

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes October 2024

October 1, 2024 - The meeting was called to order in the Birch Library at 7:05PM.
Father Chuck led the opening prayer.

Members Present: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Jerry, Deacon Mike, Rick Heiland, Gloria Murray, Steve Browning, Terri Horrigan, Olusola Falodun, Robyn Jacobs, Cris Upperman, Sophia McCarthy, Brian Hennigan, Tom Davies, Don Michelli

Members Absent: Deacon John

Minutes

A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Olusola and it was second by Cris. It was approved unanimously.

Communications

There was no communication to report to the Pastoral Council.

Pastor's Report

- Because of suspicious activity around the church, the chapel will now be locked. In December, we will be installing security camera in the chapel and the parish office.
- The new doors for the church have been delivered and unfortunately, they were the wrong size and were returned. Because of this, installation has been delayed.
- Our biggest fundraiser of the year, "Christmas in the Country" is in the planning stages and will take place on Saturday, November 9th.
- Next year's parish picnic is scheduled to take place on September 14, 2025. Because everyone enjoyed the DJ this year, it has been decided to book him for next year's picnic. Gloria Murray volunteered to handle this reservation (Epic Events).

Education Committee – Presented by Terri Horrigan

Elementary Religious Education – Stacy Wright

- Faith Formation begins on September 29, 2024.
- Sacramental Prep parent meeting was held on Sunday, September 22nd.

Youth Ministry – Kevin Parker/Presented by Sophia McCarthy

- Young Adult (YA) Boot Camp was on September 28th. There were nine people in attendance, and they went over expectations, group assignments, and planning for the upcoming year.
- On September 29th, there was "Worthy of the Call" training. Five YA's (including Sophia McCarthy) received this training.
- On September 29th there was a Kick-off and Potluck meeting. The CORE team had a meeting with all the parents, and the YA's brought the kids outside for games and bonding.
- The Fall retreat is scheduled for November 22nd-24th.

Adult Education – Carolyn Nolan

- OCIA (formerly RCIA) – has 5 participants (2 catechumens for baptism, and 2 candidates and 1 person renewing her understanding of the faith).
- Devine Mercy class started September 18th and we have 44 attendees.

- Continue to form parents in baptism preparation and engaged couples for marriage preparation.

Finance Committee – Presented by Don Michelli

- The annual report will be in flock notes and a hard copy will be available at the back of the church after the October 5th and 6th weekend Masses.
- Fr. Chuck will be presenting a stewardship message during the October 13th and 14th Masses.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Oct 28th

Health and Safety Committee – Presented By Rick Heiland

- The Health and Safety committee discussed ways to improve the parking for disabled people during weekend masses. Nothing was planned and will be continued at future meetings.
- A parish safety plan was discussed, and the final plan will be sent to Fr. Chuck for approval.
- The parish applied for the FEMA grant for the upcoming year, but didn't meet qualifications and was denied.
- The next meeting is scheduled for December.

Liturgy Committee – Presented by Gloria Murray

- The current goals of the Liturgy committee have been reviewed and are as follows:
 - Continue to find ways to direct the parish to a greater reverence at Liturgy by increased parishioner participation using singing, prayer, and spoken responses in keeping with our goal of reclaiming our Sundays and other liturgical moments as sacred to the Lord.
 - Recruit and build stronger Liturgical Ministries.
 - Develop annual training and enrichment for all liturgical ministries.
- All Saints Day Masses this year are Friday, November 1st, 8:00 am & 7:00 pm. All Souls Day falls on a Saturday this year. It will be celebrated at 8:00 AM that day. Our commemoration of those who have died over the past year will be celebrated on MONDAY, Nov. 4th at 7:00 PM. This will be a Communion Service, as Fr. Chuck will be at the priest convocation. Deacons John & Mike will preside. As we did last year & the year before, we plan to invite the families of those who passed on between Sept. 2023 – Sept. 2024 to attend Mass. Deacon John or Deacon Mike will read their names after the homily and a candle will be lit in honor of each loved one and placed in a flower box with sand in it. Sherri Slattery will email invitations to the families in early October, & call those with no email info.
- Mass on Mon., 12/9 (Immaculate Conception). Because the Holy Day falls on a Sunday, it must be abrogated to Monday so that the 2nd Sunday of Advent can be observed. When abrogated, it is no longer a Holy Day of Obligation. Fr. Chuck still would like music and ministers for this liturgy. It will be celebrated in the church at 7:00 PM.
- Holy Hour/Prayer Service/Adoration: We are continuing this Holy Hour to pray the Novena Prayer for the Constitutional Amendment up until the election. The Holy Hour may continue after that if Fr. feels there are enough people attending to warrant the continuation.
- First Reconciliation will be on Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 10 am:
- Thanksgiving Day Mass will be on Thursday, Nov. 28th at 9:00 am:
- Christmas Eve late Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 PM (down from 11:00 PM last year & Midnight 2 years ago).
- Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM (SAME as last year.)
- Solemnity of Mary (New Year's): Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation will be Tues., 12/31/24 (Vigil) at 5:00 pm, and Wed., 1/1/25 at 9:00 am. This time was changed to 9:00 am last year and will remain at this time.

- Epiphany: Vigil on Sat., 1/6/24 at 5 pm & Sun., 1/7/24 Masses – normal (8 & 11 am)

Maintenance Committee – Bryan Hennigan

- Masonry posts and walls of the church deck have been pressure washed by Larry Riggs, Brian Hennigan and Doug Koch.
- The carpet in the narthex of the church will be replaced in the near future.
- The wood flooring in Sullivan Hall needs attention and estimates are being made.
- The north parking lot also needs work, and estimates will be given for work and cost proposals.

Social Concerns Committee – Presented by Robyn Jacobs

- To date, the coat campaign is successful in raising \$10,260. This will purchase a total of 589 coats.
- Blessing Bags campaign totals \$1300, and 200 bags will be made.
- The next meeting is scheduled for November 21st.

Vocations Committee – presented by Steve Browning

- Nothing to report
- Deacon Shadrik's ordination will be June 21st at 10:00 am at Cathedral Mary Our Queen

Planning Committee

- Nothing to report

Welcome Home Committee - Dcn. Jerry

- Nothing to report

Old Business

- The Parish Picnic was a tremendous success. There were approximately 225 people in attendance. Using a larger moon bounce this year and adding ice cream and a DJ was a special treat.

New Business

- Christmas in the Country – The vendors are sold out, food is in the process of being ordered, and volunteers are being scheduled.
- There will be no Pastoral Council meeting in November, our next meeting will be December 3rd.
- Planning day meeting will be either Saturday March 1st or 8th. The actual date will be decided at the December meeting.

Adjournment

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Olusola and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. Deacon Jerry led the closing prayer.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held in the Birch Library on December 3rd, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Approved by the Council at its December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Horrigan,
Secretary

