

PASTORAL COUNCIL – February 24th, 2025

In Attendance: Mo Glende, Joe Wolf, Hanna Coffman, Shannon Ruder, Gloria Green, Brayson Benne (Building and Grounds Committee liaison)

Ex Officio: Fr. Leo Blasi

Absent: Tamra Storms

Opening Prayer - Fr. Leo Blasi

Approval of Minutes as submitted from Monday, January 20, 2025

REPORTS

Finance Report — Mo Glende; meeting was held 01/23/25

- Consolidated things from KSSB
- Approved a portion of a gift to sit in a diocese account but the proceeds will go to other parishes in need
- Minutes from meeting are attached

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

Latino Liaison — Gloria Green

- Population for mass attendance is up, from 100-120 to 180-190
- Confirmation mass on March 8 will be bilingual
- More to follow on the Holy Week services
- Feb 16 was a Know Your Rights presentation by Nubia Estevez. Spoke about practicing your rights regarding immigration
- USCCB programs being offered
- Information is in the narthex
- Continue with bible studies with Fr Rafael on Saturdays from 4-6
- Surplus of Spanish-speaking priests in the diocese (from Bishop Vincke). We may be getting a Spanish-speaking priest here at our parish

Commission Reports

Liturgy — Joe Wolf

- Meeting was rescheduled so nothing to report
- Still need lectors and ECOM
- Working on creating forms in the office to sign up for these

MCS/Council of Education

- Music teachers are subs teaching for this semester
- Still looking for a music teacher and librarian for next year
- Confirmation and first communion coming up, lent/easter coming up

Catholic Formation — Gloria Green (interim)

- Carlos Palacios and Margaret Haug are co-directors
- Eucharistic adoration for peace (info in the bulletin and on website)
- Great catholic book study starts soon (info in the bulletin and on website)

Parish Life

- Birthday dinner on Sunday at 5. Includes cocktail hour and dinner and entertainment
- Light ticket sales this year

Building and Grounds — Brayson Benne

- Contract is approved by Bishop Vincke and is signed for the kitchen
- Moving forward with parish center and childcare center
- Working on RFQ for a contractor to build both simultaneously
- Plans to take meeting minutes and have an agenda in the future
- April 4 is plan for beginning construction in the basement

Evangelization — Fr. Leo (interim)

- Primary focus is the bible studies, who can meet at the parish or in people's homes
- Encourage all to join one or start one yourself
- Reach out to Fr Leo for ideas or inspiration

Social Action

- Meeting the week before last
- Arts on the Green being pushed to the spring of 2026 (April)
- Pilgrim Bread March 14 or 15th

Seven Dolors Catholic Women — Hanna Coffman

- The Secretary position was filled
- Continuing to work on rewriting the SDCW bylaws
- A winter Bible Study is ongoing. Plans to have 2 spring studies, with one morning and one evening option
- Pre-Lenten evening upcoming on Monday March 3

Old Business

• Nominations were received for the Pastoral Council by Parish members. The new Pastoral Council members will join the council at the next meeting in April.

New Business

- Estimate of up to \$360,000 for the kitchen renovation

Pastor's Comments

- Lent is later this year
- Looking to form a food pantry board

Announcements

Next Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2025 @ 7p – location to be determined

Closing Prayer - Fr. Leo