

Pastoral Council Meeting
March 11, 2025

Members Present - Fr. Mike, Chandra Johnson, Kathy Gomer, Tom Fackender, Michael Bell, Lynda Thabes, John Thabes, Joe Santos, Barb Edwards, Terri Hamrick, Nancy Sanders

After the meeting was called to order, an opening prayer was offered by John Thabes.

Faith Sharing was presented by Nancy and consisted of an overview of the Rescue Project.

This program was designed to as a vehicle to spread the Gospel to those who haven't heard it. The overview was a montage of video clips from a total of 9 videos which provided details of the program, the idea behind it and the potential for positive outcome through faith sharing. There are 4 topics addressed - creation, capture, rescue and response. It is appropriate for junior high school age and up. rescueproject.us; watch.actsxxix.org

Review of minutes- After review, the minutes were approved with the correction of inserting the word "companion" prior to the word "book" in the report on the Rescue Project. This refers to the information which can be downloaded as an adjunct to the video program.

Goal Team Reports -

Goal Team 1 - Disability Outreach - Michael

Update to Audiofetch assistive hearing device- Michael has been in communication with a member of a Catholic parish in Ohio which has used an older version of this device and has been very happy with it. The parish has ordered the new version and will be following up with the team.

Dan Outten and his wife Melissa have organized a monthly game night which is hosted in the Parish Center once a month for persons with disabilities. This fun event is open to anyone in town, not just limited to members of Good Shepherd. It has proved to be a very popular and well-attended event. Perhaps this could be a pulpit announcement to insure all a parishioners are aware?

Goal Team 2 - Discipleship - Barb

Rescue Project - the team is looking to offer the program on a modified budget. Possible dates will be investigated for the fall. The general idea is to have 8-10 tables and 1 facilitator per table. Volunteers will be needed for set-up, breakdown and refreshments. Youth involvement would also be encouraged. An individual would be needed to coordinate publicity via all church media. A-V assistance will also be needed. The request for support will involve commitment, communication will be important and familiarity key. Plans include development of a subcommittee to help plan the event. The Pastoral Council members were all in agreement of support for the project. There is now a Spanish version also available.

Gift Assessment - currently tabled.

Catechesis - Will begin with first presentation on Divine Mercy Sunday. 2-3 slides will be presented prior to Mass. Defined time not set yet. Fr. Mike would also like to have something in writing regarding Divine Mercy Sunday - perhaps a printed handout, information in the bulletin, something on social media. There is still consideration for a separate goal for this objective in the future if it proves to be successful.

Goal Team 3 - Ministry Awareness - Tom

The Ministry Interest Survey closed on March 5. The majority of surveys were completed online and will be reviewed shortly. Results will be compiled and shared with ministry leaders who will contact parishioners who expressed interest. A “best practices” guide was distributed at the Ministry Leader Retreat to provide tips on contacting and engaging those who expressed interest.

Planned activities in conjunction with ministry leadership communities include participation in the Relay For Life of the Big Bend on April 25, A Full Summer Snack Pack event at Godby on May 31, 2025, Stuff the Truck at Good Shepherd to benefit Good News Outreach on July 12-13, 2025 and the next Parish Engagement Day on November 22, 2025.

Soup and Stations - scheduled for March 14. A sign-up sheet was initiated for Council members to contribute to the event which begins at 6:30.

Upcoming events -

Date night on March 22, 2025. Child care provided.

Christ Renews His Parish - Men's on March 29-30; women's on April 5-6.

Next Meeting - Tuesday April 8, 2025 @ 7:00

Opening Prayer - Michael

Faith Sharing - Chandra

Pastoral Comments - Fr. Mike is in full support of Rescue Project, as new ways of communicating the Gospel. He noted that evangelization is needed not only for those who haven't heard the Gospel but also for those who have heard but have lost their excitement. The Council needs to be an ambassador for the program.

Tom reported that a video was received from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Haiti to which Good Shepherd sent \$5000. This money was used to build a chicken coop and chickens which has resulted in money going back to the parish. Their money is doubled every 42 days.

After a closing prayer, the meeting was adjourned.