

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes– March 13, 2023**

1. Kudos
 - a. For Molly Linehan Belcher’s preparation of the Synod talking points
 - b. To David Lewia for alter serving
 - c. To Tommy Ross and Tony O’Leary for their work on the weekly Stations of the Cross and incorporation of Catholic social justice teachings
 - d. To Wayne and Mary Odin for their participation in the Stations and all that goes into them
 - e. For the recent weekend Eucharistic retreat. It was well done and impactful. This was the second phase involving the parish with the program going out to everyone in the third phase
 - f. To Father John for overseeing and facilitation the above weekend retreat and to the Pastoral Center for hosting
 - g. To Chris Daugherty for her organization of the hygiene product storage area. She makes it easy for the youth group to assemble the kits
 - h. To Rory Isac for transporting the kits to our addiction partners
 - i. To Missy Summey for her coordination of the Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick, the Principal Ministers, and her upcoming involvement with the Ministers of the Cup
 - j. To Shelly Nason chairing the liturgy committee and her organization of the usher/greeters
2. Short Form Synod Report - Parish council has been working through the synod conversation starters to see where our Parish has excelled and where we hope to improve.
 - a. Accomplished Synod Bullet points
 - i. We are working with Dr. Bob, Fr. Paul Mary and others to hold learning sessions to learn more about our faith and to learn about other faiths around us. We have created many interest groups and safe places to gather with other catholics for example, knitting group, Dismas club grief share and the youth group to name a few
 - b. Soon to Be Accomplished
 - i. A suggestion box will be available in the gathering space to allow parishioners to address concerns, give suggestions and add questions for Fireside Chats and Cocoa, Coffee and Questions. Suggestions can be anonymous or named and will be checked by staff on a regular basis.
 - ii. A digital suggestion box will also be available on the parish website.
 - iii. We are working on incorporating the lives of our local religious sisters to get to know them in our community. We hope to

interview our local religious sisters and brothers to share their lives.

1. Sisters Molly, Jenny, Fran, Pat Murry, Rosie, Barb,
2. Mary Pat Peck, Jody Debias

3. General Parishioner Concerns

a. Parish Council Updates

- i. The parish council members will have name tags during mass and other church events.
- ii. Council will be working towards preparing for our next 4-year parish plan in September
- iii. Parish Council will begin at 6pm on the second Monday of the month.
- iv. Envisioning the Parish Council – Goal to read part 1 and 2 by April meeting

b. New Garden

- i. The parish has been gifted \$5K of seed money to begin a community garden in the empty lots across
- ii. The Creation Care team is working with local businesses to create a sustainable garden using teen youth group as labor.

c. Consulting Groups

- i. Working with long term parishioners to make sure that parish traditions and events are followed through
 1. Jeanine, Pam, John, etc

d. Bulletin

- i. Work with IT to have the bulletin automatically open vs download a pdf –*Jackson

4. Staff Concerns

a. Reintroduction of the Chalice

- i. We will need more ministers to be able to provide this.
- ii. Wine to be blessed will be limited until demand is known.
- iii. Concerns by ministers about finishing unconsumed Precious Blood due to risks of germs still unknown/undecided

b. Summer Mass

- i. We need more lay volunteers. Based on current eucharistic ministers , ushers and altar servers, we may need to drop a Mass during summer vacations.
- ii. If a Mass is dropped consideration to surrounding parishes to allow multiple options for Sunday Obligation

5. Next Meeting

a. April 10 at 6pm

- i. Prayer - Pam

b. May

- i. Prayer - Anne

- c. June
 - i. Prayer - Charlie