

# Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council

## Meeting Agenda – November 14, 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 (Chip Council)

O God, you are the Source of all Wisdom. Fill us with your understanding and insight so that we might bring your kindness and compassion to our parish community and our world. Guide us with your Spirit and help us to imitate Jesus, who is our Wisdom forever. All: Amen.

### 2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- Thanksgiving Planners
- Parish Support of Youth going to NCYC
- Bell Choir for their addition of music to our mass
- Volunteers for all the projects within the church
- Rob and Jenny Riser for Thanksgiving transport and planning

### 3. Carryover Topics and New Business

- Draft Survey on Parish – Emailed prior to October meeting. Discuss and formalize.
  - Katie will take updates and email out update in the next week
  - Plan to finalize and send out in December
- Discussion on PC member transition
  - Few members will be retiring at the end of the year
    - Pam Council,
  - Subcommittee to find next members
    - Plan in March to elect new members with discernment to join in the Summer
    - Plan for new members to join in May/June

- Will need at minimum 5 new members
- Goal of 9-12 members
- Fellowship Discussion (what have we done in the past, what are we doing now, what can we do in the future)
  - Fellowship: spending time together, socializing, be similar to the early church where they would come together for meals
  - Pancake breakfast, Coffee & Cookies, Camp Leon, VBS
    - All have been growing post-covid, creating groups and friendships
  - Future
    - Garden Project
    - Neighborhood groups “Home Church”– prayer service, potluck, socialization
      - Add interest question to survey group
      - Find pilot group of 10-12 families to do it monthly
      - It will need to be a set day/date for Father’s availability
      - \*\*Mathias to be a possible starting point
      - \*\*Devers to a possible
      - \*\*Council to host in warm weather
    - Small group - 4 couples/families that meet up to have gatherings outside of mass
      - Good introduction for new members
      - Multigeneration vs those in same stage of life
      - \*\*Molly to create a pitch and possibly help create groups
  - Mid mass adult faith fellowship has not been attracting large crowds
- Pick another aspect of the parish for the December meeting.
  - Chip will go to constitution and pick a topic
- Prayers for December and January
  - December Molly
  - January Katie

#### 4. General Parishioner Concerns

- On the website (Vertis Training) there is a drop line for a certificate if you’re compliant or noncompliant
  - Could an email be sent out to those fully compliant vs partially compliant.
  - Add the website to the bulletin
  - Natalie & Mary have discussed how to inform people that are done – thought to post a list with a Congratulations - YOU’VE PASSED
    - Will be published around Thanksgiving / early December

- Thanksgiving Dinner
  - 70 participants have signed up – setting up for 100 people
  - 8 turkeys
  - Side dishes to be brought
  - Rob Riser providing rides and delivering meals
  - Ruth Conrad has reached out to Ride Share members
  - Community Room - Kids area
  - Christmas Dinner is already planned to happen

#### 5. Staff Concerns

- Mary – Really busy but exciting
  - Parents Night Out - List of high school babysitters
  - Will need a coordinator
- Walter – Please more hats in the Parish
- Mike Granada – Youtube link to watch mass from the nursery

#### 6. Closing Prayer (Chip Council)

Lord, with your help may the wisdom gained from our reflection and sharing inspire us as we work through the business of this meeting remembering we are your hands and feet on this earth. We ask this, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

#### **Attendance:**

**Fr. Paul, Terry Mathias, Katie Smithberger, Chip Council, Philip Maramba, David Lewia, Jackson Davis, Charlie Wilson, Matt Davis, Mary Odin, Ann Dever, Jack Dever**

**Next PPC Meeting:** Tuesday December 12, 2023 -  
proposed 6:00pm (opening & closing prayers – Molly)