

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, February 4, 2021; 6:30-8:00pm

**Attendance**

Fr. Ray McHenry	Ray Champlin
Blake Riffel	Randy Jensen
Brent Kock	Rob Manning
Charlie Graham	Tom Sepic
Lisa Northup	
Monica Hoffman	

1. **Opening Prayer** Fr. Ray

2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda** All

3. **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** All

4. **Pastoral Report** Fr. Ray

- a. Annual Diocesan Appeal update  
St. Francis met our goal! The diocese rolled back all parish goals by 5%. ADA number for this year comes out next week. It is expected to be similar to last years; it is based on a 3 year running average
- b. Technology: Sound is now figured out; speakers have been adjusted; we now have at least 20 hearing assistive devices available at the mass coordinator table; screens are now available at all masses for song lyrics
- c. Regathering: Lent begins the 17th of February. Ashes are now sprinkled on the top of the head (this is done in some other parts of the world). Bishop Joensen has extended the mask mandate through Divine Mercy Sunday April 11th. We are still in phase 3 of regathering. Working on plans for school Mass for all kids to go sometime during the week; there is now a 250-300 person cap per Mass.
- d. Together in Faith: Young people version is going well. Adult one still needs more participants, Currently planning a mix of live and virtual events.
- e. Faith formation council is talking about the Parish Mission for 2022. Plan to be consistent with Divine Renovation themes. Fr. Jim Sichko is a possible speaker. Potential themes : Eucharist - Mercy, kindness, trust. Decision needs to be made on this in the next 2 months.

**5. Old Business**

a. Liaison updates All

See meeting minutes for details..

- Faith formation will offer in person Together in Faith starting Wednesday February 10th. Sacrament preparation is ongoing.
- Finance council - first round of PPP loan is forgiven. We are close to the guidelines to forgive the second round PPP loan and this application is in progress.
- Liturgy: Eucharistic minister coordination ongoing. Anticipating what Easter Mass will look like based on Christmas experience, but still not sure of crowd size. Volunteers needed.
- Board of Ed: school enrollment is at 97% capacity. Working on 2021-2022 school calendar. preparing for IA assessment tests. Updating tuition discounts to be consistent with all diocesan schools. Work on regionalization (making schools organization, etc. similar/uniform in diocese (3 regions)) of Catholic schools is also ongoing.

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, February 4, 2021; 6:30-8:00pm

Diocesan wide capital campaign also in development. Have not yet discussed potential impact of the governor's plan for private school tuition. COVID-19 vaccines for staff tomorrow. Professional development day moved to accommodate this.

- Building and Grounds: pushing snow. This is a new contract. Also a new contract for waste disposal, Getting a new water softener for the school is in the bidding process. Spring maintenance. Working on a donation wish list for specific needed items.

**6. New Business**

- a. Parishioner outreach, round II Blake Riffel
    - still looking for more volunteers. Provided for volunteers: training, script, resource guide, list of contact people, training video, and list of families to reach out to. This will be sent out the week of Ash Wednesday. Calls made over the course of lent. 40/80 slots filled. 3000 families need calls.
  - b. Spring Discernment All
    - Pulpit Talks: February 27& 28; March 6 & 7
    - Information Meeting: Palm Sunday, March 28 at 1pm
    - Discernment Day: One Saturday morning
    - Saturday, April 17
    - New members attend May meeting
    - Term Commencement in June 2021 for outgoing members
    - Blake will reach out to other council chairs for their availability
    - Signup for pulpit talks. with script 1 min each, 1 from each council. Also available at tables after Mass
  - c. Pastoral Council spring goal All
    - i. Revisited with pastoral direction
      - 1. Examples: PC service project, staff appreciation, etc...
- 7. Closing Prayer** Fr. Ray