

1. Steve Frank opened the meeting at 7:00 with a prayer. Roll call was taken. Those in attendance are noted below.

| Status | Name | Ministry/Committee Assignment |
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| | Fr. Jake Greiner | Pastor |
| X | Ralph Armstrong | Faith Formation Liaison |
| | Al Boboth | Ex-Officio (Deacon) |
| X | Helen White | Ladies Council |
| X | Chuck Gerlach | Odd jobs, Stewardship |
| X | Fr. Scott Foley | Parochial Vicar |
| X | Judy Johnson | Ex-Officio (Lay Director) |
| X | Bernie Mack | Ex-Officio (Lay Director) |
| X | Steve Frank | President |
| | Maureen Mosse | Parishioner |
| X | Marc Mosse | Ex-Officio (Deacon) |
| | Shawn Atwater | Family Life, Knights of Columbus |
| | Evan Brankin | Ex-Officio (Youth Ministry) |
| X | Mike VanSpeybroeck | Church Life |
| | Chad Steimle | Ex-Officio (JFK Principal) |
| | John Wagner | Ex-Officio (Deacon) |
| X | Jean Simpson | Christian Services |
| | Cheryl Wagner | Liturgy |
| X | Denny Prior | Wellness |
| | Jennifer Wemhoff | Ex-Officio (Adult Education) |
| X | Jennifer Stratman | Secretary |
| | Kaye Meyer | Ex-Officio (K-8 Faith Formation) |
| | Cameron Costello | Seminarian Intern |
| X | Courtney | Board of Education Rep |

(X = Present)

2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes for April were approved.
4. The mission and vision statements were read.
5. Old Business

Parish council officer elections were held. The board nominated and elected the following members as officers for the term beginning July 2021.

Chuck Gerlach – President

Steve Frank – Vice President

Jennifer Stratman - Secretary

6. New Business

The parish picnic is scheduled for August 28th and will have a "Post St. Patrick's Day" theme. Individually wrapped corn beef sandwiches and hot dogs will be served along with bags of chips. The committee is currently looking for individuals who are interested in helping organize different aspects of the picnic. Another meeting will be scheduled soon.

7. Ministry Reports.

- Social Action/Christian Service – Report Attached
- Church Life- Report Attached. College care packages were sent out to 44 students.
- Stewardship – No meeting this month.
- Ladies Council – A check for \$5,000 was given to Father Jake to go towards the Capital Campaign. Money made from the Rock the Lot bake sale was added to Gala proceeds.
- Wellness – Report Attached.
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- Vocations – No Report
- Faith Formation
 - Faith Formation / RCIA – Report Attached
 - Adult Education – Report Attached
 - JFK/Board of Education – Report Attached
 - Youth Ministry/Confirmation – Report Attached
- Family Life –No Report
- Finance & Administration – Report Attached.

A draft of the OLV budget was also distributed. Parish council members were encouraged to review it over the next month and contact Judy or Bernie with any questions or comments. We will vote on approving it at our June meeting. A significant amount of money has been donated to keep the COZI Tv broadcasts of weekly mass going for several more months.

8. Standing Committee Reports

- Knights of Columbus – No Report.
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- Assumption High School – No Report
- Odd Jobs- The group will be working on painting the wooden steps outside the rectory. If any OLV or JFK organization needs help with a project, please reach out to Chuck Gerlach.
- Liturgy – No Report.

9. Parish Council representation at the monthly Board of Education meeting is as follows:

June – Jean Simpson

As a reminder, the Board of Education meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30.

10. Parishioners Comments – None

11. Pastor's Comments

Father Jake plans to put together a new Vocations Committee this summer. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please let him know.

We are now in the implementation phase of the Capital Campaign.

There will be a reception for Father Scott Foley on June 20th from 1:00-3:00pm in the Gathering Space.

The Church blower is scheduled to be installed mid-June.

Please let Father Jake or the Parish Council members know of any concerns or suggestions you have regarding the new procedures at mass now that some of the restrictions have been lifted by the Bishop.

12. Our next meeting will be June 22nd at 7:00pm in the church Gathering Space.

13. Meeting adjourned with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Stratman
Secretary

Adult Faith Formation report to the Parish Council (June 2021)

Submitted by Jennifer Wemhoff

I participated in pastoral staff meetings during the month of June.

I write bulletin articles as needed.

I wrote and submitted two articles for the upcoming Victory Voice.

I am taking part in the newly formed Faith Formation Committee and participating in those meetings.

The Adult Faith Formation opportunity: ***Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*** concluded the end of May and beginning of June. We had eight people participate virtually on Sunday afternoons and 15 people participated in the Tuesday evening in person option.

A five-week discussion on the book ***In Awe*** by John O'Leary began Tuesday June 15 from 6:30-7:30. Participants were asked to purchase their own books. Currently there are 15 people participating in person and several others reading the book on their own.

An 11-week study on the book of Revelation will begin on Thursday September 2 from 6:30-8:00pm in the GSMR. Registration will begin soon. There are already 13 people signed up for this study.

The next ***The 99 Experience***, is scheduled for August 15-17, more information will be provided as the date approaches.

Parish Council Report for June, 2021

Coordinator Religious Education / Safe Environment Coordinator (Kaye Meyers)

- Families are registering online for 2021-2022 Faith Formation.
- Looking for two catechists for this next year.
- Securing calendar dates and updating the handbook for 21-22 Faith Formation.
- Gathering materials and planning for Vacation Bible School on July 15 & 16 , 2021. There will also be a presentation on Sunday, July 18 along with a family social following the 11AM Mass. We will be using the church and parish center as the school building will not be available for use due to HVAC work being completed.
- Have over 40 students registered for VBS.
- Have 5 students and 5 adults who have volunteered to help with VBS.
- Wrote an article for Victory Voice about what research tells us regarding how to raise children with a mature faith.
- Participated in webinars regarding ideas for partnering with parents to support family faith formation. Worked with Jennifer to compile the ideas to present to the Faith Formation Committee.
- Prepare materials for and participate in Faith Formation Committee meetings.
- Participating in the 6 week Summer Liturgy Series from Notre Dame Center for Liturgy.
- Participated in the 3 Diocesan trainings for VIRTUS and Protecting God's Children..
- Participate in weekly pastoral staff meetings.
- Write weekly bulletin articles.
- Document monthly expenses and income to the Faith Formation budget.
- Verify compliance with Safe Environment requirements for employees and volunteers at JFK and OLV. Send notices and reminders for those needing to update background checks and training.

Stewardship Committee

June 2021

Stewardship Prayer Intention for June 2021

As we enter into summer, please pray that God will grant us times of refreshment and peace. Ask the Lord to bless our leisure for rebuilding our bodies and renewing our minds, so that Our Lady of Victory is a holy, healthy place where the love of God is known.

Stewardship in Action article for summer Victory Voice features Zayle Snell, 2021 Assumption graduate and recipient of this year's Msgr. Parizek scholarship.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Report to the Pastoral Council

6/22/2021 – 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.

What are we doing to accomplish these goals?

Last year we took a hard, concerted look at how we do youth ministry at OLV, following in the footsteps of our Confirmation re-visioning process. We believe that these values, purpose, and goal will allow us to remain aligned with and achieve over time the goals of Renewing the

Vision for youth ministry.

Core Values:

Living our Faith in Christ

Hearts burning with Love

Accompanying Youth

Treating everyone like Family

Core Purpose:

“Because we belong to God, we want to help youth experience God’s salvation.”

Big, hairy, audacious Goal (BHAG):

“100% of parish youth active in ministry and their faith by 2025.”

Vision for our Future:

“Imagine a parish community which has over 400 young people active in it every year. Feel the vibrant energy of an entire congregation inspired and infused with youthful vitality. Families lead the way, excited to grow in their faith and comfortable with their kids’ questions because they have powerful tools for discipleship. Consider the entire Quad City community and beyond when our youth live like Catholic disciples of Jesus everywhere they go for all their lives; and who know God will be there for them through life’s ups and downs. Think of youth and families knowing Jesus personally and comfortably talking about Him while sharing their faith stories. Dream of the impact on young people who experience parish adults knowing their names, serving as mentors for them, praying for them, and caring for them. Envision a parish that does *more* - for, with, and through young disciples. Think about how welcoming, warm, and inviting it would feel to all of our parishioners and to members of the entire community.”

What will 2021 be like?

The new year brings a lot of hope that we’ll be able to resume more in-person ministry soon. Everyone on the youth ministry team wants to be doing more relational ministry and interacting more with teens – we’re excited at the advent of a vaccine, and the opportunities this may afford for us, though we understand it may not bring many changes quickly.

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- Our first discernment workshop focusing on the question of identity went well. A couple juniors attended, and gave some great feedback. We offered round 2 on Wednesday, April 21st, and round 3 on Friday, May 7th.
- We're producing a series of YouTube videos on "adulting" for Seniors about common things adults need to know how to do as part of their Senior gift. Senior gifts went out last week, our care package ministry has wrapped up for the year, but we're going to continue producing these videos.
- We want to send youth to NCYC still, and Steubenville if possible.
 - The Diocese has decided to send staff to NCYC, so we're full speed ahead on planning.
 - We have a total of 26 signed up for NCYC – 20 youth, 6 adults. Payments will be due by the end of May.
- We will continue to send out care packages, run Alpha groups, and find other effective ways of reaching teens on the margins.
 - All our Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors (for whom we have accurate address info) have now received care packages this Spring
- I attended a round of OSV Innovation talks (think Catholic TED talks) as part of the studio audience on April 23rd as a form of continuing formation.
- We're participating in the Notre Dame McGrath Institute's summer conference on "Will they come back after COVID?"

Where does that leave us? We must still resolve at least one fundamental question:

"How do we transition back, and to what do we transition, when the Covid-19 situation is over? What will be our new 'normal?'"

- Youth ministry will continue our process of prayer and planning as we begin discerning our strategic planning team, and developing a new leadership structure.
- Some of our ministry teams have launched. Others we would like to develop include a stronger prayer team, and a cheer team to support teens at their various events.
- If the ministry teams we develop during the pandemic are effective, we will continue them after the pandemic has ended, while looking for ways to transition to at least some in person ministry as well. There's no reason to discontinue sending postcards and care packages, or to stop engaging with youth in the digital space. But we could potentially move Alpha to an in person format very easily once it becomes safe to do so.

What about parish college students and young adults?

We are still offering monthly Theology on Taps for young adults –This June we had some last minute cancellations from speakers, so we haven't hosted one yet. We will take a break in July, then hopefully resume in person Theology on Taps in August.

We have developed a facebook presence to engage young adults in ministry and promulgate event information.

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When the pandemic calms down and we can resume longer, in person meetings, we will explore how to develop small groups for emerging adults in the Quad Cities in conjunction with other local parishes.

We are looking at how to offer some retreat options for emerging adults in this area over the summer. One option includes doing a COR adventure retreat in Utah or Colorado next Spring or Summer.

We also launched a group of young adults in Alpha in October, they have finished Alpha, but want to continue meeting as a small group.

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Confirmation Coordinator's Report:

Revisioning Confirmation: The visioning process for Confirmation we are using comes from the Center for Ministry Development (CMD), and training in it was part of my certification process for youth ministry. We continue to meet to work on the strategic planning portion of this process.

Core Values:

Love of the faith

Transformational relationship with God

Developing faith-filled relationships

Sharing God's gifts through service.

Core Purpose:

God desires a relationship with each of us as His children. Preparing for Confirmation helps Christians discern and develop this relationship to fully live the grace of the Sacrament throughout their lives.

BHAG:

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Strategic planning for how to achieve our goal following our values and purpose is almost complete, with a special segment dedicated to a COVID-19 response. Having finished pivoting for the differences and challenges of a pandemic, we're hoping to return to this and finish it this Spring.

Our Confirmation date was April 17th and we had 43 candidates confirmed in total. We do have a couple students who still need to receive the Sacrament, who never submitted any forms, or decided to hold off this year. We'll continue to work with them to help them receive the Sacrament.