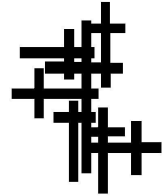


Good Shepherd Pastoral Council

January 8, 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.”

2023/2024 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)

Attendance: Ryan Goss, Deacon Sandy Sites, Patrick Young, Sheri Youngs, Ron Leonhardt, Craig Tautges, Lisa Nimmer, Tammy Hernke, Joan Plumley

Absent: Nick Zepnick, Bill Gaynor,

Opening Prayer - Ron

Document Storage for Pastoral Council - Tammy and Ryan

- Updated. It is a long process to use the Microsoft account. May need to edit type or access. Marge would have to set you up. People that already have the Microsoft account is easy. Others would take longer.
- Asking licenses to be used. May add one for future. Probably \$60 each – approximation.
- Why not just use what we already have? Issues are that everyone cannot access Google Docs.
- Maybe going with 2 sites. One for long term storage and the other for use at the time.

Town Hall 2024- Lisa

- Dates: Sunday, February 4th (after Mass 10:45 am) & Wednesday, February 7th @ 6:00 PM (on Zoom)
- Multiple member of the Council would be willing to be there for February 4th meeting. Looking for more to be at the Zoom meeting.
- Update:
- Reminder to Commissions to get photos, 2023 highlights, and 2024 goals by **January 15**
- Send to Lisa Nimmer’s e-mail - lisanims@charter.net

Parish Director Report - Deacon Sandy

Update on Baptism font.

- Unrepairable
- Investigating new font to allow both immersion and pour baptisms for infants and adults
- Needs to be heated.

Update on Music Ministry

- Tim Ehlinger has grown music ministry over the past year.
- He has emerged a core team of leaders.
- With the groundwork Tim has established, Alicia Levin will transition to the lead role.

Synod on Synodality

- Following the model established at the Vatican, Good Shepherd will be implementing Synodality gatherings in May,

Final numbers on 2023 Mass attendance

January 2023 – 160 average

December 2023 – 214 average

2023 overall – 191 average

New membership overall for 2023 – 40 families and 100 parishioners.

Week of Christian Unity is Jan. 18-Jan. 28

Sunday January 21 there will be a collaborative Ecumenical prayer service at 2 pm which will be at Good Shepherd.

Open Discussion

- Ron requested a future agenda item for a discussion about the Pastoral Care Commission
- There was a protest after the last GOF meeting regarding the LGBTQ. Concerning these issues Deacon Sandy would like to talk to/ dialogue with the protesters.
- Tim Ehlinger and Alicia Levin will be coming to the February meeting to comment on the status of music ministry
- Christian Formation will be asked to attend the March 2024 meeting

Commission/Committee

- Finance Council update is they are doing budgeting and doing fiscal 2023. They also have been more efficient at shortening the meetings by having Marge present a summary or highlights at the meeting.
- Pastoral Care sent out 600+ Christmas Cards to church members and greatly appreciated. Anointing of the Sick there were over 115 anointed.
- Stewardship is continuing to highlight a “Saint of the month” in the bulletin throughout the year. There is a sign up in Daniel’s hall asking what ministries you want to be part of. This will include follow up with the staff members.

Items From the Floor:

- Pre-Mass: January 20th still need one and January 21st will be Craig.

Closing Prayer - Deacon Sandy

Next Meeting: February Prayer Leader - Steven Grieb

Important Dates:

January 13 - Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Service at St. Martin de Porres @ 1:30 PM

January 20 - Girl Scout Blood Drive @ 8:00 - 1:00 PM (Daniels Hall)

January 20 - Dinner and Movie night (Prince of Egypt) @ 5:45 PM

January 21 - In the Spotlight (Philip Chard)

January 21 - Christian Unity Prayer Service @ 2:00 PM

January 26 - Family Snow Tubing at Sunburst Hill @ 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Minutes done by: Sheri Youngs