



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, 7-8:30pm

In attendance:

Members: Lea Kammerer, Jeff Hoppe, Eva Hansen, Ralph Johnson, Marie Olaes, Todd Briguët,

Staff: Fr. Brian, Bryan Collins

Trustees:

Opening Prayer

- I. PPC Membership –
 - a. We have 12 potential candidates that we will reach out to over the next week for more discussion.
- II. Interest in renting the church for weddings and various other events has decreased drastically but is still viable. Vote result of 6-0 among the PPC members to continue actively selling this service.
- III. SET Initiative/Update
 - a. We are always looking for SET membership.
- IV. Parish Administrator Report
 - a. Loan re-financing on May 12th, 2025.
 - b. We are continuing to develop the budget.
 - c. April 27th there will be an estate planning seminar.
- V. Commission Updates
 - a. Parish Life.
 - i. 55+ sponsored the replacement of the water heater.
 - ii. Circle of Friends - Gerten cards will start to be sold April 26/27.
 - iii. Men's Club - Pancake breakfast on April 6. Men's club sponsored the replacement of the new mower/tractor.
 - iv. Parish appreciation event on July 31st.
 - b. Pastoral Care.
 - i. Prayer shawls will be distributed at all three Masses the weekend of April 5th and 6th.
 - ii. "Family of the Deceased" letter was sent out to all families who have lost a loved one during the past year. They also received information on "Growing Through Loss" which is an interdenominational series designed to help families heal after a loss. The March series just finished at St. Thomas Becket and another one begins September through October of this year.
 - iii. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church begins "Healing After Loss" which will run April through May. We are in the process of getting more information about that series. Perhaps Saint Patrick's Church could host a "Growing Through Loss" series in the future?
 - iv. Timber Hills has reached out to Father Brian inviting him to an April 10th discussion on the various levels of support they offer to their residents. Others on our Commission may also call to reserve a spot to gather more information.

- v. Father Brian has received a lovely prayer to be read when visiting loved ones at the cemetery. We reviewed the prayer and agreed that it should be copied and added to the "Care Notes" kiosk in the gathering space.
- c. Administration.
 - i. Parish census will occur this fall.
 - ii. Volunteer appreciation event July 31st.
 - iii. There will be an easel on stage during donut Sunday to advertise the ministry of the month. There will also be an announcement in the bulletin for the ministry of the month.
 - iv. We are getting the word out for divine mercy Sunday April 27th.
 - v. Faucet replaced in Women's rest room.
 - vi. Lift needed to replace light over alter.
 - vii. Considering new storage shed at cemetery.
 - viii. New cemetery brochures.
- d. Faith Formation.
 - i. Not all children of registered families in the parish are attending Faith Formation.
 - ii. We are registering kids for Fall of 2025.
 - iii. Butter braid fundraiser profited \$2,239.60
 - iv. Confirmation 2 retreat at Church on 3/29 went well. Perfect attendance 100%
 - v. Egg Hunt on April 13th.
 - vi. Youth Action Committee will plan events for the summer on May 21st.
- e. Social Justice.
 - i. Discussion on changing the name of the commission from "Social Justice" to "Charity and Justice".
 - ii. Governor is cutting funding to non-public education. Call his office and leave a message.
 - iii. Social Justice continues to push for a new name.
 - iv. Trying to create more interest and involvement in Mary's Garden.
- f. Worship.
 - i. Parish is considering increasing reconciliation times for the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.
 - ii. The Baptismal font in the back of church will not be used on Holy Saturday, the small one in the front will be used.
 - iii. Memorial Day Mass will be at the cemetery rain or shine.
 - iv. There will be a Liturgy of the Hours in the chapel at 8:00 AM on Holy Thursday. Article in bulletin to describe what this is.
 - v. World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be May 11th. There will be an article in the bulletin and printed article on the Worship table.
 - vi. Divine mercy Sunday will be April 27th at 2:00 PM.
 - vii. Article in bulletin about the different ways to donate for flowers and Mass intentions.

VI. Next meeting will be Tuesday May 13th 7:00 PM.

VII. Adjourn 8:20 PM.