

Unapproved Minutes from April 21, 2026

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH COUNCIL REPORT – TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

Members Present: Stewart Bober, Bill Stroup, Fr. Brian, Lisa Briggs, Dcn. Bryan, David Smith

Members Absent: Brendalynn Barlow, Debra Wing, Regina Sharpe, Lydia Diem

Meeting began at 7:25 with a prayer.

The Parish Council Report from 3/17/2026 was approved with no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Speaker for Irving Houle “Francis”: On May 29 at 6:00 p.m., Dcn. Terry Saunders and his wife will be coming to Good Shepherd to speak on behalf of the cause for sainthood for Irving Houle. The talk will last about an hour with time for questions and prayer following. The Knights have agreed to give Dcn. Terry a \$200.00 stipend for his gas and food. Don & Theresa Pollard have invited Dcn. Terry and his wife to stay overnight at their home. There will be a small reception in the Family Life Center following the talk.
2. Cross Walk: There was a good turnout for the Cross Walk that was held on Palm Sunday. There were approximately 80 people who participated in the walk.
3. Bathroom Sign: The new bathroom sign for the Family Life Center has been put up. The old sign has been placed in The Holy Family Room.
4. Pancake Breakfast: The Montrose Ministerial Association will have a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 4, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in Barber Park. The breakfast is free of charge. Volunteers are needed to help serve and grills are needed that are able to cook pancakes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Use of Family Life Center: Fr. Brian discussed with the council the request to use the Family Life Center to conduct AA meetings. Fr. Brian also discussed the desire to install security cameras and the use of fob’s instead of keys. The council was in agreement about not giving out a key for the use of the facility without additional security measures in place.
2. Stepping Down: Bill Stroup informed the council that he would like to step down from the role of parish council president and director of OCIA.

PARISH ORGANIZATION

1. Knights of Columbus: Deacon Bryan Root
 - a. The Knight’s will be having an election of new officers.
 - b. The Knight’s have agreed to donate \$300.00 toward food for the reception following the Confirmation Mass on Monday, May 4.
 - c. The Knight’s made the budget they set for this seasons Friday Night Fish Fry’s.
 - d. The Knight’s are selling raffle tickets for 4 sets of tickets to a Detroit Tiger’s baseball game. Only 500 raffle tickets will be sold.
 - e. The Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner will be held in the Knight’s Hall on Friday, April 24.

COMMISSIONS:

1. Finance Council: Stewart Bober
 - a. The most current Sunday & Holy Day Contribution Report was handed out. To date we are approximately \$11,700.00 above our budgeted goal.
 - b. To date we are \$571.00 under our DSA goal. We are expecting to reach our goal in the next week or two.

2. Worship: Fr. Brian
 - a. We have one catechumen that was unable to come into the Church at the Easter Vigil. She will receive her sacraments on Pentecost Sunday.

BINGO: Debra Wing

- a. No Report.

YOUTH GROUP: David Smith

1. The Graduation Mass will be held on Sunday, May 31.
2. The Easter Egg Hunt went well despite the cool weather.
3. There will be no Youth Group meeting on Mother's Day.
4. The Youth Group will meet every other week during the summer months.

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Lisa M. Briggs

1. First Holy Communion students and their parents attended a retreat on Saturday, April 18 and received the First Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation. On Sunday, April 19, they received their First Holy Communion followed by a reception of cake and punch in the Family Life Center.
2. Fr. Brian will hold a meeting with the servers for the Confirmation Mass and instruct them on their roles and responsibilities. This will be held after the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 3.
3. A Confirmation cake will be provided for the reception following Confirmation. Many parishioners have been asked to contribute a dessert to add to the festivities.
4. A Confirmation rehearsal will take place on Sunday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m.
5. The May Crowning will be held on Tuesday, May 12. An ice cream social will follow.
6. There will be an Appreciation Dinner on Monday, May 18 for the Religious Ed catechists and aides.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Brendalynn Barlow, Regina Sharpe, Lydia Diem

1. No Report.

The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m. with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Kaczmarczyk