

**St. Theresa Parish
Pastoral Council
Meeting Notes**

APPROVED

DATE/TIME	LOCATION
July 8, 2020	Virtual Meeting/computer or phone
ATTENDANCE (indicate excused members if any)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● present: Fr. Loyola, Kathy S, Peter G., Claudette K., Tammy A., Jerry H, Ben H., Gail J., Craig M, Darlene S. ● GUESTS: Mary Bishop and Chris Waschow ● excused 	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Opening Prayer	Fr. Loyola began with a prayer at 6:36 p.m.
Minutes from June 3, 2020	Approved via email
WELCOME GUESTS	Mary Bishop and Chris Waschow were contacted prior to tonight’s meeting to observe the Pastoral Council and to prayerfully consider accepting a position on the PC
Father Loyola-Comments and reflections	<p>Fr. Loyola mentioned the Matrix version that was sent 7/1/20 from the Archdiocese. The dispensation for Mass attendance ends the weekend of 8/2/20. There are still questions regarding how to get more people into church with social distancing still an issue.</p> <p>Father was happy to report the upcoming Mass for the 1st Communicants on July 18th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Theresa and the celebration of Confirmation on August 19th at St James. Religious Ed staff has been working well together to make these celebrations happen.</p> <p>The video Mass continues to have followers and there has been an increase in viewership. There are 4 weddings planned for August, a few Baptisms and funerals are now becoming more prevalent .</p> <p>With July being the start of the new fiscal year, Father said that we should focus on engaging the community. By setting a THEME for the year, we can plan for communication to explain and carry out the theme.</p>
Return to Mass update	<p>Kathy spoke briefly about the directives from the Archdiocese for Phase II and specifically the lack of fundraising activities. At this time, Kathy commented on the Eagle Advancement Association for the efforts to bring the community together over the 4th of July. The event was a success, but many questioned why no one from St. T’s contributed. Tammy Adams stated she is no longer associated with the EAA. Again citing the Arch directives, Kathy explained that we are working on trying to get Fish Fry Friday back at the beginning of next year, and other possible events as directives change. There is a group working on all possible means to make this happen.</p> <p>Father was asked by Kathy if he would be willing to send an email (or letter to those without email) to parishioners giving an update on all that is going on behind the scenes. This sparked the conversation regarding “what are we doing to actively bring people back to Mass”. Tammy stated that there is the concern that people are not connecting to the parish and may not return, even if it is safe. Jerry asked what the current numbers of attendance have been. The idea of a “phone tree” to contact individuals was suggested. Also discussed was who would lead this and how do we know who is already attending Mass. Ben mentioned it’s difficult to know each family’s situation and if they have information about coming to Mass. Mary Bishop was asked, as an usher, is there a chance that people can be identified as attendees? Chris Waschow said she would be willing to make calls. Tammy will contact Judy for names. Ben offered to help with Spanish speaking parishioners. Ben shared that we need to be aware when we call that it doesn’t sound as if we “want” something or that we make anyone feel guilty for not attending Mass. Good Discussion.</p>

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Together We Build Update	Peter said we are moving along. Discussion of monies on hand and if we can go forward. Pete explained that the project is in good shape. Waiting to meet with the Arch to get final approvals of forms C & D
Explanation of PC Structure	Kathy took time to review the structure of the PC and how it is connected to the Finance Council and the Trustees and Father. At this time she mentioned that there are Committee Liaison openings. Besides an opening for Liaison to FC, there is a need for a Stewardship Liaison and for the CHAIR ELECT position. This person shadows the Chairperson to prepare to take over if/when the Chair is unable. Father added that this is important so there can be a smooth transition at the change of leadership. Also discussed, was getting the committees to hold a meeting, via Zoom or other means and then getting minutes from those meetings to the PC Chairperson.
Annual Report	Last year a single page report was prepared showing the events, the attendance, the financial impact on our faith community. Kathy asked that someone needs to lead this project. Gail and Chris volunteered. Kathy worked on this last year and will help again this year. Pete was asked if the numbers were available to prepare the report, he responded yes.
DMI-Survey	Darlene reported that 9 of the 10 people invited to complete the Called for More Survey. CLI (Christian Leadership Institute) congratulated St. Theresa for having such a good response. We now await the results of the DMI survey that the parishioners took back in February & March.
New Business	Tammy asked if we had read the "Can You Hear Me" article in the Arch Missionary Leader this week. It talked about "Group Chats" for reaching out to people using Facebook, Zoom or other social media outlets. Fr. Loyola thought it was a great opportunity and suggested contacting Renee Hitt to get some ideas and help organise. Tammy will reach out to Renee
CLOSING PRAYER and PRAYER ASSIGNMENT	Kathy led the closing prayer and asked for a volunteer to prepare a closing for the next meeting, AUGUST 5, 2020 at 6:30. TAMMY ADAMS will lead the closing prayer
GO FORWARD MEETING SCHEDULE	Action items for next meeting
Theme ideas:	Kathy will be meeting with Shelly Evers from St. J to see about collaborating on the theme.
Phone Tree/Contact Parishioners	Tammy will contact Judy for listings. Chris Waschow is willing to start calling now.
Zoom meetings for Committees	Need to make sure committees are still able to connect, and Zoom accounts would be made available through Kathy Scherbarth.
Contact with Youth Reps	Darlene will call Cole and Izzy to check with them.
NEXT MEETING (Virtual)	August 5, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Darlene Sterzinger

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