

Blessed Sacrament Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda
February 13, 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 (Molly)

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for it is from Your goodness that we have this day to celebrate on the threshold of the Season of Lent.

Tomorrow, we will fast. Today we feast. We thank you for the abundance of gifts you shower upon us. We thank you, God, especially for one another. As we share these wonderful gifts together, help us during this season of Lent to re-commit ourselves to a greater generosity toward those who need our support - both in spirit and material needs.

2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- Jeanne Haas for her adult Faith Formation Talk on Lent and Holy Week on February 05 between the Masses.
- Tommy Ross for explaining how ashes are made and why we use them. It was a hands-on experience they will long remember.
- John Priestley II for formatting and updating the Communion Service Prayer Book used by various parishioners who bring the Eucharist to those unable to come.
- Fr. John Finnell for the weekend Masses on January 27-28 and his continuing facilitating of the Lunch Bunch.
- The 227 parish volunteers who have undertaken VIRTUS CERTIFICATION and training for the Protection of our children.
- Connie Jarzynski and Mary Gargarella who care for the candles and the linens use during Mass.
- Walter for enticing new members to our church

3. Carryover Topics

- Small Faith Gatherings
 - Waiting on survey results to go forward
- New Pictorial Directory Discuss Updates

- Mike Switzer - met with Blessed Sacrament Staff to discuss pictorial directory – will be meeting on 2/15
 - Majority of it is still saved from previous edition - will only need to edit small parts
- Philip Maramba has offered to do the Parish Life pages
- Update on next PC member nomination committee
 - Start announcements in March, discernment from there
 - Committee: Terry, Dave, Jack, Anne
 - Outgoing members: Anne Dever, Jack Dever, Christine Fernandez
 - Continuing members:
 - Terry Mathias, Molly Linehan, Chip Counsil, Katie Smithberger, Jackson Davis, Dave Lewia
 - Discern a new facilitator
- Update on Evangelization Topic from January
 - Kairos Ministry - Dave Haas
 - Matt Davis would like to reach out to Dave Haas for status and where we can support
 - Fr. Paul - that the inmates would really need the support however there were many concerns with access, correction officer numbers and ability to support the ministry
 - Green Space - any new updates
 - Garden committee working on getting grants and creating plans to be presented
 - Parishioners have been able to see and critique the plans to create a space that is useful and well planned out
 - Get the 2024 Garden plan out to the parishioners
 - Vacation Bible School July
 - Very successful VBS in 2023,
 - Liz James, Fr. Paul and Mike Grenada plan out 2024 VBS
 - Will need committee – reach out to Liz to email
 - Have pastoral council stand behind the VBS - to seek out parishioner volunteers
 - Katie Smithberger, Mollie Linehan, Terry Mathias, Chip Counsil offered to be part of the committee
 - Reach out to local kids in the neighborhood to attract neighborhood children
 - Yard signs, banners, handouts
 - Need to pick a date – Mike will reach out to Liz
 - Reach out to local churches to find when local VBS are running

- to not overlap
- Camp Leon June 16-22

4. General Parishioner Concerns

- FEMA is offering a free webinar the week of 2/21 titled “Protecting Places of Worship”. Discuss the 6 steps to enhance security against targeted violence. Link was provided – further discussion
- Charlie Wilson - positive PR about the virtue certification -
 - Have a link to Virtus information to let parents know that all staff members and volunteers are trained
- Gathering space doors
 - majority positive comments - very few (1-2) negative concerns

5. Staff Concerns

- Fr. Ed Sadie - funeral on Friday at 11am
- Continuing Adult Education
 - Feb25 - panel discussion about blessing same-sex couples
 - Mar10 - Ramadan
 - Mar24 - Possible Film (The Shift) in gathering space
- Diaconate Ordination
 - June 7
 - June 8 (possible dinner)

Next Meeting March 12th at 6pm

-discern VBS Support by Fe

March Prayer (Fr. Paul)

6. Closing Prayer (Molly)

Dear God, we ask you to help prepare us for tomorrow and the start of Lent. Tasting the fullness of what we have today, let us experience some hunger tomorrow. May our fasting make us more alert and may it heighten our consciousness so that we might be ready to hear Your Word and respond to Your call.

Attendance:

Molly Linehan, Dave Lewia, Jack Dever, Anne Dever, Katie Smithberger, Terry Mathias, Mary Odin, Fr. Paul, Charlie Wilson, Mike Grenada, Matt Davis