



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

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**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2024
6:30 pm
Multi-purpose Room at Sacred Heart Office**

Present: Fr. Steve Garner, Fr. Jeff Frieden, Ben Schroeder, Kate Heitz, Jeff Jochum, Tim Scheller, Brooke Pfeiffer, Terry Pape, Raegan Reid. Absent: Becky Seymour, Jen Hayes, John Kruse, and Joe Heston

6:30pm – Meeting began with prayer by Fr. Steve.

Fr. Steve reminding everyone that the pastoral council meetings have been moved from the fourth Thursday of the month to the fourth Monday of the month.

Pastoral Council minutes from 9-26-24 were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report for November was presented and reviewed. Fr. Steve highlighted a few things from the report:

-Vitality Goals

-Service to Others—2nd on the 2nd collections raised about \$1,000 for Dubuque County Right to Life. Call to Share for the Archdiocese was held on Oct 19th and 20th. K.C.'s Coasts for Kids Program in our parish will run for a couple more weeks (until the middle of November). All are encouraged to keep the victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton in our prayers.

-Sense of Belonging—Still no word on the completion of the Pictorial Directory. We are hoping before Christmas. New parishioner Gathering was held on Oct. 20th (very lightly attended—of 10 new families, only 1 showed up for the event.)

-The Mass—We are continuing to promote the series “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church” by Bishop Cozzens through FORMED.

-Upcoming events

-RE program kicked off Reconciliation Sacramental preparation with a session for parents and students on Oct 23rd.

-Evangelization Committee will be sending out Care Packages in November for those who graduated from High School and are attending their first year of college or military service.

-On Nov. 1st, we will be hosting our “Trunk or Treat” event at Holy Ghost Church parking lot

-On Nov 2nd we will be hosting on All Souls Day our Mass of Remembrance for those families in our parish who have lost a loved one this past year from our parish.

-One of the programs several of our committees will be reviewing and working on is the *Framework for Adult Evangelization and Formation*.

Committee highlights from their meeting minutes that were presented:

-Faith Formation –(September and October meeting minutes) Election of officers: Beth Kennedy will serve as chairperson, Karen Roth will serve as vice-chairperson, and Renee Gorman will continue to serve as secretary. Discussed more user-friendly materials for students and will be looking at switching from Loyola Press materials to St. Mary's Press. Discussed prayer partners for Confirmation students. We have 93 students enrolled in our RE program, 14 students enrolled in our home school program and 6 children in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program. Reviewed *Framework for Adult Evangelization and Formation* program. Reviewed ongoing programs in the parish (That Man Is You, Women of Worth, OCIA Sessions, Cards to the Nursing Homes and Homebound.

-Parish Life –(October meeting minutes) Post cards for the New Parishioner Bruch went out on Oct 20th. Work continues in preparation for "Trunk or Treat event for Nov 1st at Holy Ghost, and for Mass of Remembrance which will be held on Nov 2nd at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart.

-Evangelization Committee—(October meeting minutes) Election of officers: Leslie Foley will serve as chairperson, Kris Hahn will serve as vice-chairperson, and Raegan Reid will serve as secretary. Reviewed *Framework for Adult Evangelization and Formation* program pages 1 through 4. Discussed encouraging adults who have fallen away from their faith. Reviewed and discussed the May event at our parish by Matt Selby. It was a lot of information to take in. Lots of helpful information and we are excited for the possibilities and working through the *Framework for Adult Evangelization and Formation* program. We recommend all the committees review and discuss question #4 of page 14 of the program booklet. We discussed and will continue to work on completing the Care Packages program and calls to parishioners, package contents and supply list. We will look at putting the packages together at our next meeting on Nov. 26th.

-Liturgy Committee—(October meeting minutes) Upcoming weddings—one scheduled for Dec. 14th. Anointing of the Sick is planned for weekend Masses on Nov. 9th and 10th. Discussed preparation for All Saints Day Masses and Mass of Remembrance on Nov. 2nd. There is a new translation of the OCIA (formally called RCIA). Fr. Jeff will advise of the dates for the various Rites and Scrutiny's for this program. Review of Christ the King liturgies, Advent and Christmas decoration Guidelines, Christmas Mass liturgies and sign-ups. Review of Liturgical Ministries training. New business: Does the committee need a chairperson? Discussion of livestreaming Masses and other liturgical events. Need to get more committee members and members to represent Holy Trinity and Sacred Heart.

-Social Justice – (No meeting minutes to report)

-Finance—Jeff Johcum reviewed with the council the P & L report and balance sheet and discussed some of the projects and review of building and ground needs moving forward. The parish overall is holding its own. We will be looking at paying down our debt by \$5,000 in December.

-Holy Family Schools – October Report to Parish Leadership was provided for committee members to review.

Fr. Steve then presented the committee with a brief overview of the Archdiocese DMI planning effort which will include surveys for parishioners to fill out. More information on this program will be forthcoming.

Committee then moved on to review and discuss the Introduction and pages 5 & 6 (What is the Gospel?) from the *Framework for Adult Evangelization and Formation*. We discussed and shared a bit with our responses to the questions offered on page 6 of the booklet.

Closing prayer was offered by Fr. Steve and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: January 27, 2025