

Blessed Sacrament

A Christ-Centered Catholic Community

Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda Monday, December 9, 2024; 7pm in the Room 2

*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 – Molly Linehan Belcher

I have travelled many moonless nights	Breath of Heaven Breath of Heaven	Be forever near me Breath of Heaven
Cold and weary with a baby inside	Lighten my darkness Pour over me Your Holiness	Breath of Heaven Lighten my darkness
And I wonder what I've done Holy Father, You have come And chosen me now to carry Your Son	For you are Holy Breath of Heaven	Pour over me Your Holiness For You are Holy
	Do You wonder as You watch my face?	Breath of Heaven Hold me together
I am waiting in a silent prayer I am frightened by the load I bear	If a wiser one should have had my place But I offer all I am	Be forever near me Breath of Heaven Breath of Heaven
In a world as cold as stone Must I walk this path alone? Be with me now Be with me now	For the mercy of Your plan Help me be strong Help me be Help me	Lighten my darkness Pour over me Your Holiness For You are Holy
Breath of Heaven Hold me together Be forever near me	Breath of Heaven Hold me together	Breath of Heaven Breath of Heaven Breath of Heaven

Songwriters: Amy Grant / Christopher Eaton

Breath Of Heaven (Mary's Song) lyrics © Riverstone Music Inc., Clouseau Music, Be Essential Songs, Bethel Music Publishing, Brian And Jenn Publishing

2. Minutes - Approval or Amendment

a. Approved

3. Kudos –

- a. Megan Murphy, Madison and Gary Farrell, Jeff and Monica Patton decorating the Church;
 - b. Bill and Patty Frame for binding music for Mass;
 - c. Bruce and Ruth Conrad for moving the children's area from the breezeway to the gathering space;
 - d. Missy Mowrer and Ron Teufel for setting up and cleaning up for weekday Masses;
 - e. Ted Streit for looking into possible grants;
 - f. Bill Frame and Dennis Thornburg sharing their electrical expertise;
 - g. Bob Sherrard for assembling planters;
 - h. Karen Lewia and Sheila Francis for organizing the weekend and work sacristy as well as the storage area in the freeze-way;
 - i. Thank you for bringing sides and covered dishes for Thanksgiving Dinner. Very special thanks to all who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner — Terry and Maureen Mathias, Ruth and Bruce Conrad, Jesse Belcher, Jeni Riser, Erica Bartholow, Jamie Mattix, Pam Council, Ann Bradley, and all those who helped set up and especially clean up.
 - j. Thank you to the priests who were present for the communal penance service
4. New/Carryover Topics:
- Budget Review – Carla Stricker and Natalie Zellers
 - Financially sound, growing endowments,
 - Fr. Leon Endowment fund has interest available for capital use in 2025
 - Finance council approves ring camera for safety for office work
 - Faith formation - there will be an increased expense due to confirmation class
 - Youth Activity - travel to NCYC in Indianapolis- hopefully be paid for from Camp Leon profit
 - Maintenance budget has decreased by \$20,000 - unknown cause of decrease in expense, Natalie will get back to Council
 - Possible 2025 capital projects - planned to use grants
 - - new roof over parish hall with solar panels
 - Net Income at the end of 2024 is due to the Fr. Paul's grant writing
 - Small Group Ministry Update – Molly Belcher
 - Difficulty to reserve space in Park Towers
 - Home Church has been rescheduled to January 9th or 10th
 - Home Church will start off the small group Faith Sharing
 - Ted Streit will be taking the lead on Small Group Faith Sharing
 - Pictorial Directory Update – Natalie Zellers
 - Michael Switzer has helped design a new layout.
 - Mock up has been complete
 - Diocese will help to print directory to help reduce cost
 - Hope to hand out Directories in January 2025
 - Garden Project Update – Natalie Zellers
 - Phase 1 completed this week 12/9/2024 (planning, grading, fence, shed, electric, water)
 - Phase 2 to start in the spring (raised beds, trees, pathways)

- Will need to fund Phase 2 from donations
 - Vacation Bible School Update - Terry Mathias
 - Sun. July 20 – Thur. July 24, 2025 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
 - Theresa O’Leary is picking the theme
 - Katie Smithberger leading crafts
 - Terry Mathias leading marketing
 - Next meeting after January Council meeting
 - Bishop Brennan’s Evangelization Initiative - Father Paul
 - Jackie Lilly is point person for the Initiative
 - Next update in January 2025
 - Encourage online survey but also have options to fill out survey after mass
- 5. Council Member Concerns (please notify Terry Mathias ahead of time)
 - a. After mass social area to sit: Molly’s Father has been coming to church and noted that there are no places to sit to eat the cookies and coffee
 - i. Using the Parish Hall, Setting up seating areas in breeze way
 - b. Advent Scheduling
 - i. Thankful for changing of the Blue Christmas service closer to Christmas and the Communal Penance earlier helped to bring the season
 - c. Adult Faith Formation: able to maintain 10-15 participants each week
 - i. Video Series for Jesus: His Life - 8 sessions to help show the human side of Christ - very good turn out and consistent participation
 - ii. Bishop Barron has not done as well
 - iii. History of the Church in 3-4 parts
- 6. General Parishioner Concerns
 - a. No concerns at this time
- 7. Staff Concerns
 - a. No major concerns at this time
 - b. Christmas Masses will have overflow seating within gathering space and parish hall
 - c. Staff has been meeting on Wednesday evenings to allow deacons to participate and Theresa O’Leary
 - d. Recommend planning celebration of John Hanna’s 40th anniversary of Ordination
- 8. Next Meeting - January 13 at 6:00 PM in Room 2
- 9. January Prayer
 - a. David Lewia
- 10. Closing Prayer

Jesus, You commissioned us to go out and make disciples of all nations. Grant us the courage and wisdom to answer your call with enthusiasm and humility. Strengthen our faith and help us to recognize the dignity and value of every person we meet.

Ignite in us a deep desire to share the Good News. Help us to be instruments of reconciliation and peace in a divided world, and may we always be mindful of Your presence in all we do.

We ask all of this in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Attendance:

Molly Belcher, Rick Brennan, David Lewia, Terry Mathias, Jonathan Perry, Dan McLaughlin,
Katie Smithberger
Tony O'Leary, Fr. Paul
Natalie Zeller, Carla Stricker