

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda

January 9, 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 (Katie Smithberger)

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community at Blessed Sacrament

2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- Epiphany concert - Ted Streit (lighting); Shelly Nayson (cookies), Maureen Peggy Ruth, Liz
- Ministry Booklet - Monica
 - Terry to message Monica to add hospitality

3. Carryover Topics

- Small Faith Gatherings
- SP Ministries Booklet Updated
- New Pictorial Directory
 - Photos here in church or send in your own family
 - Ad Hoc Committee Parish Directory & Survey
 - Mike Switzer is interested
 - Katie Smithberger to help organize (ktkobyra@gmail.com)
 - Reach out to Meagan Fergasun
 - Needs to have pictures of families, children age, contact information, parish activities, offer advertising for services and local businesses

4. Focus Topic: **Evangelization** *St. Paul writes to the Romans: “How can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent?” As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the good news!” As a faith community, we are called to spread the good news of the Lord. - BSP PC Constitution*

- What have we done in the past?

Camp Leon was able to draw everyone in;

Our sense of service (Manna Meal, Heart & Hand, Recovery, Faith in Action etc) has drawn others in;

Vacation Bible School

Explanatory Mass

Epiphany Concert

- What are we doing now?

Youth Group - Members bringing high school friends

- What can we do going forward?

Vacation Bible School - start planning early to reach out

Caroling in the Streets around S. Charleston

Explanatory Mass - Beginning of OCIA early September/October – Fr. John

Blessing of the Animals

- How can this Council spur interest and help

Planting seeds and preparing and scheduling events and services

Participating and Supporting

Garden - can provide green space and development in timing

Planning to be put out in the next few months

5. General Parishioner Concerns

- **Where is the link to the PDF?** - The link to the bulletin is in the website and it pulls up a new webpage to download the bulletin – recommend they pick up a paper copy at the gathering space

- **Why does the choir go last at communion?** - The choir are the servants to the parish as they receive the communion. This also allows the choir to lead the song to the parishioners

6. Staff Concerns

- BSP PC Nominating Committee needs created

Terry Mathias, David Lewia, Jack Dever and Anne Dever to help begin the process

- **GRATITUDE** BSP staff have been working together seamlessly and have been supporting each other and the parish. They have been doing great work especially with the epiphany concert

6. Closing Prayer (Katie Smithberger)

As we bow our heads and lift up our plans to You, we pray that You bless our hearts and minds to know that we have done well in Your eyes. We pray for your assurance that we are operating within Your will. Lord, we believe that You will provide for us.

Attendance: Fr Paul, Anne Dever, Jack Dever, David Lewia, Terry Matthias, Mary Odin, Molly Linehan, Katie Smithberger, Jackson Davis