

Our Lady of Victory Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 22, 2018

I. President Chad Lochner called the meeting to order at 7:05 and opened with a prayer led by Father Jake. Roll call was taken

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

III. The agenda was approved and the April 2018 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. Old Business –

A. Parish council Elections – Kathy requested that the next recruitment of parish council members be handled by the entire board and not just the outgoing members. All four of the new candidates have been involved with the parish and school and will serve with passion. Judy asked to have Kathy provide the talking points for the recruitment of the new members. Four new members will be getting an invitation to the June meeting from the parish council president.

B. Parish Picnic – The date will be September 15. John Diggs can't DJ, but John Wichelmann is working on entertainment. John is going to try for a DJ through Bill Obenouf. June 3rd is slated for the parish picnic committee meeting at 6:00pm. Kathy suggested we get Chris Wemhoff, Mike VanSpeybrock, and Rick Willows to help. River City 6 was one option suggested for the band. John would like to do Bingo and a dance as well as a tug of war again.

VI. New Business –

A. Beginning of Campus Planning – Father introduced Matt Brenot to the Parish Council. This is our top initiative as a Council. Matt provided a five-page document to the council. Matt Reviewed the most critical requirements. Council provided feedback on some of the structures. The reason the gathering space doesn't require sprinklers is because it isn't large enough and the doors separating the gathering space and the church are two hour burn doors. Seemed that the cooling tower for the church is about 12 years or so. Judy Johnson offered to provide dates to the report. Next steps are to pull together listening sessions and pull together more details. Comments were made that the council appreciated the separation of critical needs versus wants for each building. The school safety project is not included in this report as this campus plan is intended to be actionable after the safety projects are completed.

VII. Ministry Reports

A. Social Action

1. Christian Services – Report Submitted. See attached report.

2. Ecumenical – Last two reports hold true. Homeless shelter volunteer work is done. Food Ministry will continue although location may change. Churches united ice cream social in June and crop walk in October, but we don't participate. Could be future chance to grow this service. Garden Ministry – Started planting tomato plants last week.

B. Church Life -

1. Church Life – Report Submitted. 59 care packages last month was the most we have ever done. Very well received by the students.

2. Stewardship – Report Submitted. See attached report. June 5th 8:45am – 4:00pm at the cathedral is a program called Rebuilt. The workshop is on the book about rebuilding a parish. Matt Henning will be attending.

3. Ladies Council – No report

4. Wellness – Report Submitted. Two scholarship winners were announced. Book sale will be held next weekend.

C. Faith Formation -

1. Faith Formation/RCIA – Report Submitted. See attached report.

2. JFK / Board of Education – Report Submitted. Lots of business in the June session. Listening sessions were held for the safety projects. 3 recommendations: cameras, drop off/pickup procedures, and hard topping the back area. Cameras were funded \$21,700. Still pricing out options for drop off and pickup procedures. Also, still pricing out the back areas. Hope to have in place by June 5th Board of Ed meeting.

3. Youth Ministry/ Young Adults – Report Submitted. See attached report.

D. Family Life – Report Submitted. See attached report.

E. Finance and Administration – Financial reports through April 30th reviewed. Checkbook balance is healthy. Revenue and expenses are both below budgeted levels. 2019 Budget will be submitted next month. Gala numbers will be available next month also.

F. Liturgy – Report submitted and nothing additional.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Odd Jobs Ministry – No Report submitted. Drywall done in the brick house. 2.5 weeks until they do the parish center wall. Will be a very large project. Several families planted on Sunday afternoon in the Mary garden. Father Jake announced the members that completed the planting on Sunday.

B. Vocations – No report.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be attended by Ralph Armstrong.

IX. Unfinished Business – None

XI. Parishioner Comments – Question was why we couldn't put full names in the bulletin for first communion and confirmation students. It is believed that we don't put last names of children in the bulletin because it is available online and the policy is to not list student last names in online publications. The altar servers names are listed in the bulletin right now and this needs to be addressed.

XII. Pastor's Comments – Signed off on our insurance claim on the roof today. Father Jake is appointed to clergy for the community by the Bishop. We are hosting this group on June 28th. It is looking to help with the youth in the community. Father Jake is going to be a confessor at the Scott county jail starting July 1st. Based on his ability to speak a little Spanish, he is being called to this service. Two new lay leaders for CEW were announced: Kelly Poster and Shawn Atwater. Your grace is enough is the theme. James Flattery, a seminarian, will be at our parish this summer but primarily serving at Genesis. 8th Grade Graduation is June 1st at 6:30pm. Parish council is invited to hand out

diplomas. Father Dan on vacation May 27th – June 3rd. Father Jake out June 9th – June 14th. Then back and out again June 17th – 22nd. Father Dan's last weekend at our parish is June 22nd - 23rd. OLV foundation made a gift of \$36,000 to the parish for security. Thank you to the foundation members. Three parishioners are in ICU as we speak and Father Dan is there now ministering. A question was raised about Vision 2020 and Father Jake explained it is an evangelization, planning and a state of the diocese project.

Happy Birthday was sung.

XII – Adjournment at 8:46 pm and Closing Prayer was said by Father Jake

Next meeting will be June 26th.

Minutes submitted by Chad Lochner, President – Approved.

Principal's Report to Parish Council: May 2018

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

Campus Safety

Three listening sessions were conducted in late April/early May regarding outside concerns.



After a campus safety review this fall, the most common concerns were related to keeping students safe when outside the building but on campus property, including the parking lot. How we respond has the potential to impact how we use the entire campus on all days of the week.

Areas of Focus for the Listening Session:

1. Parking Lot Safety:
 - A. Safety concerns relating to traffic in the parking lot during drop off and dismissal times:
 - Drivers are too inattentive, and some, particularly those who are not “regulars” to the campus, are confused by the cones and may even drive through them.
 - Parents who have “picked up” their kids but are still standing and conversing in the parking lot often have their children playing around them, and the children are not as careful about staying within the coned area.
 - Cones would not stop a driver intent on doing harm or one who has an accident (confusing brake/accelerator, etc.)
 - B. Safety concerns related to children being in the parking lot before/after school and recesses:
 - When the grass is wet, recesses are in the parking lot.
 - Drop off and pick up is in the northern part of the parking lot.
 - Cars enter at the northwest 42nd Street entrance and may drive past the church to get to preschool drop off or go toward the school to park in visitor spots, including times when children are at recess.
 - Cars are sometimes parked in the north part of the lot, and then children come outside to play for recess on the blacktop, and the car is right in the way.
 - The parking lot is directly across from apartment buildings.
 - Neighbors cut across the parking lot during the school day or during after school programming.
2. Short-term visitor and handicapped parking is a long way from the main school doors.
3. When buses are on 42nd Street, and with the regular parking on the north side of 42nd, the street only can accommodate traffic in one direction at a time.

While there were many nuanced differences at our three listening sessions, two main ideas emerged in regards to safety concerns relating to traffic in the parking lot during drop off and dismissal times and safety concerns relating to children being in the parking lot before/after school and recesses:

- Change drop off/pick up procedures/routes/barriers and also develop a hard surface play area south of the current play equipment.
- Change drop off/pick up procedures/routes/barriers and “flip” the parking lot so that student activity is on the south end of the lot and traffic and parking is on the north end of the lot.

In relation to the above two, we are detailing the pricing for three to four options, one with the hard surface play area south of the current play equipment and 2-3 for “flipping” how we use the parking lot, which would move student use from the north side to the south side of the basketball hoop divider.

Developing a new location for handicapped and short-term visitor parking for the school off of 42nd Street was widely supported. For dealing with congestion on 42nd Street when buses are on the street, the only option receiving any level of support was to see if the city would eliminate parking on the north side of the street during bus times.

Other Safety News:

We will be receiving at least partial funding for our Scott County Riverboat Authority (Bettendorf casino) grant application. The final amount will be known on 5/22/18. Our application was for \$21,700 toward a \$24,130 security camera project with 12 exterior and nine interior cameras for hallways and large spaces like the gym, cafeteria, and parish center. Fr. Jake has indicated that some cameras will probably also be installed around the church at the same time so we can piggy-back on pricing.

Our Riverboat Development Authority (Davenport casino) grant application for \$5,300 towards minor improvements to some windows and doors was not funded.

We have also received a commitment to a multi-year anonymous donation of about \$12,000 for safety purposes.

Bell and Bus Times for Next Year — Here We Go Again

We have been working with the Davenport Community School District regarding its March proposal to change bell and bus times. The first proposal pushed all the faith-based schools back by 45 – 50 minutes and was not liked by anyone. A second proposal was then made that moved all of the faith-based schools up by 20 minutes. The newest times are liked by some of the schools with JFK families probably split on the proposed 7:25-2:40 day. A decision will be made by the DCSD's board on May 29th. Then, the OLV/JFK board will have to make our decision about going along with new times or going without transportation as we know it. Other options are being explored but the cost to our families may be too steep to make them viable.

Scott County Catholic Schools Strategic Planning

An agreement was made to hire Meitler Consultants to conduct strategic planning for Catholic school education in Scott County. Meitler has national experience and extensive experience in Iowa's other dioceses. Strategic planning for Scott County Catholic schools was born out of the diocesan strategic plan for Catholic school education, which called for separate strategic planning to be completed for Scott and Johnson Counties. Gone are the days of dramatically falling enrollment and widespread school closures and consolidations. It's time to plan for how Catholic schools can be strong and prosper in the future. Basic data gathering will begin this summer and extensive surveys, conversations, and focus group work will take place in the fall. The goal would be to have the plan completed by next spring.

Legislation and Funding for Non-Public Schools

The tax reform bill brought some positive changes to helping families afford non-public school education. Catching up to recent federal legislation, changes to Iowa's 529 plans will allow those funds to be used for K-12 non-public school tuition as well as college costs.

The family eligibility for financial assistance provided through School Tuition Organizations was increased from 300 to 400 percent of the federal poverty level, which would take the threshold to about \$98,000 for a family of four. An additional \$1 million was also allowed statewide. Unfortunately, the additional funding probably won't match the additional need identified with the expanded eligibility. Now, we know what a legislative priority for us will be next session.

Smartphones Interfere with Cognitive Tasks Even When We're Not Using Them

An [article](#) in *THE Journal: Transforming Education Through Technology* by Dian Schaffhauser summarizes two studies that show that just having smartphones nearby, even if turned off and/or in a pocket or nearby backpack, impairs students' cognitive abilities. Perhaps even more alarming is that students in the study didn't think the location of their smartphones had any impact when the results showed it clearly did! The advice of the researchers is that separation from one's smartphone helps students with cognitive tasks. Here is the full

url/link: <https://thejournal.com/articles/2018/04/09/even-the-mere-presence-of-a-smartphone-makes-you-dumber.aspx>

Summer Programming at JFK:

Leaps & Bounds: Does your child need some extra help over the summer? Are you looking for a way to provide additional academic challenge for your student? Our Iowa certified staff will provide opportunities for your kindergarten through 5th grade child to grow by Leaps and Bounds. Sign up for one, two or even all three sessions. There are three week and two week sessions. The program runs from 8:00 – 11:30 each day. Two hours are for reading, one hour is for math, and 30 minutes is for recess and other fun. The ratio is kept at 7 to 1 students per teacher or less.

Three week session: June 11 – 29. Two week session: July 9 – 20 Two week session: July 30 – Aug 10

Vacation Bible School: This program is coordinated for parish members by parish members. Volunteers are always welcome to be a part of VBS. Children who are entering kindergarten through 6th grade will enjoy a week of activities, crafts, skits, songs, and Bible stories. VBS meets from 8:00 – 11:30 and runs July 23 – 27. The cost is \$25 per child.

Math Boot Camp: Math Boot Camp will help to kick start your student's math skills before school begins in August. Students will work with an Iowa certified teacher to review main concepts learned in the previous grade. Each day will be an **intensive** Math Boot Camp is for students of all learning ability levels entering grades 6-8. The camp is from August 6 – 10. The cost is \$40 per student.

Incoming 6th graders: 8:00-9:30 a.m. Incoming 7th graders: 9:30-11:00 a.m. Incoming 8th Graders: 11:00-12:30 p.m.

Jump Start Kindergarten: Preschool students have worked hard this year to learn many skills to be successful when they start Kindergarten in the fall. Jump Start Kindergarten will provide a review of alphabet letters and sounds, basic math concepts, and literacy skills. This week long review will also include story times and interactive white board activities. What a great way for your child to practice instructional routines in a fun, enriching atmosphere! Jump Start Kindergarten is August 6 – 10 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$50, if registered before May 26th; \$55 afterward.

Summer Tutoring: Does your son or daughter need some extra one-on-one academic help during the summer? Does he/she need to catch up on grade level skills? How about a head start on the next school year? Is your child interested in some coaching for a summer STEAM project? JFK teachers are available this summer for tutoring students in a variety of areas. Tutoring is one-on-one for grades K-8 by the hour (\$22) or half-hour (\$11). Dates and times are flexible and can be arranged with the teacher. Please contact Mrs. Motto for K-2 reading/language arts, Mrs. Lundquist for 3-5 reading/language arts/5th grade math, Ms. Burken for 6-8 reading/language arts, Mrs. Burke for reading/language arts, and/or Mrs. Schott for K-8 summer STEAM projects mentoring.

Instrumental Lessons: Would your son or daughter like to develop his/her instrumental skills over the summer? Private lessons can be a great help (especially for younger grades) at retaining the current instrument knowledge. It can also serve as early preparation for SEIBA auditions, marching band with Assumption, 6th-grade band fests and more. There is no minimum or maximum number of lessons that you can sign up for; everything is based on availability. Lessons can be arranged weekly or bi-weekly, a certain amount over the course of the summer, or sporadically. Cost is \$22 per hour or \$11 per half hour.

Registration forms for any summer programming: Click [HERE](#) or use the following link/url: <http://www.olvjfk.com/for-parents/policies-forms/> for registration forms.

Benefit for CJ Tilkens



A benefit is planned for July 1st at 2:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus to help our PE teacher's family and little CJ. You can also contribute to CJ's fight against Neuroblastoma by donating through GoFundMe. Click [CJ Cancer Fight](#) or use the following link/url: <https://www.gofundme.com/CJCancerFight> .

Happy Retirement, Mrs. Hinchman

Mrs. Hinchman will be joining her husband in retirement. The 7th/8th grade show last week was her last as a teacher at JFK. I've always been amazed at how she got everyone to participate, even those who have stage fright or are just not sure about doing anything related to drama or public performances. She certainly has a unique gift. We wish her well in retirement.

Plant Sale

Results of the first Plant Sale fundraiser are in: we sold almost \$11,000 of plants!

June's Board Meeting to be Busy

The June meeting will be busy for the OLV/JFK board of education. Some of the items on the agenda just in relation to the school, not considering youth ministry and faith formation, are the following:

- Safety issues: Fairly detailed drawings and cost proposals for 3-4 options regarding outside safety concerns will be presented and discussed.
- School policies: One third of the school's policies are reviewed each year.
- Interventionists and IEPs: How to best utilize our licensed teacher-interventionists, including the possibility of servicing students with instructional IEPs at JFK rather than through a dual enrollment arrangement with the DCSD, will be decided.
- Bell time decisions for JFK will be made.
- A new master schedule, having particular impact on 6th-8th grades, is being considered
- Supplemental pay for teachers will be voted upon. JFK's supplemental pay is intended to be a partial match to teacher quality pay that public school teachers receive.
- A budget for 2018-19 needs to be approved. Significant reductions are being proposed for hourly instructional staff and technology.

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V. Old Business –

A. Parish council Elections – Kerri Nykoluk reported that we have been running ads in the bulletin. Kerri has one possible candidate, and Kathy Peterson also has a few possible candidates. We need four people. Discussion continued on other people we may want to ask.

The board of education is also seeking people to run for their positions.

The election is May 19-20.

VI. New Business –

A. Parish Picnic – The date will be September 15. We need to put together a committee and find someone to lead the effort. There were many people who said they would help. John Wichelmann suggested we need to find ways to get the families to stay longer. Ralph suggested that different classes from the school develop carnival games. Other discussion included making the music more modern after 7:30 to draw the teens in. John Wichelmann also had thoughts about doing a BINGO or a 50/50 raffle. There was also discussion about having sponsorship for things like the music and the beer tent. Father Jake said we should just try to break even. This should not be a fund raiser. The traditional games went over very well last year. John Wichelmann is thinking about doing a survey to see what people would like to see at the picnic.

VII. Ministry Reports

A. Social Action

1. Christian Services – Report Submitted. See attached report.
2. Ecumenical – Nothing new since last month.

B. Church Life -

1. Church Life – Report Submitted. See attached report. Kathy Peterson reported that she sent 59 care packages last weekend. There were some new people who came to help and it went very well. There were letters in the packages from Father Jake and Evan Brankin. Kathy does not have all the costs yet. The final report will be submitted next month.

2. Stewardship – Report Submitted. See attached report. Judy Johnson reported that they discussed what to do with regard to adult envelopes. Father mentioned that we are trying to reduce the costs of sending out envelopes. An option is to give out all the envelopes once per year. In the stewardship meeting they were concerned that the once a year method is old school, and not a modern way to do things. However the concern is that if people don't know where their envelopes are, they won't give. The postage for the year of mailing the envelopes is \$3300. The cost to ship the envelopes to the church once per year the cost is \$175. The flip side to giving out envelopes once a year is that it gives us an opportunity to call those who have not picked up their envelopes and find out how they are doing, and if they are in need of help or prayers. Kathy Peterson also suggested that we email all those who pay electronically and see if they want their envelopes discontinued.

Stewardship will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday. The time and talent catalog will be updated in the fall.

3. Ladies Council – Maureen Mosse reported that the St. Ann’s circle met with Evan about the Euchre night for kids. They are also planning Father Dan’s farewell reception.

The rummage sale is coming up. June 9th will be the set-up at 8:00 am and they will need help. The sale dates are June 13th – 16th. They don’t plan on renting a dumpster this year. They just hope to use the parish dumpster.

4. Wellness – Report Submitted. See attached report. Deb reported that we should watch the bulletin regarding the wellness table book sale.

C. Faith Formation -

1. Faith Formation/RCIA – Report Submitted. See attached report.

2. JFK / Board of Education – Report Submitted. See attached report. They did a school climate survey. There was voting regarding salaries for the next year. An ad hoc committee was put together to discuss the safety survey. Also discussed was the change in start times for the school. Ralph Armstrong wanted to know if we have to allow the public school to change our start times because of their bussing schedule. Chad mentioned that we have asked the Davenport School District for consideration. We have not asked the court for an injunction to stop the change. Ralph feels we should stand our ground. Father Jake mentioned that if we push hard the school district could refuse to provide bussing and instead issue us vouchers, if we ask for them. There will be a meeting with the Davenport school district in May to discuss this further. In the end, all options are on the table.

3. Youth Ministry/ Young Adults – Report Submitted. See attached report.

D. Family Life – Report Submitted. See attached report.

E. Finance and Administration – Bernie Mack reported that they reviewed the 3rd quarter financials. We continue to be in the black. The parish debt is down to \$430,000 and should be down to \$400,000 by the end of the FY. They have a draft budget that shows a positive net income.

F. Liturgy – The liturgy committee wrapped up the Easter celebration.

VIII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Odd Jobs Ministry - Report submitted. Chuck Gerlach reported that Sunday, after 11:00 mass, they will be hanging drywall in the brick house attic. Still looking for more volunteers. They have some volunteers but could always use more. Chad Lochner suggested that they remember to take pictures to go in the Victory Voice. Chuck mentioned that they did take pictures at the clean-up day.

B. Vocations – No report. Pray for Deacon Al. He is sick with Pneumonia. We could really use more priests and deacons. Please pray for them as well as women religious. The deacon program is 2 years of discernment and 5 years of formation.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be attended by Suzie Yackley.

IX. Unfinished Business – None

XI. Parishioner Comments – Kathy Peterson asked if we have a way to graciously deal with folks who show up in the gathering space to collect money. We give to Care link and we can point them to Care link. Father stated that there is a sheet at the office that can be provided to the hospitality ministers to give them ideas on how to handle these issue.

Deb Friederichs noticed that there are 70 fewer families in the directory this time than last time. Her concern is that if it looks like we don't have families, we may not keep families. Maureen Mosse mentioned that there will be a re-shoot in September where we may be able to get some more people in the directory. Families can also submit a picture. It is \$10 per picture that gets submitted. We could take new parishioners pictures when they enroll and then submit their pictures for future updates. We could also display the pictures to welcome the new families. Even if we don't put the pictures in the directory, we can at least put their picture up to recognize them. Judy Johnson asked if we could also view the directory online. Maureen Mosse said that is coming, but only for those who gave their email address when they signed up for the directory.

XII. Pastor's Comments – Master calendaring is done through June 2019. Take a look at the dates. Thanks to all who helped with the calendar. Jennifer Wemhoff says we will need up to 6 Catechists for faith formation next year. Please get those names to her so that she can do training with them. This can be High School students. Chad Steimle and Father Jake are working diligently to get the school bussing situation resolved. In order to talk at the school board meeting, you must apply to talk. There is a lot riding on making sure we understand this. David Mattke will send out a draft budget. We will then vote on it in June. There will be some changes in Faith Formation hours and a new part time position will be created. There will also be a stronger focus on communications by Lisa Willows. This is all in response to the loss of Father Dan. Father Jake will not be the chaplain at Assumption next year. There will be no changes in Mass times for at least one year. At the deanery meeting confessions were discussed. The bishop would like to have confessions somewhere in the Quad Cities every day of the week. If we add a night, it would likely be Thursday. The Bishop would like this started as soon as possible. The Bishop also feels that if Masses need to be cut, then the first to be cut are those that happen outside of the parish. This summer the Bishop will be kicking off Vision 2020. This is an evangelization effort for the Diocese. This will be a two year program with Diocese planning discussions. There will be more information coming.

Ralph asked if there has been any discussion on parish closures. Father Jake said there has been no discussion on closures, but there has been discussion on consolidations if needed. The Bishop wants to have as much transparency as possible in all these things.

XII – Adjournment at 9:05 pm and Closing Prayer was said by Chad Lochner

Next meeting will be May 22nd.

Minutes submitted by Vern Vondera, Secretary - Unapproved

Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Report to the Parish Council
4/24/2018 – 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. Other Diocesan offerings include:

[Practices in Ministry](#) – Saturday, April 14th (9AM-6PM) and Sunday, April 15th (9AM-4PM) at the Chancery, Davenport with Don Boucher – Open to Ministry Leaders, Catechists/Team Members – I attended as part of my ongoing certification training. Training was high quality, with renewed focus on best practices particularly for meetings.

Generations of Faith and members of parish staff met to continue working on initial planning for Growing Young. We have reviewed 6 out of 6 metrics and will begin developing focus group questions and conducting research once we complete the initial strategizing and hand that over to the strategic planning group.

Luke Ebener, Tommy Fallon, and I are working on a common system for developing individualized spiritual plans. We tested a second draft of this material at Theology on Tap in Davenport during April, and are now working on a third version using the feedback we received. We also invited deanery youth ministry representatives to examine and give feedback on the materials, and are also collaborating with Kelly Bush at Assumption.

We held post-NCYC parent/teen meetings on April 16th and 17th, and collected feedback while returning refund checks from fundraising efforts. Many families have not yet received their refund checks or given us feedback, so those efforts will continue. We will mail any of those that haven't been picked up by the end of this week.

We are registered to bring a small group of teens and chaperones on 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 with on-site housing would be approximately

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\$250. We now have six teens planning on attending, and two chaperones and will have some preparation meetings in July leading up to the trip.

We're now opening Catholic Worker house visits each month to interested families as a ministry. I've also finalized updates to the website from the Mission we did last summer.

For this summer's Parish Mission event we are partnering with Rebuilding Together, a national non-profit with a local branch in the QCA – they source, assess, and manage projects to make repairs to homes for the poor, disabled, and elderly who need assistance in crucial areas of household life. Our house has been selected, final assessments of projects are underway, and our set dates are July 12-15. We had mass announcements and initial sign ups during April, and are now in the planning stages for the overall weekend's events, and the particular project needs.

We offered a lock-in this April 27-29th themed on the popular Marvel Cinematic Universe, and held a marathon viewing of their currently released and licensed films. Parental and teen support for the event was been very high, and families were welcome to participate as well. The goal is to follow each film with a short reflection on the Christian themes, virtues, characters, or messages found therein. We had 20 people in attendance throughout the weekend.

We are looking at potentially offering a "Youth Center" approach to ministry with the youth room and resources within. Teens have expressed a need for a place to study or just a safe space to hang out after school and sports are complete. Parents at FORUM expressed a similar desire for their teens, and we may be able to help. We're looking at offering a pilot version of this for finals this year, with the youth room set up with study and relaxation areas. At the time of writing, we have enough adults signed up to offer blocks of time for studying to teens on several nights of the week.

LITURGY COMMITTEE REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL

May 8, 2018

- Eucharistic Minister Training will be on June 3, 2018, 1:00 PM.
- Ministry of Hospitality – will have training in the Fall.
- Next Year Ash Wednesday – looking to invite Fr. Stack back to provide talks similar to this year, but different topics.
- Confession Times – will be adding additional time during the week.

Family Life Report to Parish Council

May 22, 2018

- The Women and Men's Board members have chosen the Lay Directors/Assistants for the 2019 weekends. They were announced at the Town Hall Meeting on 5/20/18. A question and answer period was also held. Please pray for the back tables as they begin the process of choosing their teams for the weekends.
- The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are wrapping up their meetings for the school year and are holding sign up periods for next year. Several opportunities for camps will be held this summer for those who are interested.
- Pro-life Group –An open meeting was held on May 9th at 6:30 in the Gathering Space. I will defer to Maureen Mosse who was kind enough to host the meeting to report on attendance/interest.

Faith Formation report to Parish Council

Submitted by Jennifer Wemhoff

I participated in pastoral staff during the month of May. We finished the process of calendaring for the 2018-2019 school year as a pastoral staff.

Confirmation was celebrated with Bishop Zinkula on Friday April 27, he confirmed 57 students.

I attended the May MORE (Ministers of Religious Education) meeting held in Long Grove.

Evan and I continue to meet with the Generations of Faith Committee to discuss the results of the Fuller Youth Institute surveys and to discuss our next steps with the results.

We are in need of the following catechist positions for the 2018-2019 school year: Kindergarten, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade. The request for catechists was in the bulletin last month for several weeks. I have asked several individuals about teaching and am waiting to hear back from them.

Vacation Bible School, with the theme ***Shipwrecked***, will be held July 23-27 for students entering kindergarten through 6th grade for the 2018-2019 school year. Several applications have already been received. Cost per student is \$25.

A new safe environment program will be introduced by the diocese this summer. This program will replace the Circle of Grace materials that we have been using for the past 5 years. I will be attending training for this new program in June.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL - May 22, 2018

Another successful Ethical trade sale last weekend; it appears that selling every other month is working well.

Christian service has invested in four micro loans through Kiva-\$14 dollars has been paid back already. Kiva is a low dollar amount \$25 loan to very needy people throughout the world. We are currently supporting 8 families - most to put in a clean water source, running water toilet, seeds for farming, money for cows.

Minutes of Stewardship Commission Meeting
Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport, IA
May 14, 2018

Members present: Judy Johnson, Matt Henning, Nancy Stone, Fr. Dan, Chuck Gerlach, Peg Macek.
Meeting opened with prayer led by Fr. Dan.

1. Pentecost. Finalized plans for celebration honoring gifts of time/talent to OLV/JFK. Fr. Jake will discuss in May 20 Pastor's Column. Fr. Dan will recognize via homily and pulpit announcements. Nancy & Judy will hang ministry banners. Hospitality Ministers will be asked to distribute post-it notes as people exit Mass. Supply of post-its is plentiful. Anyone who wishes may have them...children too. A quantity will be delivered to the school for distribution to JFK and FF staff.

2. Electronic Giving. Draft of a tri fold E-Giving brochure was presented and reviewed at the meeting. Plan is to print in full color on glossy paper. Copies to be inserted into Newcomer Folder and available as needed. Could be included with pastor welcome letters, *Victory Voice* mailings, treasure renewal, annual contribution letters, or anywhere deemed appropriate. Stewardship budget will fund printing cost.

Suggestions given at the meeting for ongoing promotion:

- develop a permanent blurb to be used in bulletins and *Victory Voice*
- send the e-giving brochure at least one time with an all-parish mailing before January 2019
- include mention of e-giving options when publishing previous month's income

PARISH LIFE	
<i>Your Gifts Make A Difference</i>	
Fiscal Year runs July 1 to June 30	
As of 4/30/2018	
Adult Envelopes	\$669,761.37
Electronic Giving	\$322,277.50
Offertory	\$33,537.54
Total Contributions	\$1,025,576.41
YTD Budget Needed	\$1,068,338.59
Overage/(Shortfall)	(\$42,762.18)

3. Vision 20/20: From Pentecost to Pentecost

Information re: the Bishop's initiative was presented and briefly discussed at the meeting. More discussion expected next time on how the work of Stewardship Committee can participate in this.

Immediate ideas that surfaced:

- To give hearty promotion, insert color ad supplied by the Diocese into summer edition of *Victory Voice*
- Because of strong compatibility: Could stewardship set aside fall 2018 time/talent renewal to focus on Vision 2020 listening sessions?
- Offer at least one listening session during Wednesday Faith Formation time. Invite/encourage FF parents to stay on campus while children are at class.
- The book *Rebuilt* is a ground breaking work that gives practical strategies in tandem with Vision 2020. The June 5 workshop at Sacred Heart Cathedral, with *Rebuilt* authors, is open to lay leadership of the Diocese. Workshop fee of \$45 includes lunch. One Stewardship Committee member has already registered, one more is considering.
- Everyone on Parish Council should have a copy of *Rebuilt*.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 11, at 7 PM in the Parish Center. Agenda: Review Pentecost and Vision 2020.

Submitted by
Judy Johnson, Secretary

Church Life Report to Parish Council

May 2018

- **College Care Packages**

- Total Income from parishioner donations was \$478. Total Cost was \$908.80. Cost to Parish was \$430.80.
- Comparing income/expenses to Fall 2017 – in the Fall we sent out 55 care packages but only 50 were mailed for a postage cost of \$440.89 – this Spring we sent out 59 care packages of which only 55 were mailed for a postage cost of \$520.52. The packages that are not mailed are going to St. Ambrose University students and are hand delivered. Postal rates have increased – our packages weighed less in the Spring but cost us more per package to mail. Parishioner contributions were \$332 in the Fall and were \$478 in the Spring. Expenses Fall semester were \$929.76 and this Spring semester was \$908.80.
- Thank you to parishioners for their support of this ministry was placed in the bulletin.

- **Parish Picnic**

- Date was set for September 15, 2018.
- Picnic committee should be established and plan to have first meeting in June.