

Our Lady of Victory Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

I. President Chad Lochner called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer led by Chad. Roll call was taken

<b>Present/Absent/Excused</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Committee Assignment</b>
Present	Fr. Jake Greiner	Pastor
Present	Pat Archer	Board of Ed
Excused	Ralph Armstrong	Stewardship
Present	Scott Bengfort	Ecumenical
Present	Al Boboth	Ex-officio (Deacon)
Present	David Chanez	Knights of Columbus
Present	Karon DeCock-Husted	Christian Services
Present	Fr. Dan Dorau	Parochial Vicar
Excused	Deb Friederichs	Wellness
Present	Chuck Gerlach	Odd Jobs & Stewardship
Present	Matt Henning	Stewardship
Present	Judy Johnson	Ex-officio (Lay Director)
Present	Charlie Jones	Ex-officio (Lay Director)
Present	Chad Lochner	President
Present	David Mattke	Ex-officio (Parish Business Manager)
Present	Marc Mosse	Ex-officio (Deacon)
Present	Maureen Mosse	Ex-officio (Ladies Council)
Present	Kerri Nykoluk	Family Life
Present	Kathy Peterson	Church Life
Present	Chad Steimle	Ex-officio (JFK)
Present	Vern Vondera	Secretary
Absent	John Wagner	Ex-officio (Deacon)
Excused	John Wichelmann	Vice President
Present	Suzie Yackley	Liturgy

III. The agenda was approved as amended and the September 2017 minutes were approved as amended.

IV. Chad Lochner read the mission and vision statements.

Mission: Our Lady of Victory is a community that lives and shares the preaching, teaching and healing of Christ.

Vision: To become the most vibrant and welcoming faith community in the diocese.

V. New Business – Constitutional changes – adding young adult representative to the council – tabled until December meeting.

VI. Old Business – None.

## VII. Ministry Reports

### A. Social Action

1. Christian Services – No report.
2. Ecumenical – No report.

### B. Church Life -

1. Church Life – Report submitted (attached). No other report

2. Stewardship – Report Submitted (attached). Judy Johnson reported that the survey responses show that there have been a very large numbers of hours volunteered to helping others in our community. Everyone can still complete the survey on line or on the form handed out.

3. Ladies Council – Maureen Mosse reported that the pictorial book is coming along well. They are waiting to get updated address for the parishioners from the parish office. There was a concern that the list may not be updated yet, taking out all those who have moved out of the parish. They would like an updated list before the list gets printed in the directory. After all the addresses are in they can print a proof that can be reviewed. The goal is to get the books by Christmas. Only 425 families have gotten pictures in the book. This is down from 508 from the last book.

The Bazaar is coming up. Maureen Mosse needs help on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 to set up. They will finish setting up on Friday. Buy your Bazaar tickets and come support the parish.

There was a newcomers meeting and they had 40 Women show. Eight were actually newcomers. This was a great turnout overall. This should become an annual event.

4. Wellness – Report submitted (attached).

### C. Faith Formation -

1. Faith Formation/RCIA – Report submitted (attached).
2. JFK / Board of Education – Report submitted (attached).
3. Youth Ministry/ Young Adults – Report submitted (attached).

D. Family Life – Report submitted (attached). In addition Ethan Ekstrom also received his Eagle Scout.

E. Finance and Administration – Envelope income is still less than budget, and slightly less than last year. Expenses are right at budget. There are a few bills outstanding on the boiler and windows. The parishioners pledged \$100,600 to the Diocesan Appeal which is 72% of our goal.

F. Liturgy – Report submitted (attached).

### VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Odd Jobs Ministry – No Report submitted. Chuck Gerlach will be taking over the committee. He will pick a time and date to hold regular meetings. He is thinking through ways to get the youth and others to help out.

B. Vocations – No report. Just pray for religious vocations in your daily prayers.

Board of Ed Reminder – Kerri Nykoluk will be our representative for November.

### IX. Unfinished Business – None

XI. Parishioner Comments – Maureen Mosse reported she has a check for \$500 from the Black and White Gala. This will go into the Family Life committee to bring awareness to pro-life concerns.

Charlie Jones reported that at the Brick House Matt Henning is helping with the electrical work right now. They are making great progress. There is about 2 week's worth of work left. There will be an open house on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 4 pm. The city has been slow in issuing a permit to get a new main electrical service to the house.

Charlie Jones reminded everyone of the upcoming CEW weekend. The theme is “Let There Be Peace On Earth.”

Kathy Peterson wanted to know what the plan is for the Strategic Plan. Father Jake said it is outlined and ready when we decide we want to start discussing it again. Right now he wants to work to wrap up the roof and other projects. We still need to get an inventory of our campus. We could bring this up at next month's meeting as an agenda item, though there are several things that may not be ready for November. The number one item is to develop a campus plan. Father asked if we still want this as number one. We have to assess where we are at first. We can go over the top 5 strategic goals next month as a refresher (old business).

Kathy Peterson said she was glad to see that Father Jake has had more time to socialize after mass.

### XII. Pastor's Comments –

1. The roof on the church is going to be replaced completely, Mandel roofing company will do the work. If everything goes well it should be done by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The roof that is currently on has structural deficiencies. This will cost us no additional money, just patience. The rectory is done except for gutters.

2. We will have a Seminarian with us next summer (James Flattery). His primary responsibility will be over at Genesis. His hometown is Colfax.

3. The plan is to have Evan Brankin move into the brick house as soon as it is available, with a one year lease.

4. Father Jake is a little concerned about the offertory, however it seems the number of people in church is up. He is not sure why giving is down. After the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year usually 51% to 52% of the budget should be in. If we are behind in January, we will need to put the brakes on spending. Scott Bengfort suggested that a polite reminder from the pulpit to fulfill your pledge since giving seems to be down.

5. There will be a mailer this year the week of Thanksgiving showing how much each parishioner has given up to now. It is a reminder to help boost end of year giving.

XII – Adjournment at 8:05 pm and Closing Prayer was said by Chad Lochner.

Next meeting will be November 28, 2017.

Minutes submitted by Vern Vondera, Secretary - Approved

Coordinator of Youth Ministry  
Report to the Parish Council  
10/24/2017 – 7:00PM

*We are disciples of Jesus making faith matter and sharing God's love to make more disciples.*

The three goals for youth ministry as described by Renewing the Vision are:

- Goal 1: To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.
- Goal 2: To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
- Goal 3: To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

We continue to focus on discipleship which involves (communally and individually):

1. Introduction to Jesus through and in a personal relationship with Him
2. The deepening of total prayer life
3. Discernment of God's will and our spiritual gifts
4. The living out of that discernment through service as the mission of the Church
5. Gaining the ability to clearly explain and defend one's beliefs
6. Developing spiritual defenses

What are we doing to accomplish these goals?

The Diocese continues its re-visioning process as it sorts through and analyzes the results of the surveys it has received. I will keep the parish and BoE up-to-date as he returns information to us

Generations of Faith and members of parish staff met this week on Monday to analyze the results of the Fuller Youth Institute assessments and make recommendations to the pastor as to next steps. More on this to come.

We continue to offer our usual Wednesday and Friday night programs. However, we are also developing small groups for high schoolers to offer them more flexibility and greater depth of relationship and development as discipleship. For middle school we continue to draw 40-80 teens each event, which is a difficult sized group to manage. I'm considering offering more middle school events, but focused on individual grades, to better allow for faith formation, not just fun and community building.

At parent meetings this fall we are offering parents for middle school students the opportunity to sign up to help with food and chaperoning at Friday Adventure Nights this fall, in order to grow our parental involvement, and handle the increasing size of this ministry. This was an idea that came from our parents who helped out last year. 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents helped on October 13<sup>th</sup>, and we had lots of food, though not as many parents interested in helping chaperone. Their next night is January 5<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited for November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Eighth grade parents are invited for December 1<sup>st</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>.

As we get our small groups going, and develop more adult mentors, Luke Ebener, Tommy Fallon, and I are meeting to develop a common system for developing individualized spiritual plans. These are similar to individual education plans, but tailored specifically to the

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spiritual needs of an individual. The idea would be to simultaneously assess where someone is in their discipleship and spiritual life, develop a relationship with a mentor, and offer practical, practicable next steps for growth in their faith lives.

Youth Ministry's Core Leadership Team meets next week on Wednesday night. We have started meeting on Wednesdays to increase participation. One goal for this year is to really dig into developing our teens in leadership and discipleship roles, with youth nights being largely teen led events, and their ideas and work being committed to them. The diocese is also adjusting its plans for a "Forum" event for high school youth in the late winter/early spring to become more of a leadership seminar for teens and adults in youth ministry. Every parish in the diocese will be invited to send a delegation to attend and work with Mike Patin on developing more leadership abilities in the parish.

NCYC is fast approaching! We will be hosting a diocesan meeting for chaperones on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our chaperones met last night to discuss preparations, what to expect, and spiritual preparations.

NCYC fundraising is almost complete (for this NCYC, at least). Kwik-star cards have been available through the YM office all summer. Some teens have already brought all their sales back, some have asked for more, and some are nearly complete with their first sales. The Knights of Columbus Trivia night was September 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Knights Hall! We raised, not counting the 50/50 raffle, \$2,028, which the Knights have pledged to match up to \$2,000.

Our prayer team will be recruiting new members this semester and growing in ability to pray more in depth for the teens in our parishes. We are also developing updated lists of parish teens for this ministry. Those lists are going out as we identify individuals who want to pray for 10 teens a day, every day, by first name, and otherwise participate in this prayer ministry.

We have several teens interested in attending the March for Life in Washington D.C., either through the diocese, or through Iowans for Life. AHS will not be offering the trip this year, and Mrs. Bush met with Luke and myself to look at whether St. Paul's and OLV would like to take that over. Funds may be available from the Black and White Gala, and from our trips budget, to assist teens on a trip which may cost anywhere from \$200-\$400.

We are also looking at offering a trip to one of Franciscan University's regional summer conferences in Kenosha, WI, at Carthage on Lake Michigan, from July 20-22. Cost per person for on-site housing would be approximately \$250. This would be for teens who didn't have the opportunity to attend NCYC for whatever reason, and would be invite based, and only for a small group. It would also serve as an experiment to see what the teens think of Steubenville conferences as a more budgetable, manageable experience, which we can consistently offer each year to teens. In order to facilitate this, I would like all fundraising after this November to be tracked by family, which they can direct towards any trip experience they want to attend, whether it be NCYC, the March, Steubenville, ND Vision, etc. over the course of their high school careers.

# **Church Life Report to Parish Council**

**October 2017**

- **Parish Picnic**

- Final Report will be submitted next month as waiting for donation from Knights of Columbus for inflatables to finalize. At this time, I do not know if they are donating the \$1000 that was pre-approved or if they are covering the entire cost of the inflatables \$1180. The item was to be on their agenda for their September meeting.

- **College Care Packages**

- Parents have been signing up students. Deadline is November 1 for sign up.
- Bulletin announcements will run in November asking for donations.
- Care package assembly is scheduled for Sunday, November 26 at 7 PM in the parish center.

- **Communications**

- Due to space limitations with the Victory Voice newsletter, not all the articles submitted were published and some that were included were edited for space. The article on Garden Ministry was not included – hope to submit for a future newsletter.

# Principal's Report to Parish Council: October 2017

Based upon information from the Principal's Posts (also available online)

## **Leading the Way**

This year's theme is "Leading the Way." Here are a few firsts for JFK:

- First in the area to offer childcare for preschoolers and expand preschool to seven offerings (four classes for 4/5 year olds, a T/Th 3 yr old class, a MWF 3 yr old class, and a M-F class for 3 yr olds in ECLC).
- First in the area to require science fair projects at more than one grade level (7th and 8th grades).
- First in the area to include cognitive, skills development, and participation in PE grading. First to utilize heart rate monitors.
- First to have 8th graders tour a college campus. (Now, the tour is wrapped into Career Fair for all of the Scott County Catholic schools. Career Fair is the largest joint venture with SAU with the recent exception of the athletic complex off of Central Park Ave.)
- First to offer junior high Mock Trial.
- First Catholic elementary school to have a school counselor, first to make the position full-time, and first to offer school-based therapist services with a private provider.
- First to utilize a camera and intercom system for building security. (We're also the only Catholic school in the area to have the school offices at the exterior of the building.)
- First to utilize two-way radios for communications throughout the building and campus.
- First to have a wireless network throughout the building.
- First to have interactive whiteboards/projectors in every classroom.
- First to have document cameras in every classroom.
- First to be 1 to 1 in grades 5 – 8.
- First to use a computer based reading screener for help in identifying students who need extra help.
- First to have a full-time technology coordinator.
- First to have a Facebook closed group for community communications.
- First to have technology tools for staff to use for lesson/unit planning.
- First to have the electrical power/wiring upgraded throughout the building to support today's needs.

## **Neighboring Land Vote by City Council Cancelled**

Mr. David Parochetti withdrew his request that the Davenport City Council remove the thirteen conditions from two parcels of land at the corner of Kimberly and Sturdevant that had been imposed as part of the rezoning process in 1999 when Schnucks purchased many lots in order to build a grocery store. With his withdrawal, a Taco Bell project across from the dental office is unlikely. We hope to work with Kwik-Trip, Inc., city staff, Beattie Dentistry, and neighbors to determine the proper zoning and conditions for the land along Sturdevant that will allow development that will be an asset to the neighborhood.

## **Land Donated to Our Lady of Victory**

Kwik-Trip, Inc. essentially donated the two parcels of land immediately south of our parking lot to OLV. OLV now owns the brown and white houses on Division and the land to the east up to the ravine. Kwik-Trip owns the properties along Sturdevant.

## **JFK Demographics — Record Preschool Enrollment**

Late September and early October mark official enrollment count dates for the State of Iowa, National Catholic Education Association, and Diocese of Davenport. JFK had record 3 – 5 yr old preschool this year with 102 preschoolers. Following is some information regarding our student body:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Official Enrollment Count 2017</b>	<b>Official Enrollment Count 2016</b>	<b>Official Enrollment Count 2015 – Records in Many Categories</b>
3 yr old PS (Total of TTh, MWF, and M-F)	22	18	20
4/5 yr old PS	80	80	80
Total PS	102	98	100
ECLC	22	24	24
Total K-8	395	409	418
Total PS-8	497	507	518
This is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> largest PS-8 enrollment in the history of JFK with record PS enrollment			
Waiting lists	4/5 yr PS, 4 yr olds to be in ECLC	4/5 yr PS, 4 yr olds to be in ECLC.	ECLC, 3 yr PS, 4/5 yr PS, K, 6 <sup>th</sup>
Free/reduced lunches, K-8	12.1%	14.2%	15.5%
Transportation services, registered	40.5%	43.3%	44%
PS – 8 Enrollment by Ethnicity, Percent Hispanic	16.4%	16%	18%
PS – 8 Enrollment by Race			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Native American</li> <li>• Asian</li> <li>• Black</li> <li>• Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</li> <li>• White</li> <li>• Two or More Races</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0%</li> <li>• 1.9%</li> <li>• 1.9%</li> <li>• 0%</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>• 91.3%</li> <li>• 4.8%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.2%</li> <li>• 2%</li> <li>• 2%</li> <li>• 0%</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>• 91.9%</li> <li>• 3.9%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.2%</li> <li>• 1.4%</li> <li>• 1.7%</li> <li>• 0%</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>• 93.6%</li> <li>• 3.1%</li> </ul>
K-8 Enrollment, Percent Catholic	88%	88%	87%
PS Enrollment Percent Catholic	55%	57%	61%
English Language Learners	0.8%	0.2%	
IEPs	1.5%	1.5%	
504 Plans for Students with a Documented Condition that Affects a Major Life Activity	4.6%	3.7%	
Title I Reading Services	5.9%	5.6%	
Title I Math Services	9.1%	Title I math was not available	

## Family Life Report to Parish Council

October 24, 2017

- A CEW working Renewal was held on October 22. Initial work for the upcoming weekends was completed. The Women and Men's Christian Experience Weekends will be held February 2-4 and February 16- 18 respectively. Please continue to pray for the teams as they prepare for the weekends.
- Meetings for Boy Scouts have begun and their annual popcorn sale will be ending soon. Congratulations to Peter Wemhoff and Brett Rappel who's Eagle Scout Projects have been completed and approved by their councils. They will each have an Eagle Scout Court of honor soon. Peter built shelving units for Mrs. Furlong's classroom at JFK and Brett built mailbox units for Hope at the Brick House. Girl Scouts continue to have their regular meeting throughout all grades.
- Pro-life Group – no new news.

Faith Formation report to Parish Council

Submitted by Jennifer Wemhoff

I participated in pastoral staff and Board of Education meetings during the month of October. I also participated in our area MORE (Ministers of Religious Education) meeting in October.

RCIA for children will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6-7PM during our regular class time. A volunteer catechist will work the children that fall into this category. We now have one student in the RCIA program for children.

We prayed a Living Rosary during Faith Formation on October 11. Students and families joined us for the luminous mysteries on the north hill outside of the church. We had an outline of the rosary using glow sticks.



Our next Family Meal night is Wednesday October 25 for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families. The families will be given an opportunity to enjoy a meal with their children. They will be provided with discussion prompts at the tables and then shown a short video about prayer and then have the opportunity to discuss questions from that video segment.

Trunk or Treat will be held October 28. After 4:30 Mass, children will be invited to trunk or treat on the south side of the parking lot. After they have participated in trunk or treat, everyone is invited to enjoy hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 best decorated vehicles. Join us and help everyone enjoy some safe family fun.

The Confirmation parent meeting was held Thursday September 28 at 6PM. Lisa Willows met with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and I met with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents

The NET Retreats for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders (both OLV Faith Formation and JFK students) were held:

- i) Wednesday October 4 the retreat for 7<sup>th</sup> graders was from 3-7PM
- ii) Thursday October 5 the retreat for 8<sup>th</sup> graders was from 3:30-7:30PM

We are very thankful to all our families for providing food, helping to serve a meal, and for housing members of the NET team. The students really seem to enjoy these retreats by the NET team. We are grateful for Gala money that allows us to give them these opportunities.

We held our emergency drills for Faith Formation (intruder, fire, and inclement weather) on September 27.

## Wellness Committee

October 2, 2017

Parish Nurse Hours for June-September- Carol Burns 140 hours

Bonnie Beyhl

Contacts-196, Blood Pressure Clinic: approximately 50 with 2 abnormal

Carol attended the Woman's Health Conference which had an emphasis on diabetes. She also attended the American Cardiologist Conference. Wellness Committee was a part of the Food Fun Fellowship in September; a panel of speakers were on hand addressing senior needs. FFF was well attended with approximately 65 people.

Mark your calendars for our Gourmet Cupcake, Cookie and Petit Four Sale to be held November 18- 19 after masses. The proceeds are used to fund the Wellness Scholarship.

Trick or Trunk is October 28<sup>th</sup> in the church parking lot after mass. Come dressed in costume. Wellness will have a "trunk" so come out and enjoy the excitement. Wellness will give out little bags of goodies- including stickers, pencils, and rings.

Wellness committee will provide a healthy care kit for the college care packages going to students the end of November.

Minutes of Stewardship Committee Meeting  
Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport, IA  
October 9, 2017

**Members present:** Matt Henning, Judy Johnson, Deacon Al Boboth, Fr. Dan Dorau, Peg. Macek. Ralph Armstrong and Chuck Gerlach were welcomed as new members.  
Opening prayer was led by Deacon Al.

### **1. Publicity Re: Parish Tithe**

To bring new members up to speed, information about our sister parish relationship with Christ the King, Porcupine, SD as well as history of the parish tithe and organizations served was presented. The following guideline for donations was highlighted:

Funds gifted outside the parish should only go to legitimate not-for-profit organizations that uphold identifiable Catholic moral and social teaching. Strong preference is given when funds can be used to break the cycle of poverty. Each organization that we donate to is also supported by our prayers. In this way, our community is not just giving money but sharing faith as well. Periodically we publish in the bulletin an accounting of our tithing donations as well as information about the organizations being served.

Ralph agreed to write and submit a "Did You Know?" bulletin piece with details about first quarter tithe (7/1-9/30/17). Dollar amount shared and organizations supported to be included.

### **2. Time/Talent Renewal**

Online responses are beginning to come in. Hard copy responses will be added to the Google site as received. Fr. Dan volunteered to compile interim reports for bulletin publicity with information re: number of organizations served plus hours per month donated. A process for forwarding volunteer contact information to ministry leaders has not been fully developed, but should be simple as Google pulls all responses together into a single spreadsheet.

Notion of responding to those who volunteer as Prayer Warriors was discussed. This role is open to anyone who is willing to support stewardship at OLV/JFK with their prayers. Prayer Warriors are asked to pray daily in their own home, in their own way for this intention. (NOTE: this is distinct from Communion of Saints Prayer Circle) A thank you/acknowledgement for their participation is planned. Conversation led to development of monthly or weekly prayer intentions that could be communicated to the Prayer Warriors via bulletin or electronic method. To be discussed further at November meeting.

Conversation led to discussion about a permanent card, always available in Gathering Space kiosk (perhaps online), where members can report their stewardship of time/talent. Quarterly reports could then be given that highlight the most recent tithe, plus summary of our collective actions. Fr. Dan volunteered to draft a permanent card.

### **3. Prayers in the *Music Issue* (Stewardship / Sister Parish / Vocations)**

Notion of a laminated card that fits into back cover of *Music Issue* was discussed as alternative to individual labels which are labor intensive to insert. A 5.5 x 8.5 inch card, printed in color (one side) can be obtained for \$30 more than the cost of needed labels. Stewardship budget could fund the purchase. Heavier weight card stock, or two-sided printing will increase the price. Input re: feasibility and additional prayers to include is welcome. It is easiest to insert labels before books go into the pews for Advent (begins December 3). Laminated cards may be inserted any time. Final decision deferred until November meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, November 13 at 7 PM in the Parish Center. Agenda includes:

- 2017 Time/Talent Renewal
- Prayer intentions for Prayer Warrior ministry
- Stewardship reporting card
- Prayers in the *Music Issue*

Submitted by Judy Johnson, Secretary

**Subject:** Liturgy Notes Oct  
**From:** "Suzanne Yackley" <[JAYACKLEYS@msn.com](mailto:JAYACKLEYS@msn.com)>  
**Sent:** 10/20/2017 10:04:31 PM  
**To:** "Vern" <[vvern@msn.com](mailto:vvern@msn.com)>;

- Positive results from the Ministry Fair. Generated people interested in participating in a ministry.
- Looking for interest in a Grief Group
- Went over calendar for the rest of 2017