



BLESSED SACRAMENT

CHURCH

An Encounter with Christ

Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Blessed Sacrament Parish

Present: Fr. Tim Hoag, Bill Colson (President), Mary Ireland, Ian Kopriva, Pat Moran, Ashley Bradsky-Hunsaker, Emily Herrera, Liz Murphy

Absent: Dave Raml, Wendy Honeycutt, Tony Ohlmacher

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.

Approval of September/October Meeting Minutes:

- Minor edits were noted: change “elevator” to “lift” for the choir loft accessibility device.
- Pat Moran highlighted the positive idea from prior minutes of involving teenagers in hospitality ministries and exploring a “Catholic merit badge” style program (points for Rosary, Wednesday dinners, volunteering, etc.) to encourage youth engagement.
- Due out from prior meeting: Assign a Head of Hospitality (still open).
- Bill Colson requested a vote to approve the minutes; Mary Ireland moved to vote and Ashley Bradsky-Hunsaker seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by all present voting members.

Reports and Discussion:

Welcome New Member

- The council warmly welcomed Liz Murphy as the newest member of the Pastoral Council. Members introduced themselves, and Liz briefly shared her background (12 years in the parish, convert to Catholicism, nurse by profession, active in sacristan and other ministries).
- One remaining open position on the council was noted. Suggestions for filling it are welcome.
- Bill Colson proposed inviting Arianne (Ari) Ireland to fill the vacancy. Members expressed support. Emily Herrera will first follow up with the Kjerstad family regarding their interest; if they decline, the council will extend an invitation to Ari.

Parish Leadership Team (PLT) Update – Dave Raml (absent)

- Continuing focus on the parish mission, core values, and anchors, and how these should shape Bible studies, small groups, and all activities to facilitate an Encounter with Christ.
- Current PLT theme: “No One Falls Through the Cracks” – emphasis on welcoming, hospitality, and outreach.
- Extensive discussion on revitalizing hospitality and welcoming efforts:
- Need for a chairperson and committee to lead a broader welcoming/hospitality ministry (beyond liturgical hospitality).

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- Ideas included monthly phone-athons to check in with registered parishioners, training volunteers on outreach scripts and sensitive conversations, creating a comprehensive resource guide/flowchart of parish programs and ministries, integrating the parish app more fully, and encouraging personal invitations at Mass and events.
- Youth engagement: Pat Moran is exploring ways to involve Life Teen and middle-school students in hospitality roles, potentially with incentives (e.g., gift card contest) to build service habits and draw them closer to Christ.
- Action: Assign Head of Hospitality/Welcoming Committee (due out for next meeting).

Placing Christ at the Center Construction & Transition Update

- A transition team has been formed (members include Bill Colson – chair, Evan Ireland, Mary Ireland, Pat Moran, Arianne Ireland, and others) to plan the relocation of most parish activities to the Meeting Hall during renovation of the Sanctuary, Nave, and Narthex.
- The team held its first meeting this week; minutes are under review. Additional meetings will occur as needed between now and the anticipated start of construction (likely July 2026).
- Key logistics under discussion: storage solutions, seating up to ~400 in the hall, maintaining Wednesday programming where possible, funeral procedures, and volunteer manpower for setup/teardown (e.g., pew removal, chair arrangements).
- Council members were asked how they can assist as plans develop. General optimism was expressed that the disruption will be manageable and may even boost campaign giving.

[AMENDMENT] Feedback on Renovation Progress. Council members shared **positive** impressions of parishioner reception to the project thus far. Attendance trends and excitement about the future church were noted as encouraging.

Liaison Updates / Other Business. No additional liaison reports were presented.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Tim Hoag led the council in a closing prayer, lifting up parishioners facing illness, surgery, grief, and other needs, as well as giving thanks for the many active ministries and the generosity supporting the capital campaign.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

Next Meeting: January 2026 (date TBD)