

Holy Rosary Parish Council Minutes

October 21, 2026

The Holy Rosary council meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with Father Elisha presiding and the following members present: from the parish council, John Hagood, Leroy and Diane Seiler, Rodney Ringer, and Kay Koger; and from the finance council, Brandon Warner, Brian Withrow, and Ed Koger. Darryl Honas and Cheri Dohrmann were absent.

Father Elisha opened the meeting by leading the council in prayer.

The first item of business was a discussion of the leadership, composition and function of the parish council, and there was some confusion as to the difference between parish and pastoral councils. Ed researched the matter online and found that parish and pastoral councils are the same thing, and the use of one term or the other is merely a shorthand version of the official title of "Parish Pastoral Council" established by Canon law 536. Father asked how the membership of this parish pastoral council had been determined, and was informed that some had been elected, some appointed, and some volunteered, but that all present served at his discretion. Father Elisha asked John Hagood to serve as chairman and Kay Koger as secretary. Both agreed.

Father Elisha expressed a need to have a lectern available somewhere near the altar to hold his book. Leroy and Diane said they will find something that will work.

Brian suggested moving the Wednesday evening Mass to an earlier time in order to allow for a full hour of Eucharistic Adoration afterward so that it would end before the start of PSR at 7:00 p.m. After some discussion, Diane moved and Brandon seconded that we move Wednesday Mass to 5:00 p.m. with Adoration immediately following. The motion passed.

The council revisited the issue of moving the tabernacle to a position behind the altar as Bishop John has requested. Members adjourned briefly to the sanctuary to explore ideas for a new tabernacle location and the repositioning of other fixtures, among them the ambo, the Holy Family statues, and the Divine Mercy picture. There was further discussion about the possibility of maintaining two tabernacles, the main one in the sanctuary and a second one in the Adoration Chapel. When the meeting resumed, Brian moved and Rodney seconded that we relocate the main tabernacle to a position behind the altar to be determined after Father Elisha consults with Bishop John. The motion carried.

Father distributed copies of Bishop John's "Liturgy Project 2026-2027," which covers various liturgical matters including speaking and sound issues, genuflection, and the Holy Eucharist. He asked the council to review the document, and we will find ways to disseminate this information to our Eucharistic ministers and others soon.

Rodney noted the need to encourage more volunteers to give of their time and talent to the various ministries of our church, such as cantors, lectors, sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, servers, choir members, etc. Various methods of accomplishing this were discussed but no action taken. John said we will continue to explore ideas in future meetings.

Leroy proposed that Holy Rosary host a welcome dinner for Father Elisha after Mass on November 7th, and that we invite the parishioners from all three parishes. All agreed. The Knights of Columbus will provide spaghetti as the entrée and the Ladies of Holy Rosary will provide salads and desserts.

Father Elisha informed the council that he has set dates for the Advent penance services, and Holy Rosary's will be December 9th at 5:00 p.m.

John scheduled the next meeting for November 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Father Elisha thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting with a prayer.