

St. Henry's Pastoral Council

**Meeting (9/23/25) – Meeting
7:00 p.m. Community Room**

Pastoral Council Members Present: Jim Colton, Julie Hanson, Roberta Harvey, Amber Jeffer, Cathy Peake, Michael Sanchez, Mary Ellen Trumbull, Marsha Wereb.

Also Present: Gail Lindeman, Trustee

- **Opening Prayer**
- **Review of June's and our September 9th minutes- Please review before the meeting.**

Minutes approved. The council welcomed its newest member, Michael Sanchez.

- **Review of upcoming activities:**
 - A. September 25th Finance Committee, 6:30 in the Community Room. The Pastoral Council is invited and encouraged to attend. The discussion will be on scheduling and presenting a State of the Parish night to inform the parish about our financial situation**

Intent of joint meeting to plot a path forward; Finance committee will continue to make the financial position of the parish its focus, while the pastoral council will provide support with community outreach.

Cathy attended a diocese meeting for *Remade For Mission*. A committee of 6 to 9 parishioners is to be formed. This committee will determine the needs of the parish, in conjunction with Father John. A State of the Parish presentation will occur in October. The Saint Henry's community will be invited to an open forum to offer suggestions on steps forward and to discuss sustainability; Cathy will serve as facilitator. A Zoom meeting should also be available for parishioners who winter out of town. Local parishes will be clustered together to complete this work.

B. Update on the Fall Festival – Baskets Galore

Tickets will go on sale in October. An advertisement will be inserted into this week's bulletin. Cathy has secured commitments from 14 volunteers. Roberta requested 3 to 4 volunteers for work in the kitchen, and will contact Sarah Tripp to solicit volunteers from confirmation candidates. A German Menu will be offered. A request will be placed in the bulletin for food donations of cookies, Macaroni & Cheese, etc. It was suggested that leftover food be sold after masses the following weekend. Donated baskets can be dropped off at the rectory beginning October 1. Julie suggested a strong advertisement campaign occur outside the parish community. Members of the council suggested that the event could be advertised through the Sand Lake Council of Churches, outdoor signage, social media, and local business partnerships.

C. Update on the Fall Super Raffle

Over 40 tickets have been sold to date. Council members report a positive reception in the community.

D. Discussion on pushing the traditional fall raffle to Spring choosing the winner at the Ham Supper or after 10:00 a.m. Mass - Welcome Home festivities on Palm Sunday.

Cathy proposed moving the traditional fall raffle so that it doesn't coincide with the Super Raffle. Council members approve.

E. Update on the parish survey that will be sent out.

Approximately 100 names have been removed from parish records. In the near future, mass attendees will be asked to verify/update their records after masses. Four to five volunteers per mass will be needed to facilitate this work.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will take place on October 21.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Colton