St. Maria Goretti Pastoral Council

Meeting Notes for February 3, 2025

Pastoral Council Members Present: Father Chung, Cheryl Ryan, Kim Staudt, Janna Kerr, Steve King, Dave Mazeroski, Janine Paillard, and Charlie Amuso.

1. Father Chung provided the following update:
	1. The Archdiocese will again use the Disciple Makers Index to gather responses from parishioners throughout the Archdiocese during Lent this year.
	2. The number of people attending Masses was counted during the weekend of January 25th-26th. Mass attendance is currently strong at St. Maria Goretti Parish.
	3. Archbishop Perez has announced a new direction for the organizational structure of the Archdiocese. The Trust and Hope website ([www.TrustAndHope.org](http://www.TrustAndHope.org)) provides information about the new plan. The Archdiocese is conducting a series of public discussions –the locations are listed on the TrustAndHope.org website. New organizations – in parishes or other locations – will serve as “Hubs” for services for both Catholics and others. The Catholic Leadership Institute will be assisting in the developing the Hubs.
	4. The Classics Club is very active, with almost 200 members. They meet often and plan trips for the group.
	5. Date Night is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th in Drexel Hall. Because of several generous donations, the cost is now $70 per couple.
	6. Sara Ertel, Director of Youth and Adult Ministry, and Robin McLaughlin, Coordinator of Religious Education, will be invited to join the Pastoral Council at the March 18th meeting to discuss the ministries that they lead.
2. Kim Staudt, Chair of the Finance Council and member of Pastoral Council, reported the following:
	1. The Archdiocese has approved a parish Capital Campaign to fund the construction of the new parish building. The Finance Council is preparing to form a committee to lead the fundraising effort. Legacy Gifts as well as significant contributions will be sought.
	2. The parish has engaged the services of an architect to design the new building. The plan for the building project will include contracting with a Construction Manager who will be responsible for maintaining the progress of construction and also to assure that project is completed within the budget established.
3. Janna Kerr and Kim Staudt reported for the Next Generation Parish Process:
	1. Assistance by the Catholic Leadership Institute has entered a new phase.  They will no longer lead meetings with our implementation teams. Over the next year our implementation teams will continue to meet, evaluating the results of their efforts and refocusing their efforts on areas that need attention.  The Catholic Leadership Institute will provide periodic consultative support for this process over the next year by participating in quarterly Zoom meetings with the implementation teams.   Going forward the implementation teams will evolve into a program of continuous improvement in achievement of the goals of the parish.
	2. A Ministry Fair is scheduled for the weekend of April 5-6 in Drexel Hall. Alyson Maguire, Parish Ministry Coordinator, has contacted all of the ministry leaders. The response of the ministry leaders has been slow so far.

Father Chung closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025, followed by a meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025.

Submitted by Charles Amuso

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