



# Blessed Sacrament Church

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## BLESSED SACRAMENT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**8/13/2020, 6:30 PM, via Zoom video call or in person**

**Father Tim Hoag, Father Adam Hofer, Leonard Hansen, Tim Callahan, Catherine Chicoine, Cyndi Fisher, Dave Richardson, Jon Schaak, Amy Thompson, David DiMaria, Trudy Oswald, Greg Forstner**

**Diocesan Mission:** We, the diocese of Rapid City, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are called to attract and form intentional disciples who joyfully, boldly and lovingly proclaim and live the mission of Jesus Christ, leading to eternal life.

### Opening Prayer – David DiMaria

### Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting – June

### Reports:

1. Pastor report
2. President report-David provided comments in Leonard's absence.
  - We need a list of council members and term expiration. Send your information to David. He will email a request.
  - We do have some interested potential new members. All applications should be turned in before next Pastoral Council meetings. Election for President and Vice President will occur later in the fall.
  - Assisting with Parish Vision development is an important role for Pastoral Council.
3. Standing Committee reports
  - Finance – Budget was approved, but there hasn't been a meeting recently. Last year's budget was close to the actual plan. (thanks to the US Government and parishioner giving)
  - Liturgy – Fr. Tim
    - Committee took the month of July off. Recent meeting-Eucharistic ministers are beginning to return. We are unable to refuse providing Holy Body on the tongue. Those who would like to receive in that manner are asked to refrain until the end. If Eucharistic ministers are uncomfortable, please refrain from volunteering at this time.
    - Diocese of Sioux Falls reinstated the Mass obligation, with a few exceptions, with very limited COVID restrictions.
    - We may ask people to wear masks in the sacristy due to close space and number of people.
    - A parishioner has volunteered to provide wine for Masses. Our current supply is nearly used.
    - Incense is being used at every Mass, except 7:00. Frankincense is the base of the incense and is antimicrobial.
    - New hymn books have arrived. These will be placed in pews in December, the start of the Liturgical year. Catechesis will be placed in the bulletin with explanation for the change in hymnals.

- A parishioner requested consideration of a mask-required Mass. Fr. Tim is concerned that requiring masks will discourage more people than will encourage them to attend. The alternative is to sit in the parish hall, where Mass is live streamed. Fr. Tim is willing to require masks in the Parish hall. If someone is concerned about entering the sanctuary, let a hospitality minister or sacristan know so they can bring the Eucharist to the Parish hall.
- There will be some form of a choir (likely trios or quartets and an accompanist) this fall. Sunday choirs will be located in the loft.
- Youth – Fr. Adam
  - Life teen and edge teams have met. Programs will be modified to encourage social distancing, smaller group sizes, etc. Several Edge team leaders declined to lead due to COVID-related concerns. Life teen leaders will absorb the Edge program (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). For 6<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation, a spring and fall online course will be implemented.
  - Many teachers are still needed for Faith Formation.
  - For those who would like to consider switching to RCCSS, the Parish would assist with the active Catholic discount.
  - A committee is being established to revise the “active Catholic” form. May be renamed “Parish Scholarship.”

## Old Business

### 1. Parish plan

Hospitality, Gallup survey were mentioned by Council members in comments.

Greeting at the beginning of Mass has been well-received. Announcements will be shortened to the highlights and will direct parishioners to the bulletin. These items might be addressed just prior to the start of the Mass.

Knights will begin assisting with some sort of food/hospitality on certain Sundays of each month. This fellowship time might also be used to highlight certain events pertinent to the season (e.g. brochures). Sponsorships might be an option for funding.

Alpha will be pursued in the future. Hopefully, an initial leader training will be held next summer at Blessed Sacrament. RCIA classes will be opened (this fall) to anyone who is interested. The classes will be held in the Parish hall so social distancing is easier.

William Graham revival will be held in Rapid City in the Fall 2021. The Alpha timeline is being established to coincide with that revival.

- a. Review plan and format
  - b. Set timeline for goals and objectives to be completed
  - c. Additions to plan
  - d. Plan execution
- ### 2. *Divine Renovation review (pages 165-197)*
- a. *Takeaways/applications to parish plan*
  - b. *Next reading assignment—Not explicitly discussed.*

Divine Renovation has a podcast. One of the take-aways: Encourage complaints about the right, or important, topics. When there is enough complaining, something begins to change. *What can the Parish (not the staff or others) do to create change?*

Consider talking about the dream (vs. goals and objectives). This needs to be communicated to all. Think about dreams and discuss them frequently so everyone buys in. Then consider how to incrementally put a foundation.—Consider what bothers us about the Parish, then imagine the opposite.

***For next meeting: Each member should consider their dreams for the Parish and be prepared to share them.***

3. New member recruitment
  - a. Dave Raml & Bill Colson- David will send out the information to Council members. We will look at constitution and bylaws to determine whether 1 or 2 members will be added.

### **New Business**

1. Expanded public Mass
  1. Council role – Hospitality-*not discussed*

**September meeting 9-10-20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 6:30 pm**

**Closing Prayer – Fr. Adam**