

# Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council

## Meeting Agenda – October 10, 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 (David Lewia)

Dear Lord and Father, Thank you that you promise us that where two or three are gathered you are there in the midst. Lord, we welcome You amongst us today and celebrate the gift of life that you have lavished upon each of us. We ask that You would open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our minds so that we may receive Your eternal wisdom. Open our spirits so that we may know Your leading and guidance. And open our hearts so that we may receive Your wonderful love. We ask all this in the glorious name of Jesus. Amen

### 2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- Mike Granata, Mary Odin, and Natalie Zellers for preparing volunteers for Faith Formation and Youth in particular as well as for other aspects of parish life.
- Monica Patton for bulletin and church environment
- (Jennifer) DePond and others for refreshments after Sunday 9am Mass.
- Karen Lewia for painting.
- Voice and Bell Choir for restart
- Vocation Committee for supporting the seminarians and all the deacon candidates.
- Mike Granada and also the rest of the staff for the decluttering of the entire church, the reclamation and repurposing of "lost" spaces, the remodeling and updating of the classrooms, and the renewed spirit of moving forward in a post-COVID world!
- All those who stepped and led for faith formations, preparing rooms, ciracula, and connection with students.

### 3. Carryover Topics

- Vicariate Pastoral Council: Denise Burgess and Matt Hayes collected the most votes during the voting period. The PC will be open to further dialogue and any issues this wish to address withus.
- Draft Survey on Parish – Emailed prior to October meeting. Discuss and formalize – look to be more open ended rather than directing towards ministries, ask what talents has God given you to share? What things are you looking for from the parish?

- The PC constitution that was ratified in August will be formally signed off by Father Paul and then distributed with the meeting notes and on the website. – Chip to get with Mike Granata on a final copy that Father can edit and sign
- Follow-up on the Thanksgiving Meeting held in early October. – Committee of 8 people, great excitement, looking to have a Mass at 1, followed by meal at 2, focus on homecoming aspect of the meal, have discussed room setup, poster to be hung in church hall, announcement in bulletin, and sign-up sheets to appear, sourcing turkey pricing, established cooking/setup crews, will have kid activity area

#### 4. General Parishioner Concerns

a. Is it be possible to have the mass live streaming in the nursery so parents with small children can still be involved in the mass?

b.

#### 5. Staff Concerns

- Virtus Certification
  - \*\* Ask Natalie about certificate and/or list of activating or running out \*\*
  - Work in progress – all our teachers have been trained
  - 8-9 children in each of the faith formation classes
  - Teaching Safety being conducted – kudos to Teresa O’Leary in teaching this
  - Father please about the increase in energy, feeling of moving forward, great idea for homecoming aspect of Thanksgiving meal
  - Still working on garden presentation – will happen in stages – each stage addressing step by step vision, priorities, allowing for input, positive comments from parish
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#### 6. Closing Prayer (David Lewia)

As we close this meeting, Lord, we want to give honor to You. Thank You, God, for the time we had today to discuss issues and make decisions.

May You bless each person who took the time to gather here today and let Your hand of protection be on them throughout the rest of the week.

Let the work done here tonight come to fruition, and let it all be for Your glory. Help us each to do our parts to bring the plans discussed to life.

Amen.

**Attendance: Molly, David Lewis, Charlie, Terry, Matt Davis, Chip Council, Father Paul, Mary Odin**

**Next PPC Meeting: Tuesday November 14, 2023 -**  
proposed 6:00pm (opening & closing prayers –)