

It has been just over a year since we said good-bye to Fr. McHugh as leader of this great parish. He was an awesome pastor who truly cared for his parishioners and built a firm foundation for the spiritual growth of Good Shepherd. We are fortunate that he continues to serve Good Shepherd in several capacities. I am indebted to Fr. McHugh for the great work he did here.

We are now ready to move to the next phase of building up the parish of Good Shepherd. Over the last 8 months, in addition to being an invaluable guiding force during the pandemic, the Pastoral Council has been going through training on how Bishop Bambera has asked us to form the council. They have done a great job.

The Council's next job is to begin planning for the future. This cannot happen without **YOUR INPUT!** In several weeks you will receive a survey asking for your thoughts and insight. The survey will be available either in paper form that you fill out and mail back to the parish or you may complete the survey online (a link will be come at a later time).

Over the next few weeks, we will outline for you the fourfold format of: WORD, WORSHIP, SERVICE, AND COMMUNITY. We ask you to look over the description of each to prepare you to better fill out the survey.

I have been truly blessed by God to serve as your pastor. I look forward to many more years of leading us into the future.

*Fr. Mike*