

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council Agenda
September 8, 2025, 7:00 PM
Mary of Magdala Chapel



“Good Shepherd is a Christian, caring community, nourished by a joyful spirit-filled liturgy, that inspires our daily lives. We strive to welcome, accept and love all people as they are, and through our ministries, reach out with active concern to those in need.”

2025/2026 Goal: *"Work with Commissions, Staff, and parishioners, in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to implement actions surrounding the two focus areas of the strategic 3-5 year plan."*
(1. More vibrant mass. 2. Attract more young families and involve more youth)

Meeting attendees:	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Adam	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Jeff	<input type="checkbox"/> _ex_ Patrick	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Sandy
	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Bill	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Jenny	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Ryan	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Dan
	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Cathy	<input type="checkbox"/> _x_ Joan		<input type="checkbox"/> _ex_ Greg

Agenda	Minutes allotted	Notes
1. Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Welcome: Adam b. Opening prayer: Ryan G c. July minutes approved via email and posted to PC page on website (Thanks Joan!) 	5	
2. Parish director report: Deacon Sandy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Councils Commissioning and Blessing on weekend of September 13/14 b. Policy and Procedure Reminders and Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In lieu of the tragedy in Minneapolis at Annunciation Parish, Sandy sent reminders of existing policy, and asked we consider some additional actions c. Report on visit with archdiocese representative in regard to the future Catholic presence in Menomonee Falls d. Questions for Sandy... 	15	2. b. The security policy will be reviewed and revised for increased safety. A qualified local authority will conduct a shooter training session. South doors will remain locked during weekend Masses. Preschool security doors are to remain locked during classes. Chapel doors will be locked during Listen to the Lord. c. Sandy met with Brad Berghouse, Executive Director – Parish and School Vitality for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to discuss a long-term plan for the future of the Catholic Church in Menomonee Falls.

<p>3. Council discussion: All</p> <p>a. Mission statement update – Jenny and sub-committee</p> <p>i. Status and discussion</p> <p>b. Progress made on our five year goals</p> <p>ii. Review data from Marge Beck (DAS), sent by Joan</p> <p>c. Updates to questions raised last month</p> <p>i. When does text appear on the screens for readings on weekends?</p> <p>ii. Do area Catholic schools offer a discount for parishes without schools?</p> <p>iii. Possibility of tracking YouTube live Mass attendance and recordings of the Mass</p> <p>d. 2025 Parish Councils Training Virtual Session (link)</p> <p>i. Registration is still open. – Register Now! Wednesday, September 17th, 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>e. Town Hall 6 Month Update</p> <p>i. Should we update the Parish with what has changed in response to the 2024-25 Pastoral Council Town Hall? If so, communicate to Commissions and office Departments to provide highlights of anything that has been changed or updated Highlights could be included in PC meeting minutes next month and in pre-Mass announcements</p> <p>f. Pastoral Council Retreat</p> <p>i. Did not get planned last occasions year...though Do we want this year?. We would do separately</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>3a. Drafts were written to revise the parish mission statement. It was suggested that we revise it or accept the statement as is before the new pastor process is in full swing. Jenny will send out the drafts of revisions. Staff and the commissions will be involved in the process. Discussion will continue next month.</p> <p>b. Mass attendance has gone up. In Jan, 2023 there were 160 average Mass attendees, compared to 211 average on Aug. 31, 2025 Mass attendees. The music is an important element of the liturgy and we have received positive feedback that the music has improved, is uplifting, and has enhanced the vibrancy of our liturgy.</p> <p>Christian Formation programs have healthy attendance and opportunities for youth have increased. Adult formation programs are varied and continue to attract participants.</p> <p>A question arose during a discussion of workcamps. Do the cash collections for workcamps or NCYC stay with each parish? To be discussed further.</p> <p>c. i. The text of Scripture readings appears on the screen on the weekends when Patrick reads. Readers stated that the Word should be proclaimed and not read by the congregation, this is the best practice. Having it proclaimed encourages holy listening. Scripture readings are available through the USCCB website and other sources. A few copies of the readings may be available to accommodate particular needs.</p> <p>c. ii. After talking with Corinna and speaking with administrative staff at three area schools: St. Mary (MF), St. Agnes (Butler), and St. Boniface (Germantown), I learned that there is one tuition rate, for parish members and non-parish members at all three schools. All the schools are part of the Choice program, St. Mary and St. Boniface, WI</p>
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<p>from staff and must plan it on our own There are many good reasons for it.</p>		<p>Choice and St. Agnes Milw. (for Milw. residents) and WI Choice Program. In that program the state funds the education for qualifying members.</p> <p>c. iii. Livestream views are easily accessible on our YouTube page and looking at individual recordings. As for recording those who attend at the time of the livestream, it's usually an average of 12 who view it Live with a range of about 6-20 depending on the individual Mass. Viewers who are streaming in real time are truly no different than those who view the recording, so that average is around 75 with a range usually of 50-125.</p> <p>e. Town Hall 6 Month Update It was decided that we do not need an update at this time because no parishioners raised the issue.</p> <p>f. Pastoral Retreat: It has not been planned.</p>
<p>4. Finance Council update: Jeff</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>4. Finance Council Report</p> <p>The fiscal year has begun with positive numbers. Operating cash is in good shape. Quick Books are now being used. The Corn Roast was a big success. The new AV system in the hall has been installed and blessed. The parish garden survived the flood.</p>
<p>4. Commissions updates</p> <p>a. Joan would like to switch Commissions</p> <p>b. Prayer and Worship: Ryan and Jenny</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>5. a. Joan has now joined the Human Concerns Commission and is no longer a liaison to CFC.</p> <p>b. Prayer and Worship report: Members are of the opinion that the</p>

- c. Stewardship: Joan
- d. Christian Formation: Bill
- e. Human concerns: Cathy

carpet around the baptismal font to the altar steps (keyhole) should remain carpet and not changed to wood to keep it even, consistent, and for safer for walking.

Regarding food collection at GS for the MF Food Pantry, not as much is being donated. Some suggestions were made as to how that could be increased.

We have a new acolyte who is now trained.

c. Stewardship Report:

The hospitality schedule has been completed through June, 2026.

Called and Gifted Workshop - they are looking at a date in fall to hold.

Faith Stories Workshop - they may work with Gary Pokorny (retired from the Arch) to facilitate.

A new name for commission is in the works to reflect the broader to reflect the broader application of stewardship.

d. Christian Formation Report:

The workcamps were a great success. Generations of Faith starts next Sept. 13-14. Adult programs are attracting participants, some are in the planning stages.

		<p>e. Human Concerns Report:</p> <p>The Racial Justice Ministry put out a survey to find out if there is interest in expanding the ministry to include other issues.</p> <p>Outreach - at the next meeting a presentation will be given on the outreach process.</p> <p>Ella Curia – required details to obtain Visas for the delegates’ trip were more extensive than ever. Dan informed us that the delegates are not coming due to the massive effort by ICE to detain immigrants. We will still have World Mission Office Mission Weekend on Oct. 18-19.</p> <p>The Anti-Human Trafficking ministry did a presentation at an area school, a number of students asked questions.</p>
<p>5. Council housekeeping</p> <p>a. Volunteers for Pre-mass: September 20/21</p> <p> . Sat Sep 20 @ 4:30pm: . Sun Sep 21 @ 9:30am:</p> <p>b. Next meeting:</p>	10	6. a. See below

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . First Monday of Oct is Oct 6, 7:00pm, Chapel c. Suggested agenda items for next month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Patrick requested via email that we discuss possibility of a Diversity Committee d. October opening prayer leader: Patrick e. Pick up and drop for Patrick: 		
6. Closing prayer: Deacon Sandy	5	
Action items		Person(s) Responsible
Pre-Mass Sat. Sept. 20		Adam
Pre-Mass Sun. Sept. 21		Bill
Send out drafts of Parish Mission Statement revisions		Jenny
Answer question about cash Workcamp collections		Finance Council member
Opening Prayer Leader for Oct. 6		Bill