

SEVEN DOLORS PASTORAL COUNCIL

~ For the greater glory of God, we will do as Christ tells us. ~

PASTORAL COUNCIL

In Attendance: Tamra Storms (S), Mo Glende, Joe Wolf, Judy Parks

Ex Officio: Fr. Leo Blasi, Gloria Green

Absent: Rhonda Felderhoff

Opening Prayer - Fr. Leo Blasi

Approval of Minutes from Monday, June 17th, 2024

REPORTS

Finance Report — Mo Glende, meetings were 5/23/24 and 8/22/24

- Stacie Levendofsky provided Budget v. Actual, Profit and Loss, and Profit and Loss comparison for the estate management.
- A new sound system is being purchased for the choir loft to integrate WiFi and headsets. A bequest of \$3800 will be utilized.
- The Building Committee met with Kevin Clark and received two designs for the kitchen. The project is still out for bidding, but a decision will be coming soon. Decisions on the Parish Center are also under review.
- HVAC system in the adoration chapel is in need of being replaced. Ulises is working on seeking bids for the new system.
- A chairlift will be purchased and installed for the stairs to the basement of the budget shop in order to make it accessible by all.
- An additional member is still needed.

(The complete report is attached and becomes a permanent part of these minutes.)

Latino Liaison — Gloria Green

- Adult Ed in Spanish will no longer be held on Thursday evenings. Bible study is being held on Saturdays at 4p in the church basement with great attendance.
- Father Rafael will be coming to Saturday evening Bible study and will have Mass for the first three Sundays. Fr. Leo will have Mass the last Sunday of every month.
- Many Hispanic families are joining the Arts on the Green event on Sept 8th, 2024 with traditional Hispanic food, drink, arts, and crafts.
- Bishop Vincke has placed focus on 'Justice for Immigrants.' Justice for Immigrants is an initiative developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to create a world where immigrants, refugees, migrants, and people on the move are treated with dignity, respect, welcome and belonging. Gloria Green has been appointed as the Representative for the Diocese of Salina.
 - Sept 23rd — Sept 29th is National Migration Week. Homilies will be focused on immigration and 'Justice for Immigrants.'
 - Seven Dolores' Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration is on Sept 29th. The celebration will be focused on raising funds for KSU students of Hispanic decent that need additional help with expenses for tuition, books, and living expenses.

Commission Reports — Joe Wolf

Liturgy

- A meeting will take place soon to discuss the new Mass setting and changes Fr. Leo is putting in place.
- The side doors will no longer be locked after Mass starts.
- The sound system will be upgraded to be capable for Wi-fi and headsets for the choir.

MCS/Council of Education

- MCS has a complete teaching staff for the 2024-2025 school year. A school Nutrition Cook and Girl's Head and Assistant Basketball coaches are still needed.
- Applications for substitute teachers are being accepted. To be considered you must:
 - Complete a Certified Teacher/MCS Application
 - Have a teaching or substitute license
 - Interview with the Principal for approval
 - Complete CMG 'Safe Environment Training,' 'Establishing Appropriate Boundaries,' and a background check for Salina Diocese.
- The first day of school was August 14th. Approximately 280 students are enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Fall sports are underway for Lucky Jr. High with first meets and games approaching!
 - Cross Country meet for Lucky Jr. High is 9/10/24 at 4p in Wamego
 - Football game is on 9/5/24 at 6:30p in Hanover
 - Volleyball game is also on 9/5/24 in Hanover at 5p
 - The full schedule can be found on the MCS website at manhattancatholicschools.org
- Back to School night and Stir It Up event were held to kick off the school year.
- The 41st annual MCS auction is set for October 4th, 2024 at the STM Utopia Room. More volunteers are needed for the auction committee.
- MCS Flag Project raises over \$10,000 for the MCS PTO. Please consider volunteering in the following Sign Up Geniuses: [4th of July Sign Up Genius](#), [Labor Day Sign Up Genius](#), [Veterans Day Sign Up Genius](#).

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Catholic Formation — Gloria Green reporting

- Adult Education sessions have concluded at this time. Jenn Hinnen will return from maternity leave mid-Sept.

Parish Life — Gloria Green reporting

- The Parish Picnic will be held at the MCS playground on Sept. 22nd from 4:30 until the fun is done!
 - Parishioners will be divided alphabetically for parishioners to contribute salads, hot dishes, and desserts.
 - Activities will include bingo, cake walk, corn hole, and bounce houses.

Building and Grounds — Fr. Leo, meeting will be held 8/25/24

- The Building Committee met with Kevin Clark and received two designs for the kitchen. A decision will be coming soon, and progress on the project should be underway by year end. Decisions for the Parish Center are also under review.
- Bob's Air Conditioning and Plumbing put in the HVAC system for the Adoration Chapel.

Evangelization — Judy Parks

- SDCW now has an outreach chair for welcoming parishioners.
- Fr. Tony Stephens from Fathers of Mercy will be here the second week of Advent 2024 for the Parish Mission. The Mission will focus on Reconciliation. It is a free will offering for four nights. SDCW will host a reception.

Social Action — Tamra Storms

- Arts on the Green will be held Sept 8th, 2024 at the Green Space north of the Luckey Building. This is Seven Dolor's annual fundraiser to help those with the least and also invite others in our neighborhood to help. The 2024 beneficiary will be MART - Manhattan Area Resettlement Team. The focus of this community group aligns with Bishop Vincke's focus on Justice for Immigrants.
 - 'Many hands make light work' and the work of our hands - culinary, musical, visual, and spiritual arts - will be celebrated with many items available for purchase to benefit MART.
 - Seven Dolores and additional local community artists, musicians, bakers, and cooks will be sharing their talents.
 - Activities for all ages will be available including bounce houses, carriage rides, and children's interactive arts and crafts.

Old Business

New Business

- Vacant positions on the Pastoral Council will be appointed by Fr. Leo in the upcoming months.
- Fr. Leo is having sinus surgery Sept. 23rd, and will be taking a few days of leave after surgery.

Pastor's Comments

Announcements

Next Meeting: Monday, October 21st, 2024 @ 7p in the church basement

Closing Prayer - Fr. Leo