

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda

April 16, 2024; 6pm in the Hall

We, Blessed Sacrament Parish, are a

Christ-centered community;

Committed to worship the Father;

Committed to respond to the Spirit's gifts;

Committed to loving service to all God's people.



1. Opening Prayer (Ann & Jack Dever)

Lord God of Holiness,

You have called us to be the servants of Your servants-

Our brothers and sisters in the parish.

We meet here as their representatives,

And so we ask for the Grace of Your Guidance.

Help us to truly represent them

And not simply ourselves.

May the true needs of our parish

And the common good of all be our concern.

And above all, may Your Will in these matters become our Will.

Help us who serve in leadership

Remember that all of our concerns are aimed at

The spiritual transformation of our parish community.

May the material aspects we discuss

Not blind us to the primary work of our parish:

The holiness of all its members

May the Holy Spirit

Who inspired the Pentecost meeting of the apostles,

Visit us and grant us the light of Divine Wisdom.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ,

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

Forever and ever.

Amen

2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- To all who assisted in making the Tritium services so special and powerful
- Jennifer DePond and others continue to keep the coffee and cookies tradition alive.

- Congratulations to John & Jane Adkins and Judy Bailey who professed the Catholic Faith, were confirmed, and welcomed to the Lord's Table at the Easter Vigil. Thank you's to their sponsors John & Rachel Crane and Jesse Belcher. We are grateful for the OCIA Team Tommy Ross, Peg Nagem, Jesse Belcher, and Tricia Watson.
- Special thank you to Tony and Tommy assisting in the Easter services.
- Thank you to Molly and Fr. Bill for taking part in a Blessed Sacrament Symposium Panel when people we invited to ask any question. A shout out to Wayne Odin who enabled the showing of a short film and discussion on Palm Sunday.
- Natalie Zellers and Mary Odin did outstanding work over numerous hours in encouraging and enabling more than 225 parishioners to become Virtus Certified to help keep our children safe.
- Kudos for Liz Thomas, Jackson Davis, Leanne Dent (bunny costume), Dismas Club for hotdogs, Michael Switzer (photos), Mary Odin and the youth for packing and hiding the Easter eggs for the children to find.
- We appreciate the hundreds of hours Jeff and Monica Patton, Roddy, Megan (Murphy), Mitchell, Madison and Gary Ferrell / Missy Mowrer / Theresa O'Leary / Scarlett and Thacher Crane / Shelley Nason / Natalie Zellers (purchased items for the environment and general sounding board) / Dismas Men's Club put into beautifully decorating for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.
- Congratulations to the musicians, cantors, voice, bell, and chime choirs whose hundreds of hours working with Mary Odin was apparent to all. Kudos to ushers, servers, communion ministers, readers, foot washers, oil presenters, and gift bearers.
- Tony O'Leary and Tommy Ross, our soon to be ordained deacons, were most helpful. Thanks to Fr. Bill Petro and Fr. John for sharing their priesthood with us.
- Hearty thanks to Maureen and Terry Matthias, Chip and Pam Council, Ruth Conrad and Erica Bartheo, Missy Mowrer, and John Providenti for making the Easter Vigil Reception so wonderful. Also appreciated are parishioners who brought some wonderful food to the feast. Chick Fil A gave us a super price on the chicken.

3. Carryover Topics

- Discernment on next Facilitator
 1. Transition of facilitator during same time period as the onboarding of new council members
 - a. New facilitator to begin in June; Terry Matthias
- Easter Vigil Reception
 1. Quick run down and debriefing on the reception
 - a. 90 attendees
 - b. Chick Fila gave 600 nuggets for the price of 400
 - c. Kudos to the members to donate light snacks
 - d. ½ sheet cake was perfect amount
 - e. Better for savory treats

- f. Good for communication and catching up during the reception along with recipe exchanges
 - g. Advertise child care for vigil
 - h. Receiving line for New Members, vs introduction of new members to everyone and creating an ease to interact with new members
- Holy Week
 1. Quick run down and debriefing on the reception
 - a. Environment looked great; good liturgy;
 - b. Natalie's signs for bathrooms and nurseries
- Small Faith Gatherings
 1. This topic has been pushed to the April Meeting
- Update on next PC member nomination committee
 1. Seven nomination forms received (Jaime O Hare, Rick Brennan, Bernie Mabe, Jonathan Perry, Matt Leary, Carl Olian, and Dan McLaughlin)
 2. Discuss discernment and orientation period
 - **Meet up before the end of the month to go over orientation and confirm with them the commitment, and accept gifts and talents**
 3. Subcommittee to meet after PC meeting
 4. Current Members
 - Molly, Terry, Jackson - Year 2
 - Chip, Katie, David - Year 3
- Update on Evangelization Topic from January
 1. Discuss subcommittee meeting with main council
 - i. Mike, Molly
 2. First application will be for the upcoming Vacation Bible School
 3. Approach designates the Role of Sponsor (assures that is aligned with the Parish Mission, provides necessary support (resources, budget, guidance)
 - i. Father Paul & Staff
 4. Establishes the role of the Champion(s) who will serve as the primary advocate of the project, communicates the process to the parish, and helps remove any obstacles to success.
 - i. Parish council members: Chip, Molly, Katie
 5. Establishes the role of Project Lead who will oversee and manage the project ensuring completion of objectives in time, within budget, and with the desired results.

- i. Liz
 1. All of the event is planned out so far for VBS; She is focusing on improving the shortcomings from last year and how to make it more cost effective
 2. Make sure that the curriculum aligns with Catholic Doctrine
 3. Program this year is from Catholic Curriculum
 - a. Includes saints, hierarchy and helps facilitate how our Faith is different
 - b. Allows more involvement with champions to provide more rounded experience.
 4. Goal to invite other local churches
 5. **Liz to reach out for another subcommittee meeting**
6. The Objectives will be to establish outreach within the parish and local community as well as promote active volunteerism and engagement

4. General Parishioner Concerns

1. Parishioners were interested in more community and fellowship
 - a. Pancake breakfast in May 12
 - b. Deacon Receptionist
 - c. Coffee and Cookies
2. Monica Patton - bookmarks for the hymn books will have Blessed Sacrament information / mass times

5. Staff Concerns

- Garden Project to get up and running
 1. Award \$50,000 to help continue to fund the project
- Flooring Project
 1. Diocese will pay for half
 2. To start after VBS
- Pictorial Directory
 1. May first date for photos - dependant on Mike Switzer's schedule

Next Meeting May 14th at 6pm
May Prayer – Phillip Maramba

6. Closing Prayer (Ann & Jack Dever)

Lord of Day and Night

Of beginnings and endings

As we prepare to conclude this meeting,

We once again lift up our hearts to You,
The Divine Source of All Life.
We thank you for the gifts that have been present
Within this act of service to the community.
For the gifts of fellowship and understanding,
Of mutual respect and shared vision,
We are grateful For the gifts of perseverance
And insight into the common concerns we share,
For these and all other graces, we are thankful.
As You have blessed our coming together,
Now bless our departure and journeys homeward.
May Your blessing be upon us,
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Attendance:

Fr. Paul, Mary Odin, Chip Counsil, Phillip Maramba, Jack Dever, Ann Dever, Terry
Matthias, Molly Belcher