

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 08, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Fr. Michael Foley, Tom Fackender, Chandra Johnson, Joe Santos, Michael Bell, Terry Hamrick
Barbara Edwards ,Kathy Gomer and Nancy Sanders

Opening:

- Michael Bell leads in Opening Prayer. Chandra Johnson leads Faith Sharing.
- Minutes approved.

Goal Teams:

(1) Disabilities – Michael Bell

- Michael shared handout on AudioFetch Express as well as a booklet which will be available for training and assisting parishioners in its used.

Goal team discussed free trial of the AuddioFetch.

Michael reports locating a rubber threshold ramp to cover rise area at one of the entrance. It is available at Amazon or Walmart for 49 dollars

- Goal team one will facilitate and solicit input and communicate through bulletin and social media. This section to be called “ Did you Know”.

Discussion on Altar Servers with disabilities being assist with a Buddy System

(2) Discipleship – Barbara Edwards

(goal is to participate and facilitate Discipleship)

Objective 1: Rescue Project

- Rescue Project: Goal team 2 reported Terri was able to schedule dates for the Rescue Project for the dates of September 10, 2025 through October 15 from 7:30 to 9:00pm

The link to the videos of the project was shared: [The Rescue Project - ACTS XXIX](https://watch.actsxxix.org/therescueproject)

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Goal team also shared the link to the free download of the companion book and link to facilitating the The Rescue Project [Run - the RESCUE project](https://rescueproject.us/run/#companionguides) (<https://rescueproject.us/run/#companionguides>)

- Goal team 2 inquired if any members from the Pastoral council would like to participate in planning the small -scale version of The Rescue Project. No food will be offered and only bottled water will be available.

Goal 2 team members Nancy, Kathy, Terri and Barb have expressed an interest in helping to facilitate the program. Looking for any additional members. Keeping it very simple.

- Question on offering online zoom to home bound?

-Recommendation s: Looking to plan now through the summer. Are there any Pastoral Council input/recommendations.

Gift Assessment -Currently on hold .Survey is being administered currently

Objective 3: Catechesis and Family Education

- Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27, 2025 – Sunday after Easter.

Stephen developed a few slides to use in church on TV monitor. Discussion on educating parishioners on Divine Mercy Sunday. Started Sunday.

- a bulletin addition added on outline of events. Detail discussion on times of events hedule.

Goal team 2 reports looking for volunteers to lead the chaplet.

- Divine Mercy Chaplet pamphlets have already been ordered per Joe.

- Goal team reports this will be the first of their project to utilize the TV screens for Catholic education. Based on feedback, we could see if this is something that we want to continue to and possibly move to a ministry? Maybe make this a possible separate goal in future if successful?

(3) Ministry Awareness – Tom Fackender

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Tom discussed the completion of The Ministry Interest Survey, which was promoted in a variety of ways prior to and during February 22-23. It was closed on March 5. Nearly all of the 126 completed surveys were collected online. The Parish Involvement Community conducted an initial review of survey results at its March 18 meeting.

Pastoral Associate, Joe Santos communicate with both survey participants and ministry leaders. An email message was sent on March 20 to all parishioners who completed the survey thanking them for their participation and informing them to expect contact from each specific ministries they expressed interest in. On March 27 each ministry leader with a list of parishioners who expressed interest in joining their ministry. Ministry leaders were asked to contact those parishioners in a timely manner. A “Best Practices” guide providing tips to ministry leaders on contacting and engaging those who express interest was distributed at the Ministry Leader Retreat.

The Parish Involvement Community sub-committee will meet to further analyze the “Talents” section of the Ministry Survey to develop a strategy for providing the gathered information to ministry leaders.

Tom discussed Goal team continue to participate in the Parish Involvement Community and the Mercy and Justice Core Community meetings. Including the following planned activities: listed below

- Relay for Life of the Big Bend on April 25, 2025. At least 20 volunteers will be required to participate in the event. Recruitment and donation solicitation activities are currently underway.

- A Full Summer Snack Pack event at Godby High School on Saturday, May 31 to pack food for hungry and food insecure children for the summer months.
 - . Good Shepherd will be providing a financial contribution toward this year’s \$40,000 goal, and will provide 20 volunteers to support the effort.

- The Garage Sale Ministry has scheduled its 2025 Summer Garage Sale for June 16-21. Donation drop off will be June 16-17, with the sale taking place in the Community Center on June 18-21.

- Good Shepherd’s annual Stuff the Truck food collection drive to support Good News Outreach’s food pantry will take place on July 12-13. .

- The next Parish Engagement Day has been scheduled for Saturday, November 22. The main activity will be another Sleep in Heavenly Peace bunk bed build, with a goal of building 50 individual beds and delivering at least 30 beds. Other activities may be planned for the day. It is on the agenda for discussion at the March Parish Involvement Community meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Soup and stations each Friday in Lent at 6:30pm.

Relay for Life on Friday, April 25, 2025 from 6:00 to 10: 00p.m at Lincoln HS

Christ Renews weekends: Women's on April 5 /6

Vacation Bible School -June 9th to June 13 th

MOGS silent auction in May needs a Beach house for a vacation Getaways

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

- Opening prayer facilitator: Kathy Gomer
- Faith sharing facilitator: Joe Santos

Pastoral Comments:

- Father Mike discussed needs for focus on engaging families
Facilities manager , Andrew Gilbert was hired

Conclusion:

- Closing Prayer: Father Mike

Adjourn: Chandra