

**St. Francis of Assisi-Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**April 20, 2022 7:00 pm**

**Meeting called to order 7:10 pm by Jeff Chan**

**Attendance:** Jeff Chan, Glenda Griest, Mike Ecker, Linda Howard, Clark Parmley, Paul Durham, Kent Welch. New members: Cheryl Coffelt and Chris Johnmeyer

**Unexcused absence:** John Walraven

Ex-officio attendees: Deacon Gary Steffes, Janet Morehead

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Chan

**Question of the Week:** Discussed which of the following person's behaviors find their way into our lives: Simon, Peter, Judas, Herod, Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, Daughters of Jerusalem

**Minutes of March 16, 2022 reviewed and approved. Corrected February minutes for meeting date.**

**Old Business**

Parish Synodal Consultation status and updates – First session was held April 8<sup>th</sup>, 18 people attended. A lot of good feedback, range of opinions, and a better insight on how to organize the discussions.

Next sessions: May 6, Friday at 6:30-8:00 for teens and young adults 15-26, pizza dinner  
May 15, Sunday after donuts, 11-12:30 pm, light lunch served  
May 21, Saturday, 7-8:30pm after Mass, light dinner served

Parish/building signage – Committee set up, will meet May 4, 2022 at 6pm. Will get blueprints before that date. Meeting to include Paul, Linda, Chris, Jeff, Kent, and Greg Eck from outside maintenance. We will walk the grounds and determine what signage is possible.

Playground ideas – Fr. Reidy is praying on this. We are also in need of John's committee input to move forward on this.

Community Outreach – Nixa Dog Park sponsorship approved by Fr. Reidy. Jeff will contact Finance council for approval of spend.

Thought exercise on Parish growth- "Double in 5 years" – Our June meeting will be focused on Maintenance to Mission. ~6% of Nixa's population is Catholic, last census was 19,022 in 2010, which would be approximately 1100 Catholics in our area. Expect growth to 23000-25000 for 2020 census. Why are they not here, what can we do and how do we do get them to come to St. Francis?

## New Business

Welcomed new Parish Council members, Cheryl (Cheri) Coffelt and Chris Johnmeyer

Summer Retreat – Established ad hoc retreat committee for planning annual retreat. Cheryl Coffelt will represent the Parish Council, Janet Morehead will represent the Stewardship Council and Glenda Griest will represent the Finance council

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) – Marc Truby spoke to the council on this. We watched the short video from Bishop Rice. DDF campaign will begin May 1, through July. Last year we had 116 families participate which equaled 49% of parish. We hit our goal and exceeded it in 2021. This year 2022 our goal is \$37,000. Marc is looking towards us to lead by example, donate if possible, be positive and help in any way we can.

## Reports and List of Planned Activities

Stewardship Council – Currently working on planning the rest of the year: Ministry renewal, treasure intentions, evening of gratitude.  
Prayer commitment cards had well over 100 people respond which was a good number.  
Below are the stats for 2022:

### PRAYER COMMITMENT STATS 2022

Personal prayer	123
Mealtime grace	108
Sunday scriptures	62
Family prayer	54
Rosary – personal	84
Pray/lead Rosary before Mass	26
Stations	66
Adoration	39
Faith Formation	22
Bible Study/Prayer Group	40
Formed	58
Dynamic Catholic	25
Retreat	11
Prayer network	32
Spiritual book	89
Questions of the week	47
Sunday/Holy Day Mass	126
Weekday Mass	54
Other	10
Comments	Scripture-Amen app Dynamic Catholic books Bible in a Year Podcast daily chaplet daily chaplet

Finance Council – No meeting this month

Liturgical Ministries – May 6<sup>th</sup> the Pregnancy Care Center is having a dinner at the Oasis. \$25 a seat. Please contact Carl Schimeck if interested in attending.

Altar servers appreciation event in the next few weeks.

Working on guidelines for altar servers and ushers. Reminder to ushers, more help will be needed due to vacations in the summer.

Parish Outreach – Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> will be trash pickup day. Starting on Main Street for about an hour. There are additional opportunities if we need more areas.

Parish Enrichment – Hospitality: Penance dinner was very good. Father was very pleased that we had the biggest Penance service ever. Holy Saturday reception went beautiful. Getting ready for May. Pizza party on the last day of classes, First Communion Reception, Fr. Tom's and Fr. Mike's Anniversaries.

Sending bids to Sheri to get the community room and kitchen floors cleaned. Looking for a plan on how to keep these floors maintained better. Also asked about painting the walls while everything is out of the community room. Looking also to have someone come in and clean the floors 4 times a year, or every other month.

Liturgical Environment – Deb Harris now has help. Working with Deacon Gary on all needs. Cindy Muniz and her committee did a great job in decorating for Easter.

First Communion will be updated with flowers. Need to know if any specifics.

Outdoor gardening-St. Francis sign on corner. We plan on weeding, tilling, and mulching. Hoping to get help from the youth. We will set dates with Deacon Gary and he can ask for help. We would also plant some of our Easter flowers to cut down on cost.

We also thought about putting flowers, maybe in the fall around the St. Francis statue. No objections were raised.

Education – Faith Formation Adults: Forgiven program went really well. 6 different group participated. Maintained membership throughout. Looking at a possible scripture study as a follow-up.

SEAS is sponsoring a 3 day event featuring a nationally recognized speaker, Deacon Bob Rice and music/worship leader Josh Blakesley. This is on 4/24-4/26/22. Possibly do a program like this at our Parish.

Six youth are going to this year's Steubenville conference July 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Liturgy: Will work with Renee on how to split-up the children. Right now it is 4 years to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Would like to consider a separate class for pre-k and Kindergarten. Difficult to engage both younger and older children at the same time.

**Closing Prayer: Deacon Gary**

**Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm**

**Respectfully submitted by Linda Howard**