

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14th, 2024, 7-8:45pm



Member Attendance: Andrew Hanselman, Emily LaForte, Eva Hansen, Jason Leon, Jennifer Herman, Lea Kammerer, Ralph Johnson, Todd Briguet

Staff Attendance: Fr. Brian Fier, Danika Dorame

Member Absent: Alex Leon

Opening Prayer

- I. PPC Meeting and Communications – Confirmed schedules and emails between meetings
- II. Fall Festival & Rummage-Sale Feedback
 - a. Positive feedback and participation was good, all encouraged to be a part of the wrap meeting that will be in November for feedback and 2026 ideas to the steering committee.
- III. Parish Administrator Report
 - a. Finance Council Update – Loan reduction of 50K in a few months
 - b. Census Update – 340 of 900+ forms returned so far, follow up is underway, numbers will be sent to the Archdiocese end of Oct
 - c. Pictorial Directory – low participation, options to still submit photos will be sent out, the last sitting appointments are 10/18/25.
 - d. Capital Campaign Update - \$951,900.00 so far / \$48100.00 to go for \$1M goal; Thank you gifts to participants happening in Oct.
- IV. SET Update
 - a. Reclaiming Sundays Program started 9/1/25 – info in Gathering Space and Faith Formation area- the theme this month is Prayer.
 - b. Small Groups – planning for Advent and Lent this year – Leaders needed
 - c. Next Set Meeting is 11/12/25 6pm Office
- V. Commission Updates
 - a. **Parish Life 10/7/25**
 - i. 55+ - Lunch scheduled for Oct & Nov; Fall Festival dinners went over well this year.
 - ii. Men's Club – will help with the cost of new 2 door fridge in Kitchen; Pancake Breakfast 10/26/25; there are 3 more bartending events this year.
 - iii. Circle of Friends – felt their set up at Fall Festival went well, helping with hospitality at donut Sundays and the Christmas concert in Dec.
 - iv. Franciscans – has 1 new member and another interested.
 - v. Fall Festival – final numbers will be available by the end of Oct/ early Nov; attendance was great across both days; Feedback / Wrap meeting will be 11/13/25 at 5pm in the parish office.
 - b. **Pastoral Care 10/7/25**
 - i. Homebound Eucharist Ministry – if you know of someone who needs Eucharist, contact the office.
 - ii. Nurse on site at each Mass – work with Sacristan / check in each time and aware of where they are in case of an emergency.
 - iii. Growing Through Loss – collaboration with neighboring parishes

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c. Administration 10/7/25

- i. Building & Grounds – Cemetery: Shed update. Capital Campaign: List of 2nd tier repairs to campus are being looked at now as well as our security system.
- ii. Stewardship – Parish Appreciation event going forward discussion. Donut Sundays groups have been assigned dates, Thank you books going out Oct/Nov for capital campaign, Census – calls to those who have not turned one in, numbers go to the Archdiocese the end of Oct, Pictorial Directory – wrap up first part of Oct but there will be opportunities to submit pic before it is published.

d. Faith Formation 10/7/25

- i. Whole Family Catechesis – at all parish events Reclaim The Lord's Day
- ii. Confirmation – increase parish service at Mass this year
- iii. All Saints Retreat – 10/26 & 10/29 Emerald Hall
- iv. Pre-Advent Retreat 11/16 & 11/19 Emerald Hall "Seeking the Savior" theme
- v. St Nicholas Craft Fair – 11/23 Open to the Public
- vi. Sharing the Faith Formation Program – ongoing discussion and ideas this year

e. Social Justice 10/7/25

- i. SJC ran Blanket Bingo at Fall Festival- feedback discussion
- ii. Oct Baby Needs Drive, Giving Tree and Service Opportunities in place
- iii. Ugly Quilts – meeting now, looking at visiting Listening House this year.
- iv. Visitors appeal for the return of the American Flag to the gathering space permanently by Veteran's Day 11/11/25. Discussion and next step is to find a space where the flag can be displayed with honor and respect, take those specific suggestions to the Worship Commission meeting on 11/4/25. For National Holidays we have the Flag presented by monitors.
- v. SJC is to provide PPC with more information on Corey's House before 11/11 meeting to decide if their ornaments should be part of the Giving Tree this year along with the Neighbor's and Bounty Fund Ornaments.

f. Worship 10/7/25

- i. Crucifix will go back into Shamrock Hall
- ii. 12/7/25 WC will host donut Sunday and will provide info regarding Mass, Adoration, Eucharist and Confession for Advent resources.
- iii. Christmas Concert planning – 12/13/25 6pm – open to the public and Circle of Friends will provide hospitality.
- iv. Mass of Remembrance and Arts & Environment planning

VI. Additional Topics for Ongoing Discussion this year Parish Float in IGH Days Parade and Stewardship Event 2025-26

Contact Parish Office or Commission for additional information.

Next Leadership Commission Night is Tuesday, Nov 4th at 7:00PM

Next PPC meeting will be Tuesday, Nov 11th at 7:00 PM – All are Welcome to attend!

Adjourn 8:45 PM