

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Agenda
August 3, 2026, 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.”

2025/2026 Goals: *"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:	☒ Adam Olig ☒ Victor Dione ☒ Cathy Wessolowski	☒ Jeff Olson ☒ Jenny Grieb ☒ John Tabor	☐ Patrick Young ☒ Kim Regent-Smith ☒ Tom Hushek	☒ Fr. Brian Mason ☒ Dan Nimmer ☒ Alice Hungerford
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Agenda	Minutes allotted	Notes
1. Opening a. Welcome: Adam b. Opening prayer: Fr. Brian c. June minutes approved via email	5	Meeting minutes need 2 people to approve. If changes need to be made, minutes will be resubmitted and again 2 people will need to approve.
2. Parish Pastor report: Fr. Brian Mason a. Get to know Fr. Brian b. Questions for Fr. Brian...	20	To begin, all council members present went around to give a brief synopsis of our lives to introduce ourselves to Fr. Brian. a. Fr Brian then gave us a brief summary of his life. He is excited to learn all about Good Shepherd and how we do things here. He expressed interest in learning how we do things and sharing his ideas along the way. He is using the council as his advisory. -Fr Brian will keep us up to date as far as parish structures and changes in the dioceses. As of right now Fr. does not know of any changes or mergers in our future.

		b. One council member asked Fr. Brian's opinions on the changes we are seeing in the church and if he has any insights into what the future holds. Fr. discussed the changes the church has gone through the last 80 years. And the differences he sees in the younger generation. He expresses that he has not come here to make sweeping changes to Good Shepherd, but rather, he is here to become an integral part of what Good Shepherd already is. -Fr. Will be officially installed on Sunday, September 6th by Arch Bishop Grob followed by a reception. Council members are all encouraged to attend.
3. Council discussion: All c. Review Mission statement to set our vision for the coming year d. 2025/2026 Goal Review i. Goals were set in 2021, we are overdue to update goals. Based on Strategic planning Reference file, Strategic planning power point.pptx ii. 2026 Good Shepherd survey results should greatly help us generate ideas for setting new goals. e. Process to set Goals for 2025/2026 i. Set in discussion with all members in meeting? ii. Form sub-committee to review and set new goals?	20	Joan Plumley visited tonight to discuss items she would like to see included in this year's church goals. -She would like to see more done to meet the needs of young adults. For example, more opportunities for them to share their faith. She would like to see small groups based on current interests (ie, social media, pod casts.) Joan believes that Fr. Brian would be a good fit for getting this initiative off the ground. -Joan would also like more done in the area of caring for God's creation. She stated that there are some things already in place at Good Shepherd with our partnership with Capusine people, our community garden, our work with St. Bens, etc.. However, she would like to see more. Some ideas she gave were... -solar panels -less plastic spoons, cups, plates -New (more efficient) windows -Joan also mentioned Bruce Varick, The Archdiocese director of Safety. He will

		be holding a meeting Wednesday, Sept. 16 at St. Sebastians 6:30-8:30pm regarding safety in the church. His email is: Varickb@archmil.org C. Adam Olig brought our attention to the Mission Statement above. He stated that when asked, most parishioners expressed that they are happy with this mission statement. Fr. asked us to consider a shorter statement that could easily be recited/remembered. B. It was suggested that the Council members all review the parish planning and survey results to familiarize ourselves with that information to help discuss setting up new goals. -i. Adam read off 2025-26 goals. Council briefly discussed: 1. What our interpretation is of a 'vibrant mass.' 2. What the current makeup of our parish is. We do not have that data right now. (Deacon Sandy may have this data.) 3. Creating more measurable goals. E. We will revisit setting new goals for this year during the next couple of meetings. Liaisons are reminded to send our Contacts Brian Ramsey to get emails of all the Chairs of Commissions. He will remind the chairs to send their notes to Kim Regent-Smith. When I, Kim, get the notes I will forward those emails to council members.
4. Finance Council update: Jeff	10	Jeff Olson shared the following update from the Finance Council:

		• The 42K January operating deficit came down to approximately 8K at the end of June. • We prepaid the \$36K fiscal year '26-'27 archdiocesan assessment in June. This was done as part of our '26-'27 budgeting process. • The new HVAC work was postponed to after the August 2026 corn roast. • Mark your calendars for November 1. We are planning to hold the 25'-26 fiscal year finance townhall meeting after the 9:30am mass. • We will be meeting with the financial advisory next week. At this meeting we will be looking at the future direction of the Eschweiler Reserve accounts.
5. Commissions update f. Prayer and Worship: Jenny Grieb g. Human concerns: Cathy Wessolowski & Tom Hushek h. Christian Formation: Kim Regent-Smith i. Stewardship: Victor Dione	20	f. Prayer and worship Committee : • Discussed questions they had for fr. Brian. • Discussed the new church projectors as well as new AEDs and Narcan. • There will be no meetings in July or August. Fr. added that there was a conversation about putting a screen up that Fr. Brian can easily see from the pulpit. (Maybe on one of the pillars.) g. Human concerns : • The Justice Action Ministry is hoping to get a speaker on the History of Immigrant Justice and Sanctuary in Milwaukee. There will be Chocolate and other goods sold after mass to raise funds. • Deacon Gene outreach: Anti human trafficking: a night planned on August 4th. • Ellacuria ministry: A new well has been completed. Just waiting on final plumbing to get it up and running.

		• Next meeting October 12th. h. Christian Formation: • No meeting was held in July. • Next meeting will be held on August @6pm. Stewardship Committee: • No meeting this week.
6. Council housekeeping j. Next meeting: Normally scheduled for first Monday, September 7, 7:00 pm, Mary of Magdala Chapel – this is Labor Day i. Alternate date?? k. Pick up and drop off Patrick: l. September opening prayer leader m. Suggested agenda items for next month? n. Pre-mass: August 15/16 o. Take new PC Member portraits to send to Bryan Ramsey for Parish website PC page	10	j. Next Month's meeting will be moved to Monday, September 14th due to Labor Day. k. Dan Nimmer will pick up and drop off Patrick. l. Opening prayer will be handled by Fr. Brian every meeting going forward. m. Talk about goals more in depth. n. Premass August 15: 4:30pm: August 16: 9:30am: Tom Hushek
7. Closing prayer: Fr. Brian Mason	5	

Action items	Person(s) Responsible
Review Strategic Planning power point and survey results	All
Send your email to Bryan Ramsey to send on to the Commission Chairs	Commission Liaisons (Kim,Victor,Jenny, Cathy & Tom)