

**St. Gregory the Great**  
**Pastoral Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2024**

**Present:** Fr. Todd Budde, Michelle Zakula, Fran Hurtado, Jon Baier, Izzy Baier, Jeff Senn, Jackie Konkol, and Eileen Lipinski

**Excused:** Lauran Vetusch, Chris Hodges, Joey Kovnesky, and Lisa Bayer

**Father Todd:** Father Todd shared the following:

- Fiscal year end numbers are positive, even though there were some unplanned expenses.
- Members commented on the beautiful funeral service for Mark Kurzynski.
- We welcomed our seminarian, Michael. Michael spoke at Masses on September 7th and 8th. He is grateful to join our community.
- Father encouraged the Parish Council to attend Taste of Autumn and sign up for a volunteer shift.

**Michelle Zakula:** Michelle shared the following:

- Taste of Autumn will be held on October 4. Online registration is open. A new addition to the event is a silent auction.
- A ministry fair will be held after Masses on October 26th and 27th. There will be food, prizes for best booth and much more.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved.

Commission notes were shared.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held October 15, 2024 at 7:00pm.

**Closing:**

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lauran Vetusch, Council Secretary on behalf of Michelle Zakula

## **St. Gregory the Great Commission Notes**

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on October 15, 2024. The following are Commission notes that were provided by a representative of the Commission.

**Finance:** Jon Baier and Eileen Lipinski

Father Todd presented financial information to the Council..

**Liturgy/Worship:** Lauran Vetuschi

Mrs. Bremeier reported the following:

- The following have been trained to serve our community:
  - Seven youth acolytes
  - Two adult weekend lectors
  - Two adult Eucharistic Ministers
  - One adult to lector at weekday Masses
  - Michael Iwuchukwa has been trained as an acolyte and weekend sacristan. He will also be trained as a Eucharistic Minister and lector
- The youth choir has 15 members and began practicing in September. They will lead school Masses and sing on November 3rd and Christmas Eve.

**Human Concerns:** Lauran Vetuschi

*SVDP* - SVDP continues to serve our community neighbors. They continue to see an increase in need for food and rental/utility assistance. The members recently celebrated St. Vincent de Paul by attending Mass together and gathering for fellowship. Pulpit talks were also given the weekend of September 28th and 29th.

*St. Ben's* – St. Ben's continues to serve those in need the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. Numbers of attendees have reached over 200. St. Ben's continues to look for homemade bakery and volunteers. They also are looking for more individuals to lead the program.

**Stewardship and Community Building:** Joey Kovnesky and Jackie Konkol

Nothing to report.

**Evangelization/Formation:** Izzy Baier

Nothing to report.

**School:** Lisa Bayer

The School Commission shared the following:

- Current enrollment is at 175.
- Staffing: In need of teacher's aides for K3/K4 and 5th grade.
- The School Commission will be attending the ministry fair.
- The accreditation visit is scheduled for November 12 and 13.
- Catholic Souls Walk will be held during the school day on October 11. The school is requesting each family to donate a minimum of \$10.00.
- The School Commission is recruiting new members.

The School Commission shared the following for the month of January:

- Catholic Schools Week events were successful and well attended.
- One of the requirements for accreditation is to have a 3-5 year strategic plan. This requires a team to gather input from all commissions and write a comprehensive plan. There are not enough resources to complete this; a professional company may be needed to assist.
- There is the possibility of hiring a Director of Advancement for next year to provide resources to ensure the school can achieve its mission.