

## **Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

March 9, 2025

**Council members present:** Colleen Boone, Rob Cassleman, Sandra Gallardo-Cook (on Zoom), Fr. Steve Dublinski, Robert Harris, Rich Heath, Bunnie Lawhead, Judene McLane, Phil Nelson, Marie Wallace Parrish (co-chair). Mary Sutherland, parish secretary.

**Opening Prayer** - Our Father.

**Next Meeting Date Discussion:** There is no meeting scheduled for April due to Palm Sunday falling on April 13, and Easter on April 20. The members decided the next meeting will be on Sunday, May 4.

**Hosting Prayer Bread & Soup - March 19:** The members signed up to bring bread and soup, set up, clean up and read the stations. Marie will send out a link to a sign-up so anyone who missed the meeting can sign up, and to remind the rest of us about what we are doing.

**Facilities Committee Update:** The first meeting is Tuesday, March 11. The agenda is to look at where we are at now as far as what the parish needs.

**Discussion of Pope (Parish Response if Pope dies):** The parish should have a plan for what to do when Pope Francis eventually dies. Fr. Steve looked at a list of things parishes could do when Pope Benedict died. The council discussed the options. They would like to have Pope Francis' picture up by the Holy Family statue with a candle and/or flowers, maybe until the next pope is selected. A bilingual novena with a Mass on the ninth day was the preferred option. We would make booklets, both printed and online. The novena would be livestreamed so people could follow from home. It would be at 6:30 or 7 pm each day, with the Mass at the same time of day.

**Holy Week:** We will have a Spanish Mass at 1 pm on Palm Sunday, April 13. This year the Holy Thursday Mass will be bilingual instead of the Good Friday children's service. The liturgy committee would like to try having everyone at Mass (who is willing) participate in the washing of the feet. Fr. Steve said it can work well. He would start out washing feet, then those people would wash the feet of the next group, etc. The council discussed logistics; doing it in a sanitary way without a huge load of laundry may require the use of high-quality paper towels for drying feet. The hospital may have packs that are open that are free. The water is poured over one foot. We would need people to keep emptying the basins, and more music, since it will take longer.

**Hope Haven Update:** The city of Colfax told the assisted living shelter that they need to have parking. The building has never had a parking lot, and there is no room for one, or money to build it. Very few of the people living there will have cars. The shelter should be grandfathered in; they are meeting with the city on April 1 to figure things out. There are ten rooms that are in good shape, plus rooms for temporary shelter. The heating bill is very high, they need help with that. Hope Haven still needs a license from the state to become an assisted living facility for the mentally ill. They need a website with donation capability. A former parishioner has offered to build one for them. Members wondered if we could have a work party to help fix up rooms, or if the parish could adopt a room and furnish it. Maybe other churches and organizations could adopt rooms, too.

**Fr. Steve's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Celebration:** This is on Sunday, June 29, which is his actual ordination date. We will keep the Mass schedule the same, but the 11 am Mass will be the focus of the celebration. There will be a meal and celebration in (and hopefully outside of) the social hall after the 11 am Mass. Denise Snider and Marie Wallace Parrish are co-chairing the event. They are inviting people from Fr. Steve's former parishes. Please contact one of them if you can help with the celebration.

### **Housekeeping:**

**Rain Report:** There was a lot of water in the laundry room of the parish house after the heavy rain/snowmelt the weekend of February 22/23. That room has a drain, and most things are on pallets. The extension for the downspout at the front of the house was disconnected again, so more water got into the front room. The wet vac and dehumidifier helped dry that out. Water also got into the classroom hallway. We need a dry well in the courtyard to keep water from the downspouts from running back under the church.

**Sound System Update:** On Monday morning all four of the mics for the lectors and musicians had stopped working. They cannot be taken apart to replace the fuses (if that is the problem). We will order new ones.

**Fallen Tree:** One of the poplar trees behind Fr. Steve's house fell over – the roots came out of the ground; they were not very long. We hired a tree company to come and take it away since it was very large. It did not damage the house.

**Drapes:** Parishioner Jane Hommel found a company that was willing to make large drapes. She and Eric Patera put up the new hardware and hung them. They are a lovely change.

**Pantry Lock:** Linea Johnston put a number pad lock on the closet door at the back of the church where we store the extra food for the parish pantry. At least one person had found the closet and taken quite a lot of food. There are mental health issues that probably contributed to that, but the staff thought it best to keep the closet locked. Everyone who needs access to the closet should have the code now (contact the parish office if you don't), and we can set up a temporary one for outside volunteers.

**Upcoming Events:**

**\*Rite of Enrollment - March 16 at 2:00 pm at the cathedral in Spokane**

**\*Friday Night Fish Fries: March 14 & April 4 at 6 pm**

**Prayer, Bread, & Soup - Wednesdays during Lent, 6 pm.**

**April 3- Parish Penance Service - 6 pm**

Next regular meeting May 4, 2025.

Closing prayer.