

Christ Our Redeemer Pastoral Council Minutes of April 26, 2026 Meeting.

John Raffery, Chairperson of the Parish Council, called the meeting to order at 11:55 AM.

Attendees

In attendance were Father Bob, John Rafferty, Debbie Marino, Devon Reyes, Robert Menard, Bia Rodriguez, Greg Sharpe, Kristina Sharpe, Stuart Lewis, Brian Lastrom, Don Wilke, Karen Booth, Ross Maple and Kenneth Borick.

The initial order of business was the recitation of an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Council's meetings convened February 8, 2026 and March 1, 2026 were reviewed, approved and sent to the COR office for inclusion on the website.

Message from the Pastor

Father Bob reported on the following: i) COR's first fish fry was a great success; ii) the 2026 Catholic Sharing Appeal campaign, noting that COR's goal was \$81,014 while COR pledges were \$152,900 with \$136,100 paid to date on those pledges; iii) the 2024 Building Campaign which includes pledges of \$635,999 and payments received of \$604,215 as of March 31, 2026; iv) the Diocesan Loan on the Facilities which had a total loan amount of \$1,978,942 and a current amount due of \$1,828,834 as of March 31, 2026; v) Karen Booth is now COR's new Business Manager; vi) attendance for Holy Week services consisting of 1,709 total souls; and vii) a spirit night fundraiser at Pepitos restaurant scheduled on April 30.

Office Staff Update

Karen Booth reported on the following:

1. Grants. The Catholic Foundation of Northwest Florida awarded two grants to COR: (i) \$500 towards the 2026 VBS program supplemented by the Knights of Columbus which covered the remaining \$300 of the \$800 purchase; and (ii) \$7,000 toward the purchase of Access Control Systems upgrades totaling over \$14,000 dollars.

2. Other COR Matters.

- a. Roof leak fixed in new building
- b. Holy Smokes occurred and raised at least \$5,000.
- c. A decision regarding the addition of a playground is still pending.

Old Business

1. Stuart provided a recap of COR's first fish fry which occurred on March 27. Stuart was pleased with the implementation of the fish fry and detailed expenses (approximately \$1,200) and proceeds (approximately \$2,400) from the event. Stuart proposed that COR attempt to offer the fish fry on a quarterly basis to include the first and last Friday during Lent.
2. The Council discussed building rental fees for event space at COR. Kristina reported that COR staff was reviewing and revamping the current schedule and a revised schedule would be presented at a future Council meeting.

New Business

1. Ministry Reports

- a. Donut Brigade. The Donut Brigade may curtail activity during summer months due to summer vacations. If the Donut Brigade is to be offered weekly during summer, additional volunteers will be needed.
 - b. Niceville Catholic Outreach. Devon reported that NCO is in need of volunteers to staff its office. NCO also is in need of items for its pantry (canned peas, cheerios, pancake mix, spaghetti sauce, shampoo, body wash, and deodorant). NCO hosted a dinner at Holy Name of Jesus Soup & Stations event.
 - c. Extraordinary Ministries of HC. Debbie volunteered to speak with Lenny Smales and report back.
 - d. Sacramental Catechesis. Greg volunteered to discuss with Michelle McCormick and report back.
 - e. Welcome Committee. Robert reported that COR welcomed 57 new families in 2025 and has welcomed 21 new families so far in 2026. The Committee needs volunteers to purchase wine from Trader Joes in Tallahassee. The Committee may also need a new lead as Barbara Swanson has been lead for several years.
 - f. Easter Basket Drive. Debbie shared a report from Sharon Dooley, Ministry lead.
 - g. Lectors. Report tabled until next month.
2. John and Karen led a discussion on COR's limited mobility parking spaces.

3. Greg reported on safety measures underway at COR. Safety at COR will be a new ministry. Greg and other volunteers are working on a draft document for that purpose and will be shared at a future meeting.

4. John reported that the Parish Council terms of four members will be ending in 2026 and four new members will be added in November.

Financial Report

Don Wilke provided COR's financial report noting that COR's expenses through March 31 totaled approximately \$740,000 on an annual basis while weekly collections currently generate approximately \$576,000 annually. Don also reported that the Finance Committee is working on a new budget for the next fiscal year commencing July 1, 2026.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting is June 7, 2026 at 11:45 AM.

Adjournment

After a closing prayer led by Father Bob, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.