

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Minutes

August 5th, 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)

In attendance: Deacon Sandy Sites, Tammy Hernke, Patrick Young, Sheri Youngs, Bill Gaynor, Greg Goss, Ryan Goss, Steve Grieb, Adam Olig, Nic Zepnick, Joan Plumley

Opening Prayer – Tammy

Parish Director Report- Sandy

- Trending at Good Shepherd
 - Mass attendance:
 1. Jan 2023: 160 Avg.
 2. July 2024: 204 Avg.
 3. 2,288 12-month increase

	2023-24	2022-23
○ Generations of Faith Families	86	77
○ Generations of Faith Individuals	245	223
○ Growing Faith	103	93
○ Catholic Heart Workcamp Youth	41	38
○ Matthew 25 Workcamp Youth	54	54
○ Vacation Bible School - GS participants	12	12
○ Listen to the Lord - average Saturday	3	2
○ Listen to the Lord - average Sunday	15	13
○ School supplies: 2024: 131 items		
○ Lent almsgiving: New Hope Center: over 1,000 contributions		
- Establish Patrick pickup / drop off schedule
 - Bill Gaynor will pick up/ drop off for our next Mon Sep 9 meeting
- New parishioners’ meetings – They rarely say what brought them to the parish, 90+ new parishioners, 40+ new families over the last year

- Looking for new person on Finance Council as parishioner at large. Deacon Sandy to select – have someone in mind.
- Looking for one or two people (possibly a couple) to coordinate the Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Finance Council Updates - Greg gave the following report:

- Paid off debt
- Money replenished in Eschweiler Fund
- Large gift to parish in 2023/2024 allowed for debt payment and ENC replenishment
- Surplus in budget due to large gift and parishioner contributions
- Areas in need of service
 - New members to reestablish Eschweiler New Century Fund Subcommittee
 - New members to Building and Grounds and someone in a leadership role
- Hired a CPA consultant firm for audit. In office mid to late August, report in Sept. Catholic Financial Statement to be submitted to the Archdiocese
- Love One Another campaign, projects under review: Narthex roof replacement, HVAC repair and replacement, baptismal font replacement.

Council Items

- Commissioning and blessing of new Pastoral Council and Finance Council members at Mass, weekend Sept. 7-8
- Technology Update: Tammy
She met with Marge in July to talk about the tech issues. Considering privacy and confidentiality it would make sense to be under GS umbrella. Tammy copied everything into Share Point system, access grants needed. Ryan and Adam offered to help test with email. Marge said all PC files need to be saved indefinitely.

- Define Pastoral Council 2024-25 goal
How will we know if our goal has been met? See data above.

Do we want to set a new goal?

We may conduct a new survey to determine new goals. Nic and possibly others would work on this.

Town Hall - table for now

Commissions Update:

All commissions took the month of July off, so no reports were given

Council Housekeeping

- Pre-Mass: August 17-18, Greg: Aug. 17, Sheri: Aug. 18,
- civilizeit.org USCCB website with resources for having civil dialogue over differing opinions
- September opening prayer leader: Adam
- Next meeting: Sept. 9, 7:00 P.M. Mary of Magdala Chapel

Closing Prayer – Dcn. Sandy

Respectfully submitted by Joan Plumley

August 6, 2024