



Committee Mission - Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will do God's Will by fulfilling our parish mission and making a salvific impact in our community.

St. John  
THE Baptist  
CATHOLIC PARISH

# Pastoral Council

**August 18, 2022~ 6:30-8:00 pm ~ The Narthex**

**Attendees:** Diana Ball, Fr. Jim, Michelle Malone, Eric Nelson, Ashley Redmond, Bob Charles, Tim McAllister, Becky Bond, Sarah Wulf

**Absentees:** Sara Thomson, Michelle Nowak, Mary Hanson, Gary Lockstein

## Agenda Items

Topic	Presenter	Time allotted (range)
<input type="checkbox"/> Opening Prayer	Diana Ball	3 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/> Approval July, 2022 minutes Motion to approve from Eric Nelson and seconded by Michelle Malone All approved	All	1 minute
<input type="checkbox"/> Parish Staff updates Updates From Ruth: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jenn Garcia is continuing the caring connection calls. Calls are being made to parish members who are 65 years old and up.</li> <li>They started sending cards to those that lost loved ones. They are receiving positive feedback.</li> <li>Jenn/Ruth attended "Catholic Social Teachings" seminar at the Shrine on 8/10/22.</li> <li>CHRP picnic on 8/28/22 at Calavera Park. Would love for council members to stop by for a hamburger or hot dog.</li> <li>Ruth is in talks with two individuals about: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Activities: Lunch and Conversation one time per month for 55+.</li> <li>Monthly bereavement support group one time per month. Day/time TBD. This would be in addition to a 5 week support group that Ruth runs Oct 6-Nov 3.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Diana, Sarah W, Fr. Jim	15 minutes

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed my Starving Children Cookie Sale will be 9/10/22-9/11/22. \$.25 = a meal for a hungry child.</li> <li>• Ministry Fair is 10/23/22 in conjunction with the Pancake Porkie Breakfast.</li> <li>• New member luncheon will be 10/30/22.</li> <li>• Connecting with Christ Parish Retreat will be 12/10/22 – Mother Mary Catherine will be the guest speaker.</li> </ul> <p>Parish staff updates – Sarah W:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The summer has been spent doing retreats. Trying to work on bringing staff back together with all the changes they have gone through. Today was a fun day with a Scavenger hunt. Throughout the hunt, they had to send pictures / videos. Kayla pulled together a PowerPoint that they were all able to watch. One item was to find a random person and have them say: God is good all the time.</li> <li>• Faith Formation: Catechist/Mentor night was last night and this past Sunday night. The evening started with Jesus and adoration. The group had the opportunity to write a prayer for the year. Positive feedback from the Parish Council members who attended.</li> <li>• They were trying to hire a Coordinator of Confirmation but that wasn't working out. Katie Westhoven got creative and contacted Leah Kramer. Leah is a teacher in Howard/Suamico who volunteered to assist. Since she is a volunteer we won't have to pay her a salary. She will help with Confirmation yr 2. Katie will create the curriculum and Leah will run Sunday nights. Rob has stepped in and will be taking on Confirmation yr 1.</li> <li>• Blessfest – Any Parish Council member interested in contributing towards the basket Diana is putting together can pay her. Some of the Packers items Diana purchased are stadium chairs, a table, drink cups, cooler, blanket, cheesehead, and snack bowls. Diana also purchased a statue of Mary and Joseph and she will be getting a gift card to Lodge Kohler. Due to the size of our basket, it may be split up to raise more money. A question was asked if there will be seed money for next year versus having people donate. That is not the plan as the event is a parish event and they are asking the parish to put it on. Tags will be created for each committee basket that explains what the committee is. Christian Women have developed a brochure so they are putting that brochure in their basket.</li> </ul> <p>Parish Council is responsible for Bingo. Bob will be the caller. Bingo will be in the narthex from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Cost is three cards for \$1. Diana will be sending additional info along with a signup sheet.</p>		
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	There will be a lot of Blessfest this weekend. Sarah will be talking at all the masses, Fr. Jim will talk about it during the homily, it is service weekend and Sister will be talking about St. Vincent DePaul.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>COT (Campus Optimization Team), Pastoral Updates</p> <p>COT: The group of twelve parish members will work with the Samuels Group between July and Dec 2022. They meet every 2 weeks. They are refining and reprioritizing the projects and will present the next steps in the one by One campaign. The information that will be presented will be based on changing conditions at the parish and the economy.</p> <p>Members of the group include: Dan Roarty (Samuels Group), Fr. Jim, Sarah Wulf, Bill Wulf, Jeff Taylor, Becky Bond, Diana Ball, Paul Patterson, Drew Mulloy, Kylie Rogers, Joel Johnson, Verne Vandenberg and Julie Schmitz.</p> <p>Focus has shifted to new buildings versus repurposing. Initial floor plans have been discussed and basically agreed upon. Fr. distributed draft copies of what the proposed new buildings would look like. One was for a one story parish office, another for a new one story parish commons and the third a new two story building to accommodate both the parish office and the parish commons. The architect did state the current quotes for construction projects are coming in 40% higher than prior to the pandemic.</p> <p>Toward the end of the COT process they will also include the parish land (Nature Area) that includes the wetlands, flood plain and pond area. A landscape architect has been hired to develop this plan and a separate Buildings and Grounds subcommittee is working with him. The plan will be integrated into the final Campus plan. The costs for this architect were donated by a Building and Grounds member. The vision is to use the hay field for athletics. It is a flood plain but if there was the appropriate drain tile it would work. The Wetland space will remain natural. This is the area where the trees were removed. The goal would be to develop the pond area as community space. Possibly an amphitheater that could be used for outdoor mass, music, and Blessfest.</p> <p>There is also the possibility for a trail. The Village of Howard may be interested in putting in a trail that links to the Meadowbrook trail. The Village would be responsible for maintaining it.</p> <p>The Wetland area still has brush piles that need to be burned and stumps that need to be ground up. Looking at putting paths in but it all costs money.</p> <p>The COT will have a presentation to the parish at the end for their input. The Samuels fee is funded by the campaign.</p>	Fr. Jim	15 minutes

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	Annual meeting: Looking at having it on 11/5/22 (Saturday evening). Pizza will be served. Topics would include: Parish Council report, Finance Council report, Pastor comments, school report, budget, and more. Suggestion was to announce the date for the town hall at the annual meeting. The meetings are not highly attended. It is live streamed as well.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>PMP Next Steps</p> <p>PMP was written at an executive level so it was hard to move it forward. Becky has been working with others to try and simplify it. It is down to 2 pages. Instead of looking at 5 yrs out it is focused on 1 yr. The PMP has 4 goals which haven't changed.</p> <p>The Parish Council owns the responsibility of the PMP plan which includes reviewing it, talking about it, and explaining it to our liaison committees. The plan is to bring committee leaders back to a Parish Council meeting to help educate them on the PMP.</p>	Becky	15 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Updated Liaison committees, Explanation of Youth Board and Social Concerns</p> <p>Assignments were handed out:  Site Advisory Council – Michelle Nowak  Forerunners – Michelle Malone and Mary Hanson  Health and Wellness – Diana Ball  Youth Board – Eric Nelson  Catholic Women/Christian Mothers – Sara Thomson  Social Concerns – Ashley Redmond and Bob Charles  Trustee – Becky Bond  Finance Council – Gary Lockstein  Build and Ground – Tim McAllister</p> <p>Sarah Wulf would like to see the liaison reports again. These reports do connect back to the PMP.</p>	Diana, Sarah W	20 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diana distributed a book she purchased for everyone as a gift. The book is titled: Braving the Thin Places – Celtic Wisdom to Create a Space for Grace by Julianne Stanz. Diana attended a rest, restore and renew one day retreat in which this book was discussed. Enjoy!		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kerygma – Gospel reading, Luke 13:22-30	Becky Bond	3 minutes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Closing Prayer &amp; Wrap up</p> <p>Parish Council role this weekend – sell or pass out tickets.</p> <p>Homily will be a reverse collection – Parishioners will take a piece of paper out of the basket. Each paper has different ways to serve.</p> <p>Thur, 8/25/22 at 6:00 pm in the Narthex is the impromptu joint meeting. A representative from the Diocese will be explaining the role of the Parish Council and Finance Council. Meeting is expected to last 1-1.5 hrs.</p>	Diana Ball	3 minutes

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***Next Meeting***

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***September 8, 2022 ~ 6:30 – 8:00 ~ Narthex Michelle Malone will be taking the minutes.***

***Other Information***

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Minutes submitted by Kathy Caelwaerts

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