

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
X	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
X	Maureen Mosse	Parishioner
X	Marc Mosse	Ex-Officio (Deacon)
X	Shawn Atwater	Family Life, Knights of Columbus
	Evan Brankin	Ex-Officio (Youth Ministry)
X	Mike VanSpeybroeck	Church Life
X	Chad Steimle	Ex-Officio (JFK Principal)
	John Wagner	Ex-Officio (Deacon)
X	Jean Simpson	Christian Services
X	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)
X	Cameron Costello	Seminarian Intern
X	Peter Schuster	Board of Education Rep

(X = Present)

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

The Parish Appreciation dinner is still on hold. There may be a way to combine the Appreciation dinner with the Gala fundraiser that is set for May 15th but more information will be given to us at the April parish council meeting.

Vocations Ministry- Steve has not had the opportunity to speak with Deacon Al about this yet.

6. New Business –

Steve asked the council members to prayerfully consider running for an officer position on the council. It was noted that the by-laws state a president cannot serve more than 2 consecutive years in that role.

School HVAC

Chad Steimle presented an update on the proposed HVAC project for JFK School. Job has 4 main components w/Ryan & Associates as contractor

- Add Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system—ductless heating and air conditioning—to 1964 and 1987 parts of the school building
- Add Rooftop Heat/Cooling Unit (RTU) to gym
- Add Mechanical Ventilation to bring in fresh air
- Add Ionization air purification system

Project will resolve heating pipe issues (which are beyond life expectancy), add high efficiency heating & cooling to the building, control humidity, add mechanical ventilation to meet modern standards, and purify the air.

Estimated project cost:

<u>Contractor</u>		<u>Cost</u>
Ryan & Associates		
VRF	541,576	
Outside air ventilation	337,802	
Gym RTU	69,616	
Ionization/purification	10,615	
Upgrade control system	<u>6,132</u>	965,741
Mid-American—Expand electrical from 600-amp to 1200-amp		20,000
Mediacom (bury cable)		5,000
Chimney removal		9,400
Contingency (2.25%)		<u>24,859</u>
TOTAL		1,025,000

Not included in the project: cafeteria heating, kitchen area, North stairwell, main level restrooms, Parish Center, Early Childhood Center (ECLC), South stairwell, remove window air conditioners & replace window glass. Parish Center, ECLC and South stairwell are served by 1987 copper pipes which are in good shape. Other areas mentioned can be resolved by adding RTUs or connecting to 2011 water pipes.

Funding: Donations to the Cultivating Our Future capital campaign (\$753,026 as of 2/28/21), plus gifts pledged but yet to be received, plus potential new gifts, plus possible grants from SCRA or Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS) available under COVID relief legislation will cover the cost. Fr. Jake has applied to QCBT for a line of credit to be used if needed. We are waiting for approval. Finance Council advises that our solid financial status and good cash flow can handle short-term borrowing without difficulty.

Timeline: March 31 deadline for SCRA and EANS applications. Return signed contract to Ryan by mid-April. HVAC install between last day of current school year (June 11) and first day of next school year (August 23). No upfront deposit required by Ryan. To be paid in full upon project completion. Payment options can be arranged.

Motion by Father Jake, seconded by Shawn Atwater, to approve school HVAC project as presented, at cost of \$1,025,000. Motion unanimously approved.

Church Sound System

Invitation to bid on sound system replacement was sent to seven contractors, 4 responded with multiple options for electronic components plus speaker quality and placement. Bid recommended by Fr. Jake is from GMK Integrated Systems, Inc., Lombard, IL. This contractor installed a similar system at Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. Fr. Jake visited Sacred Heart, spoke with Basilica rector, and received highly favorable reviews.

GMK bid includes Bose steerable speakers for church, day chapel, and gathering space; plus additional choir and lapel mics and new mics for ambo/lectern and other areas. Grand total cost is \$56,875.81 which includes parts and labor. Project comes with 1-year warranty on labor, plus manufacturers' warranty on electronic components. System is compatible with all existing equipment, including assistive listening devices now in use.

Motion by Father Jake, seconded by Shawn Atwater, to approve the bid from GMK Integrated Systems, at a cost of \$57,000. Motion unanimously approved.

7. Ministry Reports.

- Social Action/Christian Service – Report Attached. The committee will be sponsoring a family with 6 children. The 2nd week of May is National Housing week and the committee will be making baskets with cleaning supplies for people moving in to new homes.
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- Church Life- Report Attached
- Stewardship – Report attached. Treasure Renewal is now underway. Council members are asked to take the lead by returning their own Intention Cards and positive advocacy when appropriate.
- Ladies Council – April 11th is the next meeting. There will be no rummage sale this year.
- Wellness – Report Attached
- 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. See comments under Knights of Columbus
- Finance & Administration – Report Attached.

8. Standing Committee Reports

- Knights of Columbus – The bishop gave a blessing over the new ultrasound machine at the Women’s Choice Center. Stations of the Cross was re-recorded for better sound transmission. The Knights will now be focusing on completing some projects for Sisters of Humility on the St Mary’s campus.
- Assumption High School – No Report
- Odd Jobs- Report Attached.
- Liturgy – Report Attached.

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

April – Jennifer Stratman
 May – Steve Frank
 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 Scott Foley received an appointment to St. Mary’s in Grinnell. He will be moving there in June. His replacement has not yet been decided.

OLV will be getting a 2nd priest. We do not know who that will be yet due to some dynamics going in the diocese right now.

Reminder that you do need a reservation to attend 9:00 or 11:00am mass on Easter Sunday. As of now, there is no more room at the 9:00am mass.

Cozi TV will end in June. Father Jake’s “Daily Reflection” videos will most likely end in June at the same time.

School regionalization is ramping up. July 1, 2023 is when the new system will be online. More information regarding this will shared with the council as it becomes available.

12. Our next meeting will be April 27th at 7:00pm via Zoom

13. Meeting adjourned with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jennifer Stratman
 Secretary

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity that will take place on December 1, 2020. It's a date when people all over the planet come together to perform acts of kindness and use their abilities to bring good to the world. Stewardship Committee is asking OLV parishioners to participate and help create a flood of good by giving their time, skills, dollars or voice to an organization, individual, or cause.

We hope everyone will make plans to stand up, give back and celebrate generosity in some fashion. Everyone has something to share and every act of kindness counts. Kindness and generosity can even be practiced while social distancing or isolating at home. Think social media, U.S. mail, online ordering, phone calls, and more. The possibilities are limitless.

Anyone who wishes to share their success is invited to send a selfie or make comment to olvstewardship@gmail.com. A summary of the good accomplished will be compiled and published as a hoorah moment. By means of this effort we hope to remind people of our call to grateful stewardship and help them realize that living stewardship occurs in our everyday lives through ordinary circumstances.

Minutes from Stewardship Committee Meeting
Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport, IA
Meeting held via Zoom on November 9, 2020

Members present: Monica Flathman, Chuck Gerlach, Judy Johnson, Peg Macek, Deanne Mainey, Fr. Jake Greiner.
Guest: Evan Brankin. Opening prayer was led by Evan.

1. Inspiring stewardship during COVID—Prayer Support for Teens (Monica/Evan)

As a take-away from the ICSC virtual conference, Monica asked for conversation with Evan about the possibilities of adult prayer support for students in Confirmation prep and youth ministry. Evan gave background regarding strategic planning efforts, core values, and a vision for the future where young people are widely known and active in the parish. Accompaniment and prayer are key ingredients. Adults praying for youth, by name, every day has been a consistent desire for Evan as YM leader. Extensive discussion followed. Consensus agreement that such a plan requires: someone to coordinate, good marketing/promotion, method to implement, operational procedures, and enrollment of pray-ers. Evan would provide student names. Degree of support from this committee undecided at this time. More discussion next time.

2. Inspiring stewardship during COVID—#GivingTuesday (Judy)

Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity that falls on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving—December 1, this year. It's a day when people come together to perform acts of kindness and use their abilities or resources to bring good to others. Many nonprofit organizations leverage the energy of this day to mobilize supporters and/or secure donations. Presented to this committee in the hopes that philosophy of the movement can be used to inspire stewardship at OLV/JFK. After discussion, unanimously approved. Judy will coordinate. Effort to include:

- Promotion via bulletin, announcement TV in gathering space, FaceBook, electronic messaging, outdoor sign on Division St.
- Voluntary parishioner sharing re: action(s) taken. Can be anonymous.
- Applaud efforts. Share summary of #GivingTuesday achievements.

3. Recap of *Little Burgundy Books*—all 300 books were distributed. Kudos to Knights of Columbus for offering copies during September drive-up food collection; and Wellness Committee for getting them out to folks unable to leave home. Not much feedback received but all was positive. Little Book on Gospel of Mark will be circulated next year.

4. Stewardship article for December *Victory Voice*—Monica will submit a story that cheerleads good stewardship as modeled by an OLV parishioner. Submissions due November 20.

5. Reports from virtual stewardship conference.

Much good information. Most sessions were recorded and videos are available to attendees until August 2021. Monica was impressed that OLV parish is strong in strategies for coping with COVID-19 as presented by speakers. Judy found Giving Tuesday idea enlightening. Also heard that parishes must be vigilant about advertising E-Giving options. New announcements have been developed and passed along to Communication Director. We have over 1,000 introductory brochures on hand. Fr. Jake will use as insert with 2020 contribution letters.

6. Pastor's Corner (Fr. Jake)

- A year-end mailing is due to go out around Thanksgiving to all who've contributed so far this calendar year. Purpose is to thank members for their gifts and nudge anyone who might be short on their good stewardship intentions. Experts note that 31% of all charitable giving happens in December.
- Planning for a stewardship of treasure renewal during Lent 2021. Later in Lent is preferred to distance from the Fall *Cultivating Our Future* capital campaign reboot. Don't want to lose momentum from recent years' experience, but stay sensitive to financial challenges because of the pandemic.
- Bishop Zinkula plans to send Christmas cards to all subscribers of The Catholic Messenger.
- Parish life in 2021 after pandemic subsides is unknown. How will we recommit to stewardship?

Next meeting will be December 14 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Submitted by Judy Johnson, Secretary

Principal's Report to Parish Council: April 2021

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

Donations and Fundraisers

Plans are being made for the **Rock the Lot Gala** that will combine online elements and socially distant outdoor elements utilizing our vast campus. We also hope to celebrate the anticipated beginning of the school HVAC project and just making it through the 2020-21 school year! The Rock the Lot Gala is May 15, 2021. If you would like to donate an item or service that can be auctioned alone or in a basket combined with other items, please contact Angie Hillebrand in the school office.

Mary Wahlig to Retire

Mary Wahlig announced that she will be retiring from JFK after 45 years of service. Not only has Ms. Wahlig taught numerous students, but she's taught a number of their parents, aunts, and uncles. She commented about how lucky she has been to have seen multiple generations of families through her career.

Ms. Wahlig has experienced many changes throughout her career at JFK: grade levels that she taught, colleagues coming and going, physical classrooms in which she's taught, including mobile units, and even two major building expansions. Two things that have always stayed the same with Ms. Wahlig, however, are her commitments to students and to continuing to grow and develop as an educator. From being a Eucharistic minister and praying with students to helping them learn to read, Ms. Wahlig has continually put students first. I don't know how many times I've heard over the years someone say that they were glad that Ms. Wahlig was still at JFK so their kids could have her.

I have always been amazed at how willing Ms. Wahlig has been to take on new challenges as an educator. Teaching through a pandemic this year has been the perfect example. Although downplaying her technology skills, Ms. Wahlig was one of our first teachers to use a webcam to teach remote learning students. There was no way that she would not figure out how to teach them too!

Ms. Wahlig's wisdom, humor, and camaraderie will be missed by many. (At least her love of pandas will continue on through Mrs. Lundquist!) We wish her well in her retirement!

Scott County Catholic School System

The Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and By-Laws for the regional Scott County Catholic School system were approved by the bishop and pastors/trustees. By 2023-24, the regional system will likely be fully in place.

Calendar

Last day of school for JFK: June 11th. The DCSD will continue until the 16th. Because June 11th is not Davenport's last day, there is no early dismissal at JFK on June 11th.

The full 2021-22 school calendar is finally available: [JFK 2021-2022 Academic Calendar](#)

We have also begun to enter all the details into our school and parish calendars on our website.

Rock the Lot Gala

Buy your tickets now for a socially distanced (COVID friendly) rockin event in our parking lot on May 15th!

MAY 15
5:30-11pm

SOUL STORM
POP · R&B · ROCK

LIVE MUSIC !!!

**NEW THIS YEAR-
VIRTUAL ONLINE
BIDDING**

**ROCK
the LOT
GALA**

(Benefiting Our Lady of Victory church and JFK catholic school)

Join us for a socially distanced
(Covid friendly) ROCKIN good time in
your own parking spot!
Max 6 people per spot.

TICKETS \$25.00
ADMISSION-SILENT AUCTION, LIVE BAND,
DRINKS INCLUDED. FOOD TRUCKS WILL
BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FOOD.

fresh
CATERING & WINE BAR

VIP UPGRADE available: \$200 donation

Premier up front spot with your own table and chairs and appetizer. Available to for purchase with your gala ticket. (Maximum 6 people per spot.)

Contact: JFK school office to purchase tickets or email: Angie.hillebrand@kennedy-dav.pvt.k12.in.us. Can't attend? Consider a donation!

Thank you for your support of our school and church!

New Home & School Information on our Website

Home & School has new information and links available off the home page of our website: www.olvjfk.com. Included is the link to the Teacher Amazon Wishlists and general information. Don't forget to connect to Amazon Smile through OLV CHURCH for donations from Amazon that benefit H & S.

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

Submitted by Jennifer Wemhoff

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

I write bulletin articles as needed.

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

The next Adult Faith Formation opportunity: ***Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*** is a 10-week study where we will learn how Jesus is God Incarnate, fully divine and fully human. We'll experience his intimacy with the Father, his revelation of the Father's love, and his gift of the Holy Spirit to each of us. Most importantly, our encounter with Christ will empower us to know and love him in a new and life-changing way.

Virtual sessions are held on Sunday's from 4:00-5:00pm and began March 21 and will conclude June 6. Currently 8 people are participating virtually.

In person sessions began on Tuesday March 23 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Center and will end May 25. Currently 15 people are participating in person.

The ***Masterclass*** (training for leaders for ***The 99 Experience***) began Thursday January 28 and ended March 25. The next ***The 99 Experience***, will be held at a later date than the originally scheduled March dates.

From the first ***99 Experience***, several small groups are continuing to meet, each deciding which materials their group wants to use.

RCIA began Sunday September 20. Four people were initiated into the church at the Easter Vigil.

I continue to participate in the Confirmation Revisioning meetings that Evan has scheduled and helped to provide the structure for the upcoming 7th & 8th grade Confirmation retreats in March.

Parish Council Report for April, 2021

Coordinator Religious Education / Safe Environment Coordinator (Kaye Meyers)

- Faith Formation classes continue to have good attendance. Some conflicts with baseball and softball.
- Faith Formation classes participated in the Uplift Your Priest Campaign on April 21 with each class saying special prayers for Fr. Jake and Fr. Scott. Students prayed in their classrooms, by the Mary statue outside of church and in the Rosary garden.
- Preparing for First Communion on April 25; 1:00PM or 3:00PM.
- Faith Formation classes will be creating May Baskets to distribute to our neighbors and homebound parishioners.
- Preparing materials to allow families to register for 2021-2022 Faith Formation.
- Preparing for a 2 day in-person VBS this summer. Working on coordinating the dates with activities John F Kennedy will have this summer as the school building will not be available for use due to HVAC work being completed.
- Prepare materials for and participate in Faith Formation Committee meetings.
- Completing recommendations from Diocese regarding Safe Environment audit.
- Wrote an article for the Victory Voice.
- Met with other Faith Formation staff to complete a budget proposal for 2021-2022.
- Gather requested materials for Catechists.
- Participate in weekly pastoral staff meetings.
- Write weekly bulletin articles.
- Document monthly expenses and income to the Faith Formation budget.
- Participate in Confirmation Revisioning meetings
- 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.
- Prepare lessons and work with two 8th grade students at JFK weekly who will be receiving their First Holy Communion along with Confirmation.
- Prepare weekly lessons for Kindergarten Family Faith Formation.

Parish Council Report for November, 2020

Coordinator Religious Education / Safe Environment Coordinator (Kaye Meyers)

- Prepared and sent home a packet of material for parents to use to help prepare their child for First Reconciliation since we did not hold an in-person family gathering.
- Wrote an article for upcoming Victory Voice.
- On-going communication with families and catechists on COVID protocols.(Currently requiring masks at all times)
- Verifying Baptismal records for students preparing to receive First Reconciliation.
- Working with parents of students wanting to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist who have not yet received the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Gather requested materials for Catechists.
- Worked with fellow staff on creation of a survey about Faith Formation in our parish.
- Participate in weekly pastoral staff meetings.
- Write weekly bulletin articles.
- Document monthly expenses and income to Faith Formation budget.
- Participate in Confirmation Revisioning meetings.
- Verify compliance with Safe Environment requirements for employees and volunteers at JFK and OLV.
- Prepare lessons and work with two 8th grade students at JFK weekly who will be receiving their First Holy Communion along with Confirmation.
- Prepare weekly lessons for Kindergarten Family Faith Formation.
- Prepare lessons for families who are participating in Faith Formation online instead of in-person..
- Working with Lisa and Jennifer on updating the Faith Formation website
- Working with Jennifer and Lisa on developing possible parent ministries at OLV.

Our Lady of Victory Liturgy Commission Meeting Notes

Gathering Space Small Room - 7 p.m. Date: March 9, 2021

In attendance: Jane Brockmann, Taffy Brown, Cameron Costello, Sharon Ehlers, Rita Hagner, Betsy Kuennen, Deacon Marc Mosse, Maureen Mosse, Skip Schlue

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Rita Hagner, Chair.

Opening Prayer: Sharon shared the opening prayer.

Approve Minutes: Maureen moved to approve the February minutes.

Approve Agenda: Maureen moved to approve the agenda.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Our Learning:** No report
2. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Altar Servers:** Skip reported that he had three altar servers who volunteered to help with the Stations of the Cross.
 - b. **Lectors:** No report
 - c. **Music:** Fifteen choir members have volunteered to sing for the recording of Easter Mass.
 - d. **Environment:** Maureen and Skip will erect a cross with a purple shroud both in the Gathering Space, as well as outside the church facing Division Street. They will change the shroud to white on Easter Sunday. The sacristy decor will switch to flowers on Easter.
 - e. **Eucharistic Ministers:** No report
 - f. **Ministers of Hospitality:** No report
 - g. **Parish Council:** No report
3. **Liturgical Calendar:** No report
4. **Vision 20/20:** No report
5. **Holy Week:** Decorating for Easter will be at 6:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday because of the many activities taking place throughout the day.

From our Pastor, Father Jake:

1. In the absence of Father Jake, Cameron reported that because of a conflict in Father's schedule we will have to change the date of the April meeting.

2. We will start looking about how music can be returned to our Liturgies.
We may have to have a special meeting for this discussion.
3. We are very close to a decision on the new sound system.

New Business:

Maureen brought in a new, improved map of the pews in church and reported that the capacities with the addition of 34 chapel chairs range from 646 to 724.

Next Meeting: Gathering Space Small Room - To be determined

Assignment of opening prayer for next meeting: Betsy

Assignment of closing prayer for next meeting: Rita

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:47.

Closing Prayer: Jane shared the closing prayer.

2021 April SA/CS Meeting

Monica Kurth, Iowa House Representative who is on the committee for the Housing Bill was our guest speaker.

She emphasized many of the bills being written and passed involving housing and poverty are not sufficient in resolving issues and sometimes making things more difficult. However, there are some relief programs being funded to help create more affordable housing and prevent eviction.

She also informed us forums which for 20 years have been bipartisan once a month during legislative session have been dismantled and fragmented. She encouraged us to be vocal about our concerns individually by emails and a road trip to Des Moines to meet legislators personally is also very effective.

Meeting:

1. Calendar Subcommittee report:

Moving Kits-Bulletin requests for donated items in May, Display 1st Sunday in May, Drive up on May 16th

-Tom made a kit for sample & picture of supplies was shared with group. People can donate individual items or a whole kit.

-Betsy has Lists of needed items to donate for display

-Sponsor Family is a working Mom with 6 children who will get a moving kit & letter in May

-Take 5-in discussion with Lisa Willow, will attempt recording interviews with my phone. If it doesn't work I will check with Evan who currently has church video equipment via Lisa's instruction. Also Lisa could help with live streaming in the church.

-Coordinating with the May 10-14 National Housing Week for a kick-off.

-Cloey with HHS likes idea of SA/CS sponsoring a family in supporting their efforts to stabilize housing for 4 months. Amy Pake will be our point of contact.

2. Betsy shared current checking account status.

Next meeting: Zoom 3rd Tuesday May 18th @7

OLV Social Action Meeting-zoom
Nov. 17th 2020 @7

Denny Prior opened with a prayer.

Present: Steve Frank, Fr. Jake, Deacon Frank Agnoli, Kathy Learn, Sharon Miester, Honore Johnston, Char McGovern, Rich Toohill, Loraine Pacha, Matt Hennig, Angie Fox, Linda McCarthy, Tom & Kaye Meyer, Jennifer Wemoff, Lisa Willows, Jean Simpson

There were no minutes from last meeting available, at this time, or read.

This is an exploration meeting on next steps for OLV Social Action and Christian Services Ministry.

Discussion on current status and future of Social Action since loss of Nancy Stone's leadership this fall.

1. Already were doing:

Past activities: Advent, Lent, Fair Trade, Homeless, Stock Pantry. Following the 2 Feet Model of Justice and Charity. Great leadership by Nancy but too much on one person.

Current issues other than leadership change: Struggled with attendance at Social Justice events possible factors mentioned: apathy, resistance, not one clear focus, people busy, lack of support, and/or CoVid Crisis interruptions.

2. Number of Committees needed:

Should Christian Services stay merged with Social Action? Tabled until new leadership explored.

3. Leadership Roles needed: Leader, Secretary, Bulletin Message and ?

4. Meets 3rd Tuesday

5. Best communication: Email and Zoom for now.

6. Recruit Diverse Group:

How and if we Involve wider community, neighbors, other ministries, youth, younger parishioners, homeless, POC, join with other parishes, AHS...

*Paraphrased further discussion on what Social Action could be at OLV and what issues may need to be addressed.

-The importance of our parish Following in the Foot Steps of Jesus and applying the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

-Social Action contains the charitable work of not only providing the Fish to a hungry person but then goes farther by supporting them to Fish on their own by understanding and helping remove any barriers and systemic issues.

-Social Action can not do everything. Come in with a passion on an issue like "Homelessness" and ground their work in long and short term goals of what to accomplish for that one social issue.

-Resistance to Social Action topics may bring up uncomfortable emotions. How do we as a parish overcome, so we can better serve our parish and community?

-Some recent goals of Social Action were left undone partly due to scheduling issues because of CoVid, lack of participation and now change in leadership. Start with fresh goals or complete past ones set?

There is a need to recruit a new leader before being able to fully address some agenda items. Discussion will be continued at December meeting. Will continue to explore leadership options before next meeting.

Next meeting 3rd Tuesday December 15th, 2020 @7 on Zoom

Denny closed with a prayer.

Notes by Jean Simpson

Please let us know in December if I missed anything. Thank you all for your open heartfelt discussion

Wellness Committee meeting of March 29th, 2020 in the gathering space.

Two questions the Wellness Committee would like to pose to the parish council:

1. Should the committee submit a budget this year?? Last year it was waived because of COVID-19.
2. What is the status of future fundraisers?

Julie Kilburg is a new parish nurse as she just finished the training program.

From January 2020 through March 2021. The parish nurses have made 1,112 parish parishioner Contacts.

The grief share program had five participants last fall and just finished up after Christmas. The program will start up again in May 2021.

57 college care packages were sent last year. The Wellness Committee is currently seeking new names to send care packages for this year.

The Wellness Committee is also seeking applications for the Wellness Scholarship, which will be awarded June 1st of 2021.

Cozy Corner will continue through June, then will be available on the OLV website for viewing.

Caregiver support group. Dash. 11 regular attendees once a month via Zoom is well attended.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday. May 24th at 6:30 PM. With the room to be determined.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Report to the Pastoral Council

5/26/2020 – 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 2020 look like?

While we have completed our visioning process, we’re still developing our strategic plan for the next five years. In the meantime, we’ve had to adapt to a ministry year following the diocesan recommendations for completely non-gathered ministry. To this end we’re planning a multi-pronged approach to ministry with four main areas

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of focus: Our website, social media/youtube, care packages, and Alpha online. More on this below. Part of how we plan to accomplish these tasks is developing ministry teams to handle them.

Our virtual youth room has caught the attention of the Diocese and other youth ministry leaders, so I led a presentation on how to create one at our monthly YM gathering on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Our YouTube team has struggled to find meeting times, but we've started getting our technology together with our production team at least. We will continue to try to find workable times for everyone.

We completed all our Sophomore and Junior Care Packages in October, and Kathy is now working on the College Care Packages. We put together a special care package for seniors focused on Ephesians 6:10-18 – putting on the armor of God, to help them spiritually prepare for life after high school. Those went out last week and the week before to Senior families.

Our Alpha team is set to become our Evangelization team, whose focus would be on relational, evangelistic ministry to the youth of our parish community. We have completed our youth alpha – and have invited the teens who have participated to help lead a new Alpha for their friends in the Spring.

With each of our four prongs of non-gathered ministry launched, the youth ministry planning team has started working towards planning events in the parish this Fall. Our goal is to offer a few larger events for ministers, family, and youth, throughout the season to complement our other ministries.

1. We joined in the Diocesan MIAW activities with Roy Petitfils, encouraging adults who care about youth to watch his Tuesday October 6th presentation, and families to watch his self-care workshop on Wednesday October 7th.
2. We hosted an evening at the drive in on Friday October 23rd.
3. We were planning a Davenport scavenger hunt for the weekend of November 6-8th in conjunction with St. Paul and Our Lady of Lourdes, but recent events at AHS caused us to reschedule this event so we could be more focused on the needs of our youth and families this week. We will do this for Advent in December instead.

What about fundraising and trips this year?

Fundraising this year looks like it will be dramatically reduced – we may not be able to hold many of our usual events. We will complete our Ave of Flags as usual.

We are planning a St. Nick's Raffle in lieu of a parish wide event. Families purchase \$5 ticket per child and are entered to win a themed gift basket. On December 5th and 6th, families can bring their tickets, along with a shoe for each child, and St. Nick will leave candy and other prizes for them.

We will explore an online trivia night event, but it would likely be free will offering only.

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We will look at how to accomplish a “Sweetheart To Go” Valentine’s dinner depending on pandemic levels in 2021.

Our final Ave of Flags event was Veteran’s Day, and we again had help from the Knights. The Knights of Columbus have offered to take over our Flag Route in order to increase their levels of patriotic and civic engagement, while still splitting the proceeds with youth ministry.

Right now we can’t effectively plan for Steubenville or NCYC 2021. We will wait to see how the situation develops with reference to the pandemic, and the Diocese’s plans. All major conferences and events in 2020, including Holy Fire, and the Iowa Catholic Youth Conference, have been cancelled.

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What about parish college students and young adults?

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

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I am continuing to contact those families who did not participate in the Confirmation masses to help their youth move forward in their faith – of three families who didn't respond at all, I have now reached two. One will confirm with next year's class, the other needs to start their paperwork and we'll see what options are available when they're ready. We were able to offer optional pictures to those who wanted them, a few families participated in that.

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. We've met several times via zoom and at this point are looking at concrete planning for the coming year.

Our NET retreat for 8th grade in 2020 has been cancelled due to pandemic concerns, and as a result of a lack of funding from the Gala. Normally the confirmation retreats are funded by the FF portion of Gala money, which we didn't have last year. The Holy Fire Chicago conference, our retreat option for 7th grade in 2020 has officially been cancelled by the Archdiocese of Chicago. We don't yet have another retreat option for 7th grade. The diocese

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may not require retreats as it usually does this year, but part of our new strategic plan suggests the development of a youth retreat at the parish for Confirmation which is similar to a CEW in format. We will begin developing this retreat in an attempt to offer at least part of it to our youth as an option. We're looking at March 4th and 10th for potential dates. As we get closer to this time we will plan more specifics, but we're hoping to include Confession, adoration, and small group discussion time at the core of the retreat.

We have submitted dates to the Diocese for next year's Confirmation, and have now received back from the Diocese the Confirmation calendar for next year. Our Confirmation date is April 17th, mass at 10:30am. Our practice will be April 16th, at 6pm, in the Gathering space. Details on Confirmation, including forms and invitations to our zoom parent meetings on September 29th, went out on September 14th.

I have heard from one angry parent about the Confirmation program this year and the (normal) requirements for 8th graders, specifically the service projects, saint projects, and retreat. The concerns seemed to be related to covid-19 at first, but it became clear in the course of the conversation that there was more going on than that. The parent wouldn't engage in a conversation about Confirmation to help me understand the context of the complaints, share what else was going on to make these things a burden for the teen, or otherwise engage in civil dialog. I promised that I would bring those concerns to Fr. Jake and to staff.

We had our parent meetings online via zoom last month for 7th and 8th grade families, and I have since had a couple of individual conversations with families who couldn't attend. Follow-up information on sponsors, service, forms, etc. went out via e-mail Monday morning. Attendance was good at those meetings, and the dialog went well. No further parental complaints were received.

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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:

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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.

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Treating everyone like Family

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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 are offering round 2 on Wednesday, April 21st. We are offering targeted events especially for Sophomores and Juniors preparing for college discernment and graduation, hopefully in person from April to early May.
- We're producing a series of YouTube videos on "adulthood" for Seniors about common things adults need to know how to do.
- 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. Now accepting registrations and payments!
- We will continue to send out care packages, run Alpha groups, and find other effective ways of reaching teens on the margins.
 - I've been invited to attend the next round of OSV Innovation talks (think Catholic TED talks) as they're filmed on April 21st and 23rd. I'll be attending on the 23rd in Clear Lake, Iowa.

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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.

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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.