

Pastoral Council Meeting; June 10th, 2025

In Attendance: Father Chuck, Barb Lopez, Mick Languth, Mary Lu Callahan, Joan Maley, Bill Mausser, Bill Montag, Wade Long, Wayne Fett, Adam Summers, Logan Vittetoe, Cece Roudabush, Tyler Rasmussen, Larry Van Steenhyse, Anthony DeLeon

Excused: Meliza Wise, Tayler Knight

OPENING PRAYER:

God our Father, grant success to the "Growing More in Faith" campaign and our new church building process. The psalmist tells us, "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labor." Help us to remember that you are Source and Strength for all that we do.

Lord Jesus our Savior, your apostle Paul praised the Thessalonians because their faith was growing more and more and their love for one another was increasing. Bless the St. Thomas More Parish Community as we work to open our hearts and expand our worship space for the future growth of our parish.

Holy Spirit, inflame us with your love so that we may grow more and more into a community that serve you and grows in love for one another.

We pray O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

AGENDA:

Scheduling meeting rooms in the new church: Fr. passed out a list of commissions and requested PC members to confirm when we met. He also shared that they are also hoping to assign commission rooms based on how much cabinet/shelf space needed for that commission. Judy Frits, from Faith Life Family Life, shared that they needed room to store baptism bibs and lap shawls. Father indicated that the bibs are not a problem, they are stored with the baptism candles, but the shawls would be something we would need to investigate.

DEDICATION DAY PLANS

Welcome commission: tours will be offered by the Welcoming Committee after mass, on August 24th. Mary Lu thinks that they have enough tour guides for the day. Faith Formation is willing to help. We will need to discuss it with the caterers on that day, so more information comes.

The Knights of Columbus met last night as well, and the Welcoming Committee is hoping that they will serve as the welcoming ambassador at the front doors before mass.

Luigi and the team are working on the program. Fr. did not think they would need Eucharistic Ministers, due to the number of anticipated priests that will be in attendance.

Overview of accomplishments for each commission of the past year: Cece has a few outstanding reports to get yet but hopes to have them by our next meeting.

Construction Update: Tiling is underway, but it is anticipated to take about two weeks. Pews are indicated July 28th, but tiling must be completed before. The front cross will hopefully be removed in the next few weeks as well

Discussion on how each Commission can assist in the preparation of Church Dedication. Masses for the weekend of our Dedication will be 5:15 Saturday, and 0830 on Sunday with our Dedication mass at 2 p.m. There will be a rehearsal on Friday August 22. More information to come.

An evangelization book for our Fall Discussion was distributed. Father intends to start in September with PC discussions.

ADA& GMIF update: Both are doing well. We will have a budget update at our next meeting.

Commission Reports and Discussion

- Church life/family life: Bill will talk with Church Life Family Life to get cookies for our opening.
- Faith Formation – no update, refer to attached meeting minutes.
- Social Action/Social Justice – no update, refer to attached meeting minutes. Year in Review report will be coming soon.
- Welcome Commission – Continue to work on obtaining outdoor greeters. Begin to initiate our new Baptism program.
- Worship and spirituality: Fr. reported that he does not think that we will need Eucharistic minister at the Dedication due the number of anticipated priests in attendance.
- The Finance Council has not met since our last meeting, but everything is on course as planned. More information to come.
- Regina Board of Education, - new bylaws are being updated for the new school year.
- Youth Update – Fundraising was a success.
- Knights of Columbus – The Knights will be playing an active role during our Dedication For information to come.
- Stephen Ministry – New members have completed their training and are beginning to have a more active role within the Ministry.

Closing prayer:

O Lord our God, whose might upholds all creation, be with all who are working to complete our new church. Make our new church a place for the showing of your glory and helping us to grow in your service. Make it for all who come here a house of prayer, a place of joyful praise pleasing in your sight, a place for all people in all seasons of life. We pray O' God: Hear us and have mercy.

We closed at 8:07pm. Mick motioned and Joan seconded. All approved. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 12th at 7 pm with the discussion centering on plans for the Dedication Day Mass and celebration.