

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Minutes
October 2, 2023 - 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.”

2022/2023 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)

(September minutes were approved by consensus via e-mail)

Attendance: Patrick Young, Deacon Sandy, Bill Gaynor, Ron Leonhardt, Joan Plumley, Tammy Hernke, Craig Tautges, Sheri Youngs

Excused: Ryan Goss, Steven Grieb, Lisa Nimmer and Nlc Zepnick

Opening Prayer - Tammy Hernke

Document Sharing for Pastoral Council - Tammy

The council is looking for volunteers for an ad hoc committee to work on having discussions about document sharing. It was talked about a little bit in the past months. Ryan and Tammy talked with Bryan about possible options. Craig Tautges and Bill Gaynor said they would join that meeting if the dates worked out.

Calendar for the Year - Tammy

There was a great discussion about the calendar. The discussion is that the Parish Council will use the calendar on their page on the web-site. We will be able to keep track of important dates and help plan ahead.

There are 2 calendars on the website. The church calendar for the year and a calendar available for the group to use. We talked about how we can leverage the calendar to plan out the year. Some of the items were already put in by Lisa Nimmer. The Finance Council has its own calendar and is separate from the Parish Council.

Deacon Sandy used the Good shepherd website to show us when you log in, you can see your groups associated with you, click on a group and see the calendar. The calendar is set up right now for all in the group of Pastoral Council. Tammy and Sheri will update the members on this page. Whomever has the rights to set this up, the council will invite them to come and show us how to use that technology in a future meeting.

Each commission might have its own calendar??

Some things that were thought to be Important things to add to the calendar would be dates for elections, Council meetings, Patronal Feast Day, Pastoral Council commissioning, and

Good Shepherd Feast Day to name just a few. The Corn Roast, Annual Town Hall meetings, and Pastoral council activities were brought up by Tammy.

Ron said he would like to be looking on one calendar for all events that Pastoral Council members should be attending. Deacon Sandy said that he doesn't think that we will have one calendar for all to look at.

You can go on the website without logging in. In the upper corner see the calendar, All public activities are on this calendar for the public to find.

There was an idea mentioned that maybe we could have a commission representative come and speak to us about their commission. Sheri or Patrick will invite the Stewardship Commission to come speak to us at the next month's meeting. Craig will ask Prayer and Worship to speak in December. We could have the five commissions rotate through and talk about what is going on in their commission.

The commissions can fill us in on their strategic 3-5 year plan. They can let us know how the council can help them.

Parish Director Report - Deacon Sandy

Deacon Sandy talked about the modifications made so Father Dennis can continue to serve our parish. He is going to be well loved by the parish.

He touched on the culture of Good Shepherd and how it has always been welcoming to all. The welcome seems to be expanding to include "seekers", those hurting, and ecumenical partnerships. Deacon Sandy gave an example experienced at the funeral of William Schuster II regarding seekers. Sandy also shared the ecumenical example experienced at the Eldredge memorial service at Emmanuel Methodist Church.

This Advent, there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass on December 24th, 4th Sunday of Advent, due to the other Christmas Eve Masses that day. You can go to the Saturday December 23rd Mass to fulfill the 4th Sunday of Advent obligation, or go to another parish that offers a 4th Sunday of Advent Mass. The theme hasn't been released yet for Advent.

The New Pastoral Council Group can be accessed via mygoodshepherd.org website

Strategic Planning - All

[Strategic planning power point.pptx](#)

Please ask Commissions to have the following things on the agenda every month. Those two things are, How to increase the vibrancy of Mass, and ways to engage young families and increase participation. We ask that you encourage discussions and ideas in the Commission you are on. The Pastoral Council is wondering, what can the Pastoral Council do to support new or current initiatives? We are coming close to the third year of the strategic plan. We need to give all those involved along the way some credit for the success so far. Deacon Sandy agrees that the Strategic Plan "Is Taking off!" Where are we in the 3-5 year plan? And where do we go from here?

In Growing Faith, Corina has adopted new materials to better engage the youth in middle and high school. There are more interactive activities to get to know others better.

Commission/Committee Questions- All Commission Liaison's give a report

Please review the minutes from each Commission (sent to you by Bill Gaynor) prior to the meeting and come with any questions you have. **** If you are on a Commission and met this past month, please plan to give a short update.**

- Finance Council Update
- Christian Formation Commission - In Growing Faith, Corina has adopted new materials to better engage the youth in middle and high school. There are more interactive activities to develop relationships.
- Need someone to commit to be a liaison on Prayer and Worship Commission

Stewardship plan

October 21 / 22:

We will set the stage by talking about the pastors of Good Shepherd. We will particularly highlight Fr. Fran, but explain how the 4 pastors in the history of Good Shepherd have guided our parish to be saints.

October 28/29:

We will launch Stewardship 2024 with hospitality focusing on the big “S” Saints of Good Shepherd: St. Francis, Mary of Magdala, St. Martin de Porres, Dorothy Day, Blessed Carlos Acutis and Blessed Chiara Badano have been Saints who have tried to emulate the culture of Good Shepherd.

November 4 / 5:

The little “s” saints of Good Shepherd who have gone before us and already lived out the culture of Good Shepherd. We will also try to honor as many of our saints who have passed in the history of the parish.

November 11 / 12

(pledge cards go out and letters asking for financial commitment) The Saints of Good Shepherd: Part 1 – we highlight some of the more public ministries that the current saints of Good Shepherd are engaged in and helping to make our parish alive and thrive in reaching out: St. Ben’s Meal, St. Ben’s walk, House of Peace Toy Drive, Cathedral Center Meal, Falls Food Pantry, Faith Coalition Against Sex Trafficking, Gay & Straight in Christ, Holiday Food Boxes, Matthew 25 and National Workcamp, etc.

November 18/19:

Commitment Weekend will focus on the Saints of Good Shepherd: Part 2 – we highlight the more internal ministries (and really all ministries) where people are serving in roles at Mass, small group faith sharing, fall cleanups, committees, commissions, etc.

Nov 25/26, Dec 2/3, Dec 9/10 and Dec 16/17

Follow up after pledge cards are given to challenge where God might be calling parishioners to be saints of Good Shepherd in renewing their commitment to a ministry or participating in a new opportunity for the year.

- Tammy gave an update for Pastoral Care

- Christmas cards for parishioners
- Bereavement support is being revamped
- Pastoral care numbers are dwindling: Try to do things to grow that group
 - See Tammy's email

Prayer and Worship	Christian Formation Didn't meet in September	Human Concerns
<u>Stewardship</u>	Pastoral Care (Waiting on Minutes)	

Items From the Floor:

Tammy Hernke will do the Pre-Mass opening introductions on Saturday, October 14th and-Craig Tautges will talk on October 15th at Sunday's morning mass. The suggested agenda items for next month are for us to Plan Town Hall Dates for 2024 and Check with the church calendar.

- Last year it was mostly pictures and stories
- [GalileeU Schedule](#)
- Bulletin Articles needed:

Open Discussion

Ron Leonhardt and a delegation are going to El Salvador. They have 5 people in the delegation. The group is Leaving October 26th and coming back November 1st. They will stay with residents and community members, visit historical Catholic sites such as St. Romero's tomb and the cathedral. It will be a pilgrimage in many ways

There will be a blessing on October 21st and 22nd of the delegation at the end of Mass.

Closing Prayer - Deacon Sandy

Next Meeting: November 6, 2023

Prayer Leader - Ryan Goss

Important Dates:

- Sept. 13, 20, 27 & Oct. 4 - 6:30 - 8:00 on Zoom** - Reset the Table
- October 16th** - 6:30 PM, Deanery Meeting @ St. Luke's Parish (Lisa and Bill to attend)
- October 26th - November 01** - Delegation to El Salvador
- October 31st** - All Souls Day Mass of Anticipation
- December 3rd** - First Sunday of Advent
- December 7th** - Immaculate Conception Mass of Anticipation

Agenda Items for next month: