

Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Agenda – December 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 (Molly Linehan)

O God of our Hope, come~
As we journey through Advent,
restore us to faithfulness,
and shepherd us through our days.
Soften us and open us
to trust in your love,
your goodness,
your guiding presence.
May we take in your word
and bring it to life,
giving hope to the hopeless
through our words and actions.
We ask this through Christ,
our Savior and our hope. Amen.

2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- Thanksgiving dinner was fantastic and Terry and Maureen along with all the assistants and volunteers
- The Penance Service was peaceful and the harp was beautiful. Kudos to the visiting priest for coming
- Kudos to parents that bring their children to church and incorporate their faith especially Luke Walter and his choir singing
- Kudos to the prayers and financial support to provide the youth to go to NCYC

3. Carryover Topics and New Business

- Draft Survey on Parish –Discuss and formalize.
 - Natalie - Diocese is attempting to allow all the parishes to use the same database
 - Parish office worker is excited about moving information
- New Parish Directory
 - Last directory with Michael Switzer (sp?)
 - Two phases of photos to allow best hit
 - New ministry or subcommittee?
 - Include names and addresses for everyone
- Plan to finalize and send out in December.

- Virtus
 - 200 fully virtus trained individuals
 - 15-20 that are part way through
- Parish Budget
 - Net operating income negative but due to depreciation. We are still able to make bills and payment
 - Endowment fund under Father Leon is doing well and there is earnings that can be tapped into as needed
 - Tithe fund donations - increased donations to charities but have decreased the number of charities and programs.
- Evangelization (Article II – Scope of the Parish Council) Discussion (what have we done in the past, what are we doing now, what can we do in the future)
 - How has the parish evangelized?
 - Are there different types of evangelizations the PC can do or the parish can do?

4. General Parishioner Concerns

- Liturgical ministers – Ushers and altar servers are still needed
 - We need to be proactive in incorporating new people to the ministry
 - Youth outreach to incorporate the youth into the mass
 - Reaching out to families to be the usher/greeters
 - Reach to faith formation students
 - Reach out to grass roots invitations

5. Staff Concerns

- No current staff concerns

6. Closing Prayer (Molly Linehan)

A expression of Mary's Magnificat used by the Mercy Sisters

I delight in God my savior,
 who regarded my humble state.
 Truly from this day on
 all ages will call me blest.

The mighty arm of God
 scatters the proud in their conceit,
 pulls tyrants from their thrones,
 and raises up the humble.

For God, wonderful in power,
 has used that strength for me.
 Holy the name of the Lord!
 Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
 one generation to the next.

The Lord fills the starving
 and lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
 recalling the promise of mercy,
 the promise made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham's heirs forever.

Attendance: Chip Council, facilitator, Molly Linehan-Belcher, Philip Maramba, Terry Mathias, Katie Smithberger, and Charlie Wilson, Fr. Paul, Mary Oden, Natalie Zellers, Carla Stricker

Thank you to Pam Council for her service, prayers and support during her tenure on parish council.

Next PPC Meeting: Tuesday January 09, 2023 - proposed 6:00pm
(opening & closing prayers – Katie)
January Meeting Prayer – Katie
February Meeting Prayer –