



# Blessed Sacrament Church

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## BLESSED SACRAMENT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**1/14/2021, 6:30 PM, via Zoom video call or in person**

**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 – Prayer for the Unborn (January is Pro Life Month)**

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting-December minutes were approved.**

### **Reports:**

#### 1. Pastor report

##### ○ Upcoming Parish Events-

- In September, there will be a William Graham event. They're working with all local churches. At the altar call at the end of the event, anyone who states they were once Catholics will be guided toward us. We need to have people and programs who are ready to follow up with them.
- A team is learning Alpha. Blessed Sacrament is hoping to offer our first Alpha this summer and again in October, to follow up from the William Graham event.
- Training is also being offered now to be ready for evangelization at the William Graham event. We want people from youth ministries to be involved in this.
- A prayer rally is scheduled in the next weeks. 4/12-5/1, a Christian Life Witness class will be offered for evangelization (youth and adult). We'd

like people from our Parish to attend. 2/27 dinner for youth training. This will be the beginning of involvement through the William Graham event.

- William Graham organizers will follow up with Blessed Sacrament to make sure that we've followed up with names that have been passed on to us. If we haven't followed up, the William Graham organization will pass the names on to another Parish or church.
- Invite, by word of mouth, people you think might be interested in evangelization.
- Upcoming Liturgical Calendar-
  - Palm Sunday may be the date we restore the Sunday Mass obligation
    - When that happens, strings will be removed to accommodate larger crowds.
    - The 5:30 Mask-required Mass did increase by about 70 people once the requirement was placed. Some may be from other Parishes.
  - Fr. Tim would like a Parish festival. 2 people have agreed to chair the festival. In August, we could have a farewell party for COVID. We're considering corporate sponsors. Early Mass, dancing, games, etc., all free.
  - This July, Fr. Tim (and the Bishop) would like to move the tabernacle to the main church. 3 of 4 Mass choirs have now moved to the loft. Fr. Tim would like to square off the sanctuary, closing off the current choir area. Additionally, the floor in the choir loft needs to be torn out to increase space.
    - Fr. Tim would like both projects to be done on Parish work days.
    - Would be nice to have a variety of projects that women and men, people with varying skills, could work on the same day.
    - In January, Fr. Tim will speak with the Cursillo group. February-check to see what needs to be done to remove flooring, especially if the flooring contains asbestos. Work day committee will need to be formed.
    - Organ speakers will be moved/installed.
    - Sound board needs to be covered in some way.
    - In April, Parish instruction will begun regarding why it's good to move the choir to the loft.
  - On October 23, there will be a Parish visioning day-Christ at the center of all things. A committee has already been formed.

## 2. President report

- Parishioner Feedback-
  - Music-Can we infuse some of the familiar hymns with the new music, so it feels more like "home?"
- Vision Plan - Committee report; Parish Vision Day
- Wednesday Dinner Volunteers-looking for volunteers. Should Parish Council help serve and clean up the meal? David will follow up

- Lent Dinner Volunteers-should Parish Council take on Good Friday lunch meal? David will follow up/organize. This will occur after the Stations of the Cross.
3. Standing Committee reports
- Finance – Council meeting will be next Thursday. Parish annual pledge will be later this month. Online tithing has increased significantly. Consider having someone speak about the impact that online tithing has had on their family/relationship, etc.
  - Liturgy – Fr. Tim
  - Youth – Fr. Adam-Religious education began again last night. Beginning in February, a testimony will be included. This will move toward the process for the William Graham event. Attendance was about 80% of what it was before classes ended in the fall.
4. Liaison Reports
- Parish Community (Welcoming) – Dave R.
  - School - Cyndi Fisher Committee of parents regarding the “Active Catholic Grant Application.” It would be good to have parent input. For those who qualify, there will be an option to decline the grant for their children and instead place the money into a pool for others who cannot afford to pay for Catholic tuition. Fr. Tim and Fr. Christiansen would still like input from the committee even though the deadline may have passed. Cyndi will email the group that was established in the fall to let them know what happened, and will hopefully include a tentative date for a meeting.
  - Hispanic – Jamie Munoz
  - Building – Greg, Tim-Little activity since the virus. The main question is “why?” (do we need to do this) A walk-around of the building, looking at the condition of the building, would be helpful-to the building committee and the finance council.
  - Alpha – Amy, Catherine
  - Youth – Jon
  - Service – Tim-Contacted a group of people letting them know who they were and that Tim and Trudy would be reaching out.

\*\*Question: How do we inform our youth about politics without “turning them into little politicians?”

**Old Business-none**

**New Business-When will we begin children’s collection?**

Next meeting 2/11/21 at 6:30.

**Closing Prayer – Fr. Tim**