



**Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, October 14, 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 – Dan McLaughlin

Lord, As we gather in this pastoral council meeting, we come to you with open hearts and minds, seeking your guidance and wisdom. We ask for your presence to be with us as we discuss the matters of our church and community. Grant us the ability to listen to one another with respect and understanding. Help us to come to decisions that are in alignment with your will and for the good of our parish. Bless our council members with your grace and strength, that they may lead with humility and compassion. May they use their gifts and talents to serve our parish with dedication and faith.

We also pray for our community, Lord. May we always remember your teachings to love and serve one another. Guide us to be inspiration for others. We thank you for the opportunity to serve in this council and for your constant guidance. May we always seek your will and trust in your plans for our church.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

2. Minutes - Approval or Amendment

3. **KUDOS** and **THANK YOU** to the following fine folks:

- Theresa O'Leary for being the Acting Director of Religious Education and our catechists and helpers: Mandy Wines, Christine Fernandes, Olivia and Laura Hayes, Patricia Watson, Jane Rothman, Ann Roark, Missy Mowrer.
- OCIA Team: Deacon Tommy, Peg Nagem, Mary Pat Peck, Gina McClure, Tricia Watson, and a host of other parishioners helping now and again.
- Monica Patton continues to steer the Garden Project with the able assistance of Natalie Zellers.
- Many Volunteers have helped with the Flooring Project, Cleaning, Painting and Electrical jobs: Monica Patton, Charlie Wilson, David and Karen Lewia, Dennis Thornburg, Bob Sherrard, Rob and Bev Schissler, Ron Teufel Mark Houchins, Bill White, Bill Frame, Chuck Mabe, Natalie Zellers, Pam Roy, Sheila Francis, Sebastian Francis, Ruth and Mary Odin, Todd Depond, Jean

Wood, John Priestly, Patricia Watson, Don Becher, Vince Sticker, Carla Stricker, Jo Midkiff,

- Kudos to David Brown who facilitates two Bible Sharing groups (Mike G. helps) and to Jeanne Haas, Tina Stodola, and Ann Winton for their leadership with the Wednesday morning Bible Study.
- Cecilia Young cleaned out a flower bed by the rectory fence.
- Kudos to Thatcher Crane for leading other children in gathering and putting away hymnals after Mass.
- Thanks to Tristan Champe for updating the hymn boards and whiteboard for the choir after 11:30 Mass each week.
- Katherine Mattix for making new bookmarks for the hymnals
- Victoria Russo for helping with translation or spanish speaking members.

**WARNING:** Fr. Paul deeply regrets leaving off this list anyone. His memory ain't what it used to be!

4. Carryover Topics:

- a. Small Group Ministry Update
  - i. 22 have shown interest
  - ii. Council, Streit and Churchill have been interested in hosting
  - iii. Starting with the Streits regarding reserving at Parkside Residential
- b. Flooring Project Update → “Whole Campus Update” Project
  - i. Project is complete; thanks wholly to volunteer time to paint and refinish almost all the interior rooms.
  - ii. Nursery nook has been morphed into youth group assembly line for hygiene kits
- c. Pictorial Directory Update
  - i. Moving glacially
- d. Garden Project Update
  - i. New shed is in place and spacious for outdoor storage
  - ii. Current phase of grading
    1. Next phase is electric and plumbing
    2. Vegetables, pollinators, beauty
    3. Walking path and pavilion
  - iii. Monica Patton to contact to volunteer
- e. Vacation Bible School Update
  - i. SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, July 20 – Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm – last full week of July
    1. Sunday evening– family event to kick off
  - ii. 12 attendees - out of 35 in the age range
  - iii. To inform the diocese when our parish VBS is for scheduling

5. Council Member Concerns (please notify Terry Mathias ahead of time)

- a. Facebook Stream and send to Monica to put on facebook announcements
  - i. Stream 5pm Saturday with Bishop
  - ii. Stream 9am Sunday - Father Bill Petro 56th anniversary
  - iii. Stream 10:30am Sunday Deacon Tony

6. General Parishioner Concerns
  - a. Wandering in the parish - can we have a notification system to alert those who are in the office. Concerns about those who are wandering in from the neighborhood
    - i. Recommend to the finance council
    - ii. If late - the building is locked
    - iii. Signs to inform people where meetings are being held
7. Staff Concerns
  - a. Appreciation for those who volunteered for the flooring project
  - b. Prayers for those in OCIA
    - i. OCIA needs sponsors - multiple candidates are families needing multiple sponsors
  - c. Liturgical year 2025 - multiple solemnities on Sunday
    - i. Feast of the presentation on Sunday
    - ii. St. Peter & Paul on Sunday
    - iii. St. John Lateran on Sunday
8. Next Meeting November 11 at 6pm:: ::Room 2 - with zoom possibilities
9. November Prayer
10. Closing Prayer – Dan McLaughlin

Heavenly Father,

As we come to the end of this meeting, we thank you for the wisdom, guidance, and grace that you have bestowed upon us. Thank you for gathering us here tonight to worship and consult with one another. As we prepare to leave, we pray that your Holy Spirit will continue to dwell within us and guide our steps. Help us to carry the love and teachings of this meeting with us throughout the week ahead. May our hearts and minds be filled with your peace and joy.

We ask that you watch over our church and its leaders, blessing them with wisdom and courage to lead us closer to you. Help us to always remember that we are your children, and may we always represent you in everything we do. As we go out into the world, may we be available to those who need us and recognize when assistance is necessary. We pray that this meeting has brought us closer to you and to one another, and that we may use what we have learned to strengthen our faith.

In your name, we pray.

Amen.

Attendance: David Lewia, Rick Brennan, Dan McLaughlin, Terry Mathias, Katie Smithberger, Molly Linehan Tony O’Leary, Mary Odin, Fr. Paul