discernment for the following spring
- 4) Young Adult trivia event on May 30; there have been requests to also host an older adult (or open) event
7. Open forum: parish news / events / announcements
  - a. CTK: Back to School Sunday August 16
  - b. CTK: Golf Outing August 21
  - c. CTK: Parish Picnic September 19 (capital campaign kick-off)
  - d. HCI festival Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8 – need volunteers for booths
  - e. HCI RC event – Assumption Cookout August 14th
  - f. St Rose RC event – Oktoberfest Sept 24
  - g. St Stephen RC event – Breakfast with Santa in December
8. Practice of the Presence of God; Third Letter - roundtable
  - a. Reminder of an aunt who was a Little Sister of the Poor – she said she always prayed, “Jesus help me”
  - b. Fr Eric read the passage that encourages this simple prayer
  - c. How often do we have to be reminded that we are not in control? (Daily?)
9. Fr Adam closed the meeting with a prayer and personal intentions were shared
10. Reminder: No meeting in August – so the next meeting is at 7 PM on September 15 at Christ the King
11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

**2026 Meeting Schedule (7PM)**

August - no meeting  
 Sept 15 - Christ the King  
 Oct 20 – St. Rose  
 Nov 17 – St. Stephen  
 Dec 15 - Holy Cross – Immaculata  
 Jan 19, 27 – Christ the King  
 Feb 16, 27 – Saint Rose