

Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Agenda – June 12, 2023

*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 (Charlie Wilson)

2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- The youth group and Mary for the Corpus Christi
- Eucharistic Event from Sacred Heart
 - To the handbell choir for their addition
 - Tony O'Leary and Tommy Ross for their movement through the deaconate journey
- Peggy and Valerie for their work with Grief Ministry
- The parish at a whole for volunteering for church ministry – Youth Bible Study, Nursery coverage

3. Summary of Liturgy Committee Notes from their last meeting

1 -- Changing the time of the Saturday Mass: The Liturgy Committee recommends Saturday evening Mass be changed to 5:00 in the summer and 4:00 in the winter.

- Should those that attend the mass make the decision
 - Data points (poll) to survey people to change/move times
 - Ask Liturgical committee to have survey with which time and the why
 - Surveys to go out 4-6 wk prior to time change
- Previously 4pm mass was decision made by Fr. John
- **Consensus**– Maintain 5pm mass in the summer and come winter we move to 4pm

Hymnals and worship aids

The Liturgy Committee agreed to eliminate the worship aids and only use the hymnals. The ushers will move the bookmarks to be seen more prominently.

- Agreed
- **Consensus**: Maintain worship aids for funerals, weddings and large holiday masses

Passing the Collection Basket

The Liturgy Committee recommends passing the basket once during Mass with the regular and special collection boxes remaining available where they are currently located.

- **Consensus**: Restart in now as long as liturgical committee agrees, find the basket

Closing the Gathering Walls and Doors

The Liturgy Committee recommends 1) the gathering walls to remain open, and 2) closing the glass doors leading to the breezeway.

- Can we remove the extra chairs to push those into sanctuary
 - o Remove a few chairs/rows
- With wood doors open – parents able to monitor children, safety with ushers watching those coming in and out
- **Consensus:** Can Dismas club look into the doorways for
- **Consensus:** Leave open, remove 12-15 chairs and leave open to revisit

4. General Parishioner Concerns

- What support can the PC give to Liz James for the church picnic?
 - o VBS: three volunteers for the week along with someone to help with set up – will need 3 more volunteers
 - VBS: July 24th 5-8pm Monday through Friday must be virtus trained
- **Consensus:** Reach out to Liz to ask what she needs
- Determine next round of opening/closing PC prayers. Is this best format on increasing the prayerfulness of the council?
- **Consensus** – open and close with prayer
 - o Pam Council July
 - o Matt Davis August
 - o Fr. Paul September
 - o David Lewia October

5. Staff Concerns

- Vicarate Pastoral Council: Two volunteers are needed to serve on the Vicarate Pastoral Council. They would meet quarterly via Zoom. Each Vicarate would select three members to meet in person with the Bishop quarterly as well. The only requirement is to be active in parish life and ministry
- Election or selection?
- **Consensus:** Chip will email Laura or Mary Pat Peck for more information

- How best do we reach out to the youth and children to get them better engaged in vacation bible study, faith formation, and parish life?
- Have more obvious age grouping
- Making sure that they are incorporating with older kids, helping older kids become liturgical ministers
- Activities cardboard city, Camp Leon, VBS , book & basketball
- Directory update?
- **Consensus:** ongoing to continue to incorporate it into parish life
- **Consensus:** Re engage Jackson for Young Adult 20/30s

6. Onboard PC Training

- Next meeting scheduled for 6/19 in person and via Zoom

- Summary of Draft Bi-Laws attached

7. Closing Prayer (Charlie Wilson)

8. Attendance: David Lewia, Charlie Wilson, Chip Council, Pam Council, Rick Brennen, Mary Odin, Fr. Paul, Anne Dever, Jack Dever, Molly, Belcher, Katie Smithberger, Matt Davis, Phillip Maramba

Next PPC Meeting: Monday July 11, 2023 6:00pm
(opening & closing prayers – Pam Council)

Goal 1 – To expand our parish ministries that promote care for those who are sick, disabled, grieving, struggling or impacted by addiction.

Goal 2 – To give all parishioners expanded opportunities to understand, appreciate, and apply Catholic Social Teachings in our personal lives and in the life of the parish.

Goal 3 – To provide greater awareness of our parish resources of all kinds and of opportunities to use them in carrying out our mission (stewardship).

(January 1, 2020 beginning of New Goal Team Objectives for current 4-year cycle)