

BSC PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2025

Called to order by Bill Colson at 6:30

Present: Bill Colson, Fr Tim Hoag, Fr Robert Kinyon, Emily Herrera, Ashley Bradsky-Hunsaker, Wendy Honeycutt, Ian Kopriva, and Mary Ireland

Opening Prayer and Reflection

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve made by Mary Ireland and seconded by Ashley Bradsky-Hunsaker. Motion to approve passed.

Reports

Parish Leadership Team/ Fr Tim

Dave Raml was unable to attend so Fr Tim led a discussion about our SOIL parish values

- encouraging Council members to spread the message by acknowledging our core values in others
- asking who in the parish we thought reflected those values
 - answer: Many! We have a vibrant parish community

We discussed our mission statement and the need to ensure all parish activities align with it

- We must ask our various groups and committees how they are facilitating an encounter with Christ even if it begins so simply as starting all activities with prayer

Since it has been a while since it has been done, we discussed the need to commission ministers in the various capacities in which they serve, such as lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

- Brainstorming/ capturing catechetical ideas for the bulletin
- Presenting other brilliant ideasAs of the meeting we had raised \$3.55 million dollars
 - The large majority were small donations, dispelling the rumor that a very few large donors were calling the shots

- Are at approximately 20% participation which is encouraging given that only about 35% regularly tithe
- Few people requested targeted allocations of their donations
 - Question was raised about how to handle targeted donations that pertained to Tier 2 or Tier 3 projects
- We discussed the general reception of the campaign and its purpose
 - Some negative comments persist
 - The parish's FaceBook account was temporarily filled with a lively back and forth between those who do and those who don't support the project
 - Ian Kopriva suggested we thoughtfully consider extending an invitation to the naysayers – especially those who left the parish a few years ago – to revisit Blessed Sacrament and see for themselves the many wonderful things we are now doing
- Fr Tim commented on the successful Phone-a-Thon and how it not just generated good discussions but offered direct opportunities to encourage and witness to those called who had specific needs
 - This generated the notion to consider a regular calling ministry to check in with those in our parish who feel isolated or who would otherwise welcome such an outreach
- We discussed the upcoming Commitment Weekend drive on the weekend of Sep 20 and 21
 - All parishioners will be asked to complete a pledge card whether they have already donated or not in order to keep accurate records
 - Happily noted the generous offer of an anonymous donor to contribute an additional \$300 to each of the next 100 new pledges

We discussed the need for additional Pastoral Council members as some members' terms have expired. Names of some to invite were mentioned.

Closing Prayer