

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Agenda
October 7, 2024, 7:00 PM
Mary of Magdala Chapel



“Good Shepherd is a Christian, caring community, nourished by a joyful spirit-filled liturgy, that inspires our daily lives. We strive to welcome, accept and love all people as they are, and through our ministries, reach out with active concern to those in need.”

2024/2025 Goal: *“Work with Commissions, Staff, and parishioners, in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to implement actions surrounding the two focus areas of the strategic 3-5 year plan.”*
(1. More vibrant mass. 2. Attract more young families and involve more youth)

Meeting attendees:	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Adam	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Jeff	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Patrick	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Sheri
	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Bill	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Joan	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Ryan	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Steven
	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Greg	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Nic	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Sandy	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Tammy
Agenda	Minutes allotted	Notes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome: Tammy • Opening prayer: Bill • September minutes approved via email 	5			
Parish director report: Deacon Sandy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learnings from the four “Listening to the Spirit” Synodality gatherings in September • Share Advent/Christmas/Lent Themes (based on Pope Francis “Year of a Journey to Hope” • Discuss interest in Councils/Staff retreat • Discuss archdiocese/Archbishop Listecky Mercy Grant Opportunity • Miscellaneous • Questions for Sandy 	15	<u>Parish Director Report</u> Listening to the Spirit Synodality sessions: The learning met our hopeful expectations. We sat in round tables and used a Talking Piece and had a timekeeper. Results: There is not enough listening to women, we need to assure that women are listened to and be involved in decision making. We want to keep the process of synodality alive at Good Shepherd. Advent/Christmas themes were finalized. The Year of Hope declared by Pope Francis. Three iterations of that, for Advent/Christmas, Lent, and Easter. There will be pre-mass music that will stay constant. Full Leadership Retreat, full staff, PC, Finance Council. There are options for the format and Sandy would like to have a retreat director outside of GS. Mercy Grant Request – Dcn. Sandy has written a letter asking for \$5,000 for the parishes of St. Martin de Porres, All		

		<p>Saints, St. Michael, and St. Rose for building improvement to improve energy efficiency. If the grant is received, the work would be done by parish members. This project is directly connected to Catholic Social Teachings.</p>
<p>Finance Council update: Adam</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>The external audit was finished, FC has not yet met to discuss it. The Archdiocesan Confidential Financial Statement has been submitted and accepted. It will be reviewed by the Arch. Eschweiler New Century Fund approved a request by Bryan Ramsay for diaconal formation for the fall semester. This is requested and funded each semester. The next grant was approved for Dcn. Sandy for continuing education.</p> <p>Issue on Bldg and Grounds; the AC at Hartfel House went out during the last heat wave. We got multiple quotes and it was decided to use funds in reserve for this project and it was approved by FC.</p> <p>Year-end financial report was reviewed by FC and some suggestions were made. Marge made some changes to simplify the report. The second review is in process, the goal for completion is the end of October.</p>
<p>Commissions update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewardship: Sheri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oct 19/20 will be the date of Stewardship 2025 kick off • Prayer and worship: Patrick and Ryan • Human concerns: Jeff and Steven • Christian formation: Joan and Bill 	<p>15</p>	<p><u>Stewardship Commission</u> will focus on Year of Hope, called “Crossing with Hope” (bridge image), Crossing to Prayer, Relationships, and Ministry. They will encourage people to use the website to donate. The kick-off is Nov. 9-10. Details are being worked out.</p> <p><u>Prayer and Worship Commission</u></p> <p>There was approval for a new Nativity set. Sandy said the skin tone of the Nativity statues will be in keeping with the Joseph and Mary statues.</p>

		<p>There was a discussion about singing with the choir. Parish focus goals: will the goals be the same?</p> <p><u>Christian Formation Commission</u></p> <p>51 spots for Catholic Heart workcamp in Niagara Falls July 19 – 26</p> <p>Matthew 25 – June 23-27</p> <p>Adult Formation: new Bible study on OT, Date Your Mate</p> <p>Spotlight – 10 sessions, first one is by Tim and Alicia on the heart and soul of music, Oct. 20</p> <p>Men’s groups – GS – Wed. St. James Fri.</p> <p>Mike Crain will offer a mini-retreat, Through a Glass Darkly – Reflecting on the Image and Likeness of God, Sat. AM, Jan. 18</p> <p>Prayer group on Thur. 6 – 7, New book club, Searching for Happiness.</p> <p>Racial Justice Ministry offers Educational opportunities, the latest is Respectful Dialogue: Listening and Learning Together on Oct. 5.</p> <p>GOF, 83 individuals. GOF: 80 families, 193 individuals, Growing Faith: 76 kids enrolled. 17 for Confirmation (10th, 11th, 12th grader).</p> <p>Raising Saints in the Modern World – Praying as a Family workshops were offered through Archdiocese 9/16, 9/19, highlights were shared with PC and will be shared with CFC.</p>
<p>Council items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology update: Tammy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Check access: Ryan, Adam, Steve, Greg, Joan • Town hall discussion: All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date discussion • What is the Pastoral Council purpose for the town hall? 	<p>40</p>	<p>Everything is on Parish One Drive. Some people could get in but not all.</p> <p>Agenda format – change bullets to numbers.</p> <p>Town Hall meeting, one date available, that is March 30. What is the purpose of the Town Hall?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish activity reports • Get feedback from parishioners and for transparency.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic planning: All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on feasibility of conducting new parish survey ○ Reference deck, Strategic planning power point.pptx • Agenda format: Tammy • Pre-mass: October 19/20 • November pickup/drop-off of Patrick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confirm: Bill • Suggested agenda items for next month • Next meeting: November 4, 7:00 pm Mary of Magdala Chapel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ November opening prayer leader - Greg • Upcoming dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Saturday, October 19, 8:30AM to 12:00PM: Parish Councils Congress at the Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center ○ Monday, October 21, 6:30PM: Deanery Meeting at St. Joseph, Waukesha 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership and parishioner dialogue <p>We could send them a pre-read and ask them to come with their questions.</p> <p>Town Hall Timing</p> <p>Last year it was hard to have more than one thing on the same day.</p> <p>We could choose a date for 2026 very early to ease the calendaring issue.</p> <p>We are considering changing the day we have the Town Hall, possibly a Sat. morning.</p> <p>Next meeting we can set a date and a format.</p> <p>Strategic Planning</p> <p>Strategic planning survey might be given after the Town Hall. There could be a pre-Town Hall survey as well.</p> <p>Pre-Mass – see below, no-pre-Mass during Advent)</p>
Closing prayer: Deacon Sandy		
Action items		Person(s) Responsible
Nov. 4 next PC meeting, prayer leader	Greg	
Oct. 19 Pre-Mass, 4:30 P.M. Mass	Greg	
Oct. 20 Pre-Mass, 9:30A.M. Mass	Sheri	
Nov. 4 PC meeting, ride for Patrick	Bill will pick up and take home.	