
Riverview Catholics - Pastoral Council

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 7:00 PM, Our Lord Christ the King

In Attendance

Fr Adam Puntel	Jon Hemmer (SRL)	Don Saelinger (CtK)
Deacon Alex Parra	Mike Keating (SSC)	Jim Sanitato (SRL)
	Mike Kovasckitz (SSC)	Jen Vatter (SRL)
Anna Cristo (HCI)	Amy Obermeyer (HCI)	Kelly Zilli (HCI)
Stefanie Fitzgerald (CtK)	TJ Russo (SSC)	

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

1. Meeting called to order by Jon Hemmer.
2. Don Saelinger offered the opening prayer.
3. Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2026 meeting – accepted with typographical error corrected
4. Old business
 - a. ALPHA
 - 1) Seven 2-hour Saturday mornings starting April 3 to run until May 15
 - 2) Working on staffing; assuming 3 tables with 6 guests each
 - 3) Training in January: food, video leader, session leader, and table leaders
 - 4) Also eager to put forward strong publicity so that volunteer and committee efforts are put to good use: pulpit announcements, weekly email and bulletin, personal invitations, Catholic Telegraph, and hopefully help from nearby parishes
 - 5) Pursuing a process for RSVPs
 - 6) To review, visit alpha.org; login dsaelinger@icloud.com; password RVC@alpha2026
 - b. Riverview Catholics permanent name
 - 1) Madeline Daley is creating graphics for bulletin and editing promotional video featuring Fr. Adam.
 - 2) Ideally start submitting names October-December
 - 3) Hope to have an option to include **reason** for name submission along with name
 - c. Christ the King 100th Anniversary
 - 1) The committee has had a number of meetings
 - 2) They are all set – a good committee working together
 - 3) Sunday, December 6: Mass followed by dinner with a historical slide show
 - 4) the bishop will attend, and former priests and pastors have been invited
 - d. RCPC Agendas & Minutes website posting

- 1) Meeting and agendas are routinely being posted to the RC website
- e. RCPC Stationary for Thanks You notes and related
 - 1) One set with Riverview logo; one set with logo and "Thank You" – to be confirmed and ordered
 - 2) An email will be sent to council so that we can create a list to start from – there is expected to be a build-up of recipients
 - 3) New agenda item at the end of each meeting: nominations
5. PC email/voice messages received? None
6. Pastor's Report Father Adam
 - a. Synod 2027
 - 1) Family Unity Discernment for Riverview Catholics on May 22, 2027 9am-2pm
 1. Work starting February or March – we will be inviting people to come and talk – people who are invested and involved
 2. Example of an opportunity for building we can talk about how to use: we currently have a Montessori School that is renting the building next door to St Rose. Their lease is ending this school year.
 - 2) Listening sessions are starting now across the diocese – look out for cohorts for topics relevant to you
 - b. Capital Campaign
 - 1) CtK Is the only parish with debt in the family.
 - 2) Aim is to pay down remaining debt PLUS pay for replacement of very old chillers and potentially even very old school windows
 - c. HCI lighting strike necessitated replacement of out dated phone system
 - d. Beacons of Light report will be presented next month for council comment
 - e. Introduction of Deacon Alex Parra – here with us for a year. Has completed his schoolwork so is here for practical experience
 - f. Fr Eric fell in Italy and broke his leg near his ankle. Returns on Thursday and meets with the surgeon on Friday
7. Open forum: parish news / events / announcements
 - a. CtK: capital campaign is kicking off Saturday, September 19 at the Cardinal Pacelli playground
 - b. HCI: OCIA will be hosted at HCI this year
 - c. St Rose: St Rose Oktoberfest on September 24
 - d. St Stephen: retired priest in residence, Fr Tom Fitzsimmons is celebrating his 89th birthday and 64th anniversary as a priest
 - 1) Celebration after 10:00 Mass this weekend
 - 2) Has been at St Stephen since about 2006

- 3) Perspective: the year he was ordained, it happened early in the fall because Vatican II was starting – all of the bishops would be gone in the spring
- e. The Young Adult group is 'chugging along' – participation is building
 - 1) Next event: Daley Hangar hangout
 - 2) Anna Cristo plans to attend an upcoming OCIA meeting to talk about the group
- f. Thank you from Mike Kovasckitz to Jon Hemmer and Amy Obermeyer for managing council meetings in his absence
- 8. Nominations for Pastoral Council (Thank You note) recognition
 - a. Fr Tom Fitzsimmons
- 9. Practice of the Presence of God; Fourth Letter - roundtable
- 10. Fr Adam closed the meeting with a prayer focused on the Sorrows of Mary
- 11. Next meeting: 7:00pm on October 20 at Saint Rose