



Resurrection Parish Pastoral Council
January 6, 2026
MINUTES
RISING TOWARD LOVING
ALL GOD'S PEOPLE ALL THE TIME

MISSION STATEMENT:

Becoming Disciples of Jesus and Stewards of God's gifts

VISION STATEMENT:

We are a fully engaged parish, whose hearts are opening and Life is transforming.

CORE VALUES:

Prayer, Service, Sharing, Hospitality, Learning and Gratitude.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fr, Bob, Mike Flanagan, Terry Zegers, Jenny Hawley, Lisa Milligan, Betsy Meller, Mollie Toonen, Rosemary Baloun, Jim Warpinski, Sandy Murphy, Jeff Langan and Heather Milbach

MEMBERS EXCUSED

GUESTS

None

OPENING PRAYER

Sandy Murphy

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:30PM

Mike Flanagan, Chair

APPROVAL OF PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES December 2, 2025

MEETING

Motion: Sandy Murphy

Second: Jim Warpinski

Motion: Passed

OPEN DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS OLD BUSINESS ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA

1. Pastor Update (Fr. Bob)

Staff additions:

Youth Minister half time (mission trips for the youth etc.)

Kevin De Cleene--Pastoral Associate/Living Justice three quarter

Business manager for maintenance issues half time

Evangelization Minister half time

Look at 2/3 of Katie's position not filled

Human Resource Committee established?

A Human Resource Committee has been established. They work on job descriptions, and position needs and look at the present staff responsibilities. A decision will be made by Spring, 2026.

2. Video position and scheduling

No decision currently.

3. Pastoral Council Meeting months changed.

The Council will not meet in December and March of each year starting with March 2026.

A motion was made to accept this change:

Motion: Betsy Meller

Second: Dawn Murphy

Motion: Passed

4. February 3, 2026, Joint meeting Pastoral Council and Finance Committee.

Father Bob wants the focus of this meeting to inform the members about our financial status and set a direction for the parish.

5. Lenten Themes

The staff is currently talking about Lent. More information will be forthcoming. Father would like the Worship Committee to become active and become informed about Lent and also concerns about the confessional and possible other future needs.

6. Fr. Ed coming for our Mission.

The Pastoral Council members ask that the information for this Mission be published soon.

7. Fr. Bob's absence.

February 4-14 Honduras

February 22-27 Okolona

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS—PARISH COUNCIL LIAISONS

CONTACT/UPDATES

(See below)

Adult Enrichment

Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob reported:

AM and PM Eucharist Study Group is going well.

OCIA group meeting with Sylvia and Fr. Bob on Saturdays.

Candidates and Sponsors are present for the meetings.

One member will be ready, but another may need more time.

The process cannot be rushed.

Faith Formation/Family Life Mollie Toonen

Karolyn Efferson

Mollie reported:

Generations of Disciples continues and is well attended. Families celebrated First Reconciliation. St. Nick breakfast was a success.

Family Bingo this Sunday at 2PM.

Fr. Bob said this is his first experience with the family model for Faith Formation and he likes it very much. It is good to see the whole family attending and not having the drop off.

Health and Wellness

Lisa Milligan

Karolyn Efferson

Lisa shared:

Blood Pressure checks are available on the first Sunday of each month. Beth, member of the committee, would like to have more people helping so we could have blood pressure checks before the 4PM mass too. That is an older group attending and they may like it before mass. It would be worth a try.

Lisa will ask that the committee meet to discuss this.

Care for Creation

Jeff Langan

Nancy Mathias

Jeff shared:

The committee continues to actively work to reduce our energy consumption and look to educate our parish community on steps we can all take to better care for God's creation. Efforts are currently focused in three areas:

- Facilities (the physical plant)**
- Parish Outreach/Education**
- Student Education**

Full Committee Meetings held: 12/7/2025, 1/4/2026

Major Activities:

- We collected an estimated 3,650 feet (~2/3 mile) of holiday lights (117 working and 81 non-working strings). Non-working lights are being recycled. We'll hold the working lights and work to get them to EPH, HFH, etc. early enough this year to distribute to residents to use.
- Our recycling event this year will be held on April 11 at the Old Chicago Parking Lot. Kevin is working on getting a sponsor so fees can be waived for people dropping stuff off.
- Parish and school completed enrollment in the Energy Bill Verified Savings Program in December. Waiting for words back from Focus on Energy.
- Bassett should have completed work on fixing HVAC issues.
- Additional things we're talking about:
How can we bring the concept of a 'circular economy' into our activities?
How best to share what we're learning about energy savings with others.

Support Needed:

- Discussion of LSAP at the January PC meeting.

Next Meeting: 1/18/2026

SEE MINUTES IN THE CARE FOR CREATION TAB

Liturgy and Worship

Rosemary Baloun

Wayne Efferson

Rosemary shared:

A special thank you to all the ministers who helped during the Christmas Season. Special thanks to our environment ministers! The church is beautiful! Music outstanding!

Fr. Bob would like the Holy Day Masses to be changed to 9AM. He said many parishioners asked him to change it. 8:05 should be just for the daily masses outside of special days.

Fr. Bob asked for the Worship Committee to become active.

Living Justice

Jenny Hawley/Terry Zegers

Terry and Jenny shared:

--Dec. 12.19 Resurrection volunteers provided meals for both Wellspring and St. John's ministries.

--Our Parish successfully hosted a food drive for the Doty School for Friends Pantry.

--Okolona mission trip has been scheduled for Feb. 22-27.

--Members of our parish generously gave to Adopt a Family and Tree of Giving for the holidays.

--The Grace and Gratitude gathering at the Stadium View raised 18 thousand dollars for EPH (Ecumenical Partnership for Housing)

--Res Mini-Grant Process

Dawn will share about the application process and the list of organizations we have reached based on previous years.

--Meal Train

Res currently has 69 volunteers on Meal Train email communication. We had two unique requests for help in October 3 in November, and 1 in December. If you know of people in need of support for a meal, contact Sarah LeSage in the front office as she sends out the requests. If you know of people willing to join the meal train, have them contact Sarah too.

--Honduras

Team Res has 3 people going to Honduras in partnership with St. Gabriel Parish. Fr. Bob, Jackie Joseph and Maria Sanchez will be going. Fr. Bob can share details of the ministry that supports APUFRAM, whose leader is Fr. Emil Cook. Res will host a Fundraiser dinner Plan A after 4pm mass on January 17. If there is a Packer Game then Plan B is Sunday, January 18 at 5PM. Debbie Ruggles is in the lead on preparing a free donation dinner. Fr. Bob and other leaders will give a brief presentation. We will also have a second collection at all masses that weekend.

--Special mention of the awards Debbie Ruggles and Tony Pichler received.

--Kathy and Jeff Langan volunteer at St. Vincent DePaul on the second and third Sundays from 10:00-Noon. They are asking for a bulletin insert or announcement to ask for volunteers to help. Families with children are welcome. Kathy will do a write up for the bulletin and announcements to give to Sarah LeSage.

Women's Guild/Hilltoppers Betsy Meller Karolyn Efferson

See minutes in the Women's Guild Tab

Betsy shared:

Women's Guild will be helping with the Mission evening receptions.
The Bake Sale was a huge success.

Site Advisory Council Heather Milbach Francis Dempsey

Heather shared:

The Council didn't meet. She will have information at the next meeting of Pastoral Council.

Fr. Bob asked the Pastoral Council to ask the Finance Council about our support to the GRACE Schools at the February meeting to gain an understanding how the support works and what we contribute as a parish.

Stewardship

Jim Warpinski

Kevin DeCleene

Jim shared:

Baptism prep is being reviewed. Fr. Bob asked to be involved in the review and learn what we are currently doing. Parish Directory will be updated. The bakery Sundays after masses are very important to build the parish community. Something should be put into the bulletin asking for more volunteers for the bakery Sundays.

Buildings and Grounds

Dawn Murphy

Dan Hanson

Dawn shared:

Directory is a working document that will be an ongoing update. Work is being done compiling a Parish needs list for people who wish to donate.

Dan Hanson is working to prioritize the needs with the buildings and grounds committee.

Committee Minutes Received: Women's Guild Care for Creation

--send minutes to rbaloun@gbres.org

CLOSING PRAYER Jenny Hawley**MEETING ADJOURNED****Motion: Jim Warpinski****Second: Betsy Meller****Motion: Passed 8:05pm****Next Meeting: February 3, 2026****Opening Prayer Jeff Langan****Closing Prayer Dawn Murphy*****FEBRUARY 3 MEETING IS PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE****Respectfully submitted,****Rosemary Baloun****Secretary**