



Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 8, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Blessed Sacrament Parish

Present: Fr. Tim Hoag, Fr. Robert Kinyon, Bill Colson (President), Mary Ireland, Pat Moran, Emily Herrera, Liz Murphy, Dave Raml, Wendy Honeycutt, Tony Ohlmacher, Quincy Kjerstad, Rick MacDonald

Absent: Ashley Bradsky-Hunsaker, Ian Kopriva

Recording Secretary: Evan Ireland, Parish HR & Communications Director

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Bill Colson.

Introductions and Welcome:

- The council officially welcomed Quincy Kjerstad and Liz Murphy, noting that the council is now fully staffed.
- Council members and clergy briefly introduced themselves, sharing personal backgrounds and connections to the parish.

Approval of November Meeting Minutes:

- Emily Herrera suggested amending the wording under "Feedback on Renovation Progress" from "positive impressions" to simply "impressions" to reflect a balanced or mixed reception among parishioners.
- Bill Colson requested a vote to approve the minutes with the amendment; Dave Raml moved to vote and Rick McDonald seconded.
- The minutes with requested amendment were unanimously approved by all present voting members.

Core Values and Anchors Discussion:

- Dave Raml led a review of the parish's core values (sacrificial openness, invested in loving) and anchors (reverent worship, formation and discipleship, Christ-centered community).
- Members shared examples of these in action within the parish.

Liaison Assignments Update:

- The council reviewed and updated the liaison list to ensure coverage of key parish groups and ministries.
- Assignments include:
 - Finance Council: Quincy Kjerstad (attend meetings as needed, at least annually, to review anchors and mission alignment).
 - Service Ministries (e.g., St. Vincent de Paul, jail ministry, Hellman ministry): Liz Murphy.

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- Bible Studies (e.g., Jane Katie's, Mothers' Bible Study, Deb Frederick's, Browns group): Pat Moran (introduce as council liaison, check for concerns or praises, review anchors).
- Restoration/Renovation/Capital Campaign: Bill Colson.
- Liturgy: Quincy Kjerstad.
- Parish Leadership Team: Dave Raml.
- Other existing liaisons remain unchanged.
- Liaisons are encouraged to meet with groups at least annually to audit alignment with anchors (e.g., reverent worship, formation/discipleship, Christ-centered community) and discuss growth plans.
- Fr. Tim Hoag emphasized the parish's mission: facilitating encounters with Christ, empowering relationships with Him, and ensuring all groups are "swimming in the same direction" toward growth rather than stagnation.

Lay Testimonials for Annual Parish Appeal:

- Fr. Tim Hoag requested 2-3 minute lay witness talks at Masses on January 18 and 25, focusing on why families love and choose Blessed Sacrament Parish (not tied to giving or the renovation).
- Talks will occur during announcements, with clergy introducing the appeal context.

Prayer and Fasting Proposal:

- Mary Ireland proposed that the council (and potentially the parish) engage in prayer and fasting to support the parish, priests, community, and address broader chaos/anxiety in the world and Church.
- Emphasis on personal sacrifice (aligning with core values), Eucharistic fasting (e.g., one-hour fast before Mass), and penitential practices (e.g., abstaining from meat on Fridays).
- Suggestions: Start privately; tie into Lent/Ash Wednesday; reference resources like the "21 Days with Daniel" challenge.
- The council agreed to revisit a formalized proposal at the next meeting (Mary Ireland to prepare details, non-binding).

Parish Festival Update:

- The festival will remain on the second Saturday in August to align with work days and avoid rally conflicts.
- Include a bulletin/pulpit announcement soon to allow for planning.

Placing Christ at the Center Construction & Transition Update:

- Bill Colson reported on the transition team (12 members, two meetings held): Planning Mass relocation to the hall during renovation (e.g., adoration in a separate room, setup for 400 seats, coordination with clergy).
- Anticipated construction start: Potentially delayed beyond September 2026; team will adapt as needed.
- Funerals: Coordinate with Cathedral during renovation; weddings elsewhere as usual.
- Fr. Tim Hoag provided renovation timeline:
 - Construction documents: Pricing expected soon; Finance Council approval needed; 3-4 months to produce (target mid-April 2026).
 - Bidding: 4-6 weeks post-documents (target June 2026).

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- Diocesan/Holy See approval: Required for >\$2.5M project; aim for pre-August 2026 (Vatican vacation period).
- Materials ordering: Before June price increases.
- Work days: Plan around parish festival; remove pews/statues/crucifix (volunteer-led); potential giveaway to other diocesan parishes.
- Fundraising: Raised \$5.1M from 388 donors; need ~\$1M more. Restart campaign efforts: Donor dinners, outreach to untapped parishioners (1,200 weekend attendees).
- Naming opportunities: Offer first to current donors (e.g., pews at \$6,000 each, saints' statues, altar, baptismal font, tabernacle); plaques for recognition (e.g., "Please pray for..."). Foundational donors listed on a central sign.

Parishioner Feedback:

- Tony Ohlmacher: Inquiry about Adoration Chapel becoming a choir room (confirmed for cost savings; tabernacle moves to church for adoration there).
- Security concerns: Discussion of an unsettling individual at Christmas Mass; need for more organized/proactive security team (e.g., visible presence, marked members, coordination with police). Current team includes vetted individuals; Chris Grant leading improvements.
- Card group: Noise during Mass (e.g., singing secular songs); addressed by relocating post-renovation (hall becomes daily Mass chapel). Rumor of cancellation debunked; group will find alternate space/time.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Tim Hoag led the council in a closing prayer.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM.

Next Meeting: 6:30 PM, 12 February 2026