

St. Catharine of Siena Church
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Meeting Minutes
Thursday August 13, 2026

Attendance: Fr. Brian Miller, Father JV Nguyen, Father Tyler Davis, Kenzie Adame, Sue Hissick, Lisa Ianni, Merrick Plaisance, Thomas Rochowicz, Lisa Siciliano - Secretary, Deacon John Stapleton, Deanna Stratton, Cynthia Waldman, Timothy Waldman, Michael Wertz, and Marci Zambito – DRE Ex-Officio Member

Absent: Michael Balla - Chair, and Paul R. Bassler – Vice-Chair

Opening Prayer: Father Miller

Pastor's Report: Father Miller

- Daily Adoration will begin Monday September 28th and go through October. Notices for sign-ups will be out shortly, including for overnight Adoration Mondays into Tuesdays.
- Forty Hours will be held October 25, 26 and 27. The speaker will be announced once they are confirmed as being available.
- A Golf Tournament and other things will be planned to keep the legacy of Msgr. Domin alive. Details will be announced when available.
- With the school at Immaculate Conception in Douglassville closing unexpectedly, St. Catharine's School is working with those families to provide space for learning at St. Catharine's
- A leadership planning meeting will be held November 9th to coordinate calendaring for fundraising for the School and Parish to avoid overlap.
- Watch for upcoming Fall Bible study announcements in the Bulletin and on the TVs.
- The Parish wishes Patty Barker well on her recent retirement and welcomes new Business Manager, Kim Mikulski.
- There will be an Advent Reflection night on December 6th.

Old Business:

- Thank you to Father JV for the Mass Leaflets that are in the pews.
- Lisa Siciliano gave a Hallow update: We just hit the one million minutes prayed mark as a Parish Community! Parish Week is planned October 5-11 where we will have Pastor audio on Hallow from Father Miller and local ads

on social media encouraging people to connect with Hallow through St. Catharine's. In addition, we will be doing a second giving campaign through Hallow. Ideas were discussed on what to raise funds for through this campaign. Lastly, a Hallow speaker will be at St. Catharines November 14-16th to help us learn more about the content of Hallow and assist us to increase our prayer lives. More details for these events will be sent out when the details are confirmed.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Communications/Marketing:

- The committee is working to ensure that the smartboard used in the meeting room is connected to the strongest of the two wi-fi signals, so the connection is stable.

- Facilities:

- Thank you to those who helped bring materials from Immaculate Conception school to St. Catharine's school.
- A pamphlet was distributed on the possible harmful effects of using certain weed killers.

- Faith/Spiritual:

Deanna Stratton reported that:

- A Ministry Showcase is being held in the Social Hall on August 29th and 30th. Plan to attend and see what ministries you would like to get involved in.
- The 7 Sisters Ministry held a Commitment Ceremony with the teams of women who have pledged to pray once a week before the Blessed Sacrament for our three Priests. The committee is hoping to begin a Fasting Brothers component where men pledge to fast from something one day a week for the intentions of our Priests.
- The Fire Pit evenings with Father Miller in July were an enormous success. Additional Fire Pit sessions are planned for September 22nd and October 6th.
- The 3rd Annual Altar Server Kickball Game, Family Picnic and Dedication Ceremony is going to be held on Saturday August 29th from 5:30 -8:00 PM. Marci Zambito added that there are currently 43 Altar Servers on the list so far.
- Rosaries will be held before all Masses in October. Contact Maribeth Gardella to sign up to lead a Rosary.
- Our 2nd Catholic Trivia Night this year will be in the Social Hall on Saturday November 7th after the 4:30 PM Mass. Food will be provided.
- The next New Parishioner Brunch is scheduled for Sunday November 1st after the 11:30 AM Mass.

- Four books are being reviewed to determine which one to give to Parishioners as Christmas gifts this year.
- Merrick Plaisance is proposing starting a Garden Ministry to grow fruits and vegetables at St. Catharine's in the area near the Grotto and using the produce to feed those in need.
- Fundraising:
 - Parishioners from St. Mary's are holding a fundraiser dinner at the YR Club on September 14th to help maintain and restore St. Mary's Church.

New Business:

- Kenzie Adame is assisting St. Catharine's to submit a Security Grant application to the Diocese with the hope of getting much needed funds for security improvements.
- Father Davis is leading the Morning Watchmen on Friday mornings beginning at 5:30 AM. The group meets near the Pavilion for prayer, exercise, and fellowship.
- Discussion was held about including a legacy giving flyer in a future Bulletin to instruct how to name St. Catharine's as a beneficiary in a will; creating a "welcome card" with a QR code for one time giving to put in the pews in case there are visitors who'd like to give electronically; revising the Bulletin; and the optional use of kneelers during Communion.

Blessing: Father Davis gave a blessing to close the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lisa A. Siciliano
 Secretary