

Our Lady of Victory Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2021

1. Chuck Gerlach 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	Fr. Andrew Rauenbuehler	Parochial Vicar
X	Chuck Gerlach	President, Odd Jobs
X	Steve Frank	Vice President, Finance Council
X	Jennifer Stratman	Secretary
X	Mike VanSpeybroeck	Church Life
X	Shawn Atwater	Family Life, Knights of Columbus
	Ralph Armstrong	Faith Formation Liaison
X	Denny Prior	Wellness and Social Action
X	Jean Simpson	Social Action Christian Service
X	Cheryl Wagner	Liturgy
X	Bernie Mack	Ex-Officio (Lay Director)
X	Judy Johnson	Ex-Officio (Lay Director)
	Chad Steimle	Ex-Officio (JFK Principal)
X	Helen White	Ladies Council
	Evan Brankin	Ex-Officio (Youth Ministry)
	Jennifer Wernhoff	Ex-Officio (Adult Education)
	Kaye Meyer	Ex-Officio (K-8 Faith Formation)
	Marc Mosse	Ex-Officio (Deacon)
	Maureen Mosse	Parishioner
X	Courtney Mau	Board of Education Rep

(X = Present)

2. A motion was made by Denny to approve the October meeting minutes. It was seconded by Judy and approved by the council.
3. The mission and vision statements were read.
4. Old Business
There was no old business to discuss
5. New Business
There will be no P.C. meeting in December
6. Ministry Reports.

- Social Action/Christian Service – Report Attached. There will be a drive up/drop off event on December 12th to collect winter coats and accessories for the McAnthony’s window.
- Church Life- Report Attached. College care packages will be put together November 28th at 7pm in the Parish Center.
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- Stewardship – Report Attached. Judy reminded us that “Giving Tuesday” is next Tuesday and the message OLV is promoting is to find some way that day to bring some good to the world.
- Ladies Council – No Report.
- Wellness – Report Attached.
- Vocations – No Report.
- Faith Formation
 - Faith Formation / RCIA – Report Attached
 - Adult Education – Report Attached
 - JFK/Board of Education – Report Attached
 - Youth and Young Adult Ministry – Report Attached.
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- Family Life – No Report.
- Finance & Administration – Report Attached. OLV will be responsible for collecting approximately \$1.9 million for the Diocese capital campaign.

7. Standing Committee Reports

- Knights of Columbus – The Knights will be holding their New Year’s Eve party this year. There will also be a drive up /drop off event held on December 5th to collect food for the River Bend Food Bank.
- Assumption High School – No Report.
- Odd Jobs- No Report.
- Liturgy – Report Attached. Decorating for Christmas will be held on December 19th after the 11:00am mass.

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

December – Cheryl Wagner
 January – Chuck Gerlach
 February – Shawn Atwater
 March-
 April – Jean Simpson
 May –
 June-

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

9. Parishioners Comments – None

10. Pastor's Comments-

School Regionalization

- Drafts of the bylaws have been completed. They will go to the different entities for approval in January.
- We will be moving towards 2 types of tuition rates. Subsidized and Unsubsidized
- Any new teacher hired in 2022 will receive a ½ scholarship for their child that attends a catholic school in the Diocese.
- Lease agreements with the schools are being discussed.

There will be a presentation on the Diocese **Rediscovering Sunday** initiative held in January.

Our Lady Of Victory's ADA pledge goal has been met.

Finance Council approved putting a new topcoat on the parking lot. Sealcoating is to be done June 2022 by Hawkeye Blacktop. The cost will be \$27,800.00

OLV has a tentative campaign goal of \$1,888,000.00 for the Diocese capital campaign. The campaign will be called "Upon this Rock". It is anticipated that OLV will be in the 3rd wave of the campaign and will launch in January or February of 2023. OLV will receive 20% of what is donated by OLV parishioners towards the campaign. We will receive those funds quarterly. Father Jake will assign campaign co-chairs from OLV and they will work with Parish Council to help raise our funds.

Kathy Peterson and John Wagner will be the OLV reps for the Synod on Synodality initiative within the Diocese.

The Faith Formation committee will be put back together in January.

There will be no reservations needed in order to attend Christmas masses.

The COZI Tv masses will not continue after December 26th.

11. Our next meeting will be January 25, 2022 at 7:00pm in the church Gathering Space. A Zoom option will be available as well.

12. Meeting adjourned with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Stratman
Secretary

Finance Council – January 17, 2022

A finance council meeting was held this month. A summary is as follows:

- Regional School Update:
 - Assumes control on July 1, 2022. The OLV/JFK Board of Education will be re-organized.
 - Faith Formation will be re-organized as well to reflect a different level of responsibility for the school board.
- COZI-TV has ended. 4:30 pm mass is being recorded and uploaded to Facebook and the website.
- Roof repairs at the rectory have been completed. This means that all of the damage from the 2020 hailstorm is now completed.
- The facility assessment/management plan is being worked on.
- The Diocese has reimbursed OLV in the amount of \$17,500 for ADA surplus from last year.
- The parish office will be sending out information to all regarding their contributions to the Cultivating Our Future campaign.
- Dan Laubenthal of Edward Jones updated the Council on the status of investment portfolios. The parish has an investment portfolio valued at \$238k, invested at a moderate level of risk. The overall rate of return for the past three years is 8.05%.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Frank

Adult Faith Formation report to the Parish Council (January 2022)

Submitted by Jennifer Wemhoff

Kaye Meyers and I have been working together to prepare for IGNITE Sundays. Our sixth IGNITE Sunday was December 12—"Finding your place in the Advent story." This was a special evening designed to help you prepare for the birth of Christ, approximately 100 people were in attendance. The next IGNITE Sunday is scheduled for February 13. Work also continues on the free little food pantry.

I am facilitating a discussion of the book ***Our Not Quite Holy Family*** by Mark and Melanie Hart once a month on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 in the Parish Center.

Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story discussions were held December 2, 9, and 16 from 6:30-7:30pm in the GSMR.

The next adult study will be on the book of ***Romans***. ***Romans*** reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sharing in his divine life. We will begin our ***Romans*** Bible study on Thursday March 3 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Center. Cost of the workbook is \$30. To register for the study, contact me at davolvaff@diodav.org. Registrations are due by February 1, 2022.

I participated in pastoral staff meetings during the month of December and January.

I write bulletin articles as needed.

Church Life Dec 2021-Jan 2022

Our Lady of Victory Daily Reflection with Fr. Jake Greiner. Parishioners and the public are invited to listen to the Daily Reflections from Fr. Jake Greiner by calling: (563) 217-1020, 7 days a week.

Christian Service/Social Action sponsored an Advent project for the homeless and needy in our community. Throughout the majority of the season of Advent, the following items were collected: men's coats and hooded sweatshirts; men's belts, razors, deodorant; men's and women's gloves, hats and socks; women's coats, hooded sweatshirts & long underwear; toothpaste/brush, shampoo/conditioner.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass Times: December 7th - Vigil Mass 6PM December 8th - 7AM, 12PM & 6PM

IGNITE Sundays continue: 4:30-5:30 Mass (Church); 5:35-6:05 Meal (Parish Center)
6:10-7:15 Group gatherings

Dec. 12: Finding Your Place in the Advent Story
Feb. 13: Anawim (Hebrew word meaning "poor one")
[Poverty and the Dignity of Work] March 6: "I Thirst" Lent
March 20: "I Hunger" Eucharist
April 10: Family: The Foundation of Society
April 24: What Does God Want Me to Do?

In light of health concerns, and with the on-going dispensation being given by Bishop Zinkula, a recording of the Christmas Mass was made available on the parish website (www.olvjfk.com/olv) at 4:00pm on Christmas Eve. The same Mass broadcasted on KWQC- Channel 6 Christmas Day at 8:30AM.

It was announced that Mass recording on COZI-TV would no longer be available after Sunday, December 26th at 7:00AM. Starting Saturday, January 1st, OLOV announced there would be a livestream of the 4:30PM Mass every Saturday evening, the recording also to be posted to our parish YouTube channel (for people to watch at their convenience).

Registrations were announced at OLOV for a group study program on Romans: The Gospel of Salvation, an eight-week Bible study. The group study is designed to help parishioners understand faith, works of the law, and a simple way to understand the challenging epistle.

Knights of Columbus hosted a Drive-Thru Food Pantry Collection Event: Donation Collection for River Bend Foodbank, Sunday, December 5. The group, and thousands of Catholics nationwide, invited Parish participation in an annual Respect Life novena: 9 Days for Life, Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27. 9 Days for Life activities include daily intentions, brief reflections, and more.

Announcement from Wellness Ministry at OLV in 2022: a fun Bingo night; TaiChi; Matter of Balance class; GreifShare - grief support group - February 2022; continue to offer Nourish - support group for caregivers.

Youth Ministry - continued service and prayer activities with youth, preparation and attendance at NCYC and care package deliveries. Youth Ministry launched a new 'Alpha' series program of faith building for 8th graders and started a cooking club for 6th graders. December brought in a new prayer tree initiative to invite the whole parish to pray daily for our youth.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrated on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day: Vigil Mass at 4:30PM on Friday, December 31st. OLOV also offered Mass at 8:00AM on New Year's Day with confessions available following the Mass.

College Care Packages. Care packages were sent out to 52 OLV college students. The packages brightened the day for students while they were preparing for finals. Each care package contained treats, inspirational material, "fun" items and a letter from the parish, a way to let OLOV students know that we support and pray for them even when they are away.

New Beginnings in 2022! OLV Singles is a new Catholic group that is looking to start up in 2022. This group is open to those 21 and older who are single, divorced or widowed. Via an online survey, parishioners were invited to let a committee know what they'd be interested in for the group. Group possibilities such as meeting for a meal after Mass, going to events, enjoying the outdoors and service projects or retreats.

With the best interest of health and well-being of all participants in mind...

January Parish Appreciation event -Postponed-

February CEW's in 2022 -Postponed-

Possible bulletin announcement:

Celebrating 60 years, a milestone Anniversary, for Our Lady of Victory in 2022!

Do you know of a fellow parishioner, an OLV family, or possibly a group within the parish that has a 'faith in action' story that reflects our mission? It could be a current event or a showcase of something in the past that has brought us to where we are today as a parish.

It was recently discovered that Macario and Lauren Lopez, new parishioners at OLV, host a radio station that features Catholic music from both traditional and contemporary artists.

Parishioners can check out the station at sthippradio.com. Listeners are invited to post comments and ask questions of the couple. Some of Macario's original works can also be heard at the online music station.

Feel free to let Parish Council know if you would like to see something in the bulletin that celebrates OLV's past or present. Submit faith in action items to davolvpa@diodav.org.

Gratefully,

OLV Parish Council

60th Anniversary Fund

Another special OLV 60th Anniversary Invitation: in case you missed the following message in our most recent Victory Voice Issue... regardless of how often or how much we "gift," Fr. Jake has invited us all to contribute \$60 this year.

Gifts can be submitted in support of a specific mission at our church or school or designated to support the OLV Foundation.

A special thanks to The Foundation and our current board members. The Foundation has been active in service and support to both our parish and school since December of 1989.

Parish Council Report for January, 2022

Coordinator Religious Education / Safe Environment Coordinator (Kaye Meyers)

- Planning a retreat for 8th Grade Confirmands and their sponsors on March 26, 2022.
- Beginning to plan for Vacation Bible School July, 2022.
- Prepare materials each week for the four families participating in the Kindergarten Family Faith Formation program on Wednesday evenings.
- Work with Jennifer Wemhoff to continue developing plans, securing volunteers and preparing materials as well as marketing for IGNITE Sundays. Have been very pleased with the participation.
- Prepare materials and meet with the Faith Formation Committee as needed.
- Meet individually with a student at JFK and three Faith Formation students to prepare them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.
- Prepare lessons and meet with each 8th grade JFK religion class once a week as a part of their preparation for Confirmation.
- Prepare materials or supplies as requested by the catechists each week for Faith Formation classes.
- Participate in weekly pastoral staff meetings.
- Write weekly bulletin articles and quarterly Victory Voice 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.

Mississippi Valley School Tuition Organization
January 2022

During calendar year 2021 all 12 STOs in Iowa achieved their fundraising goals.

MVSTO goal of \$1,107,152 was reached by mid-December

- Potential donors who wished to make a gift after MVSTO tax credits had been exhausted were referred to other STOs with remaining availability.
- MVSTO gifts ranged from \$50 to \$150,000
- During school year 2020-2021 a total of 564 students (426 elementary + 138 high school) were assisted through MVSTO.
- Grant recipients must reside in Iowa and meet income limits. Each year demonstrated need in the Scott County Catholic Schools exceeds the funding available through MVSTO.

A PDF of the latest MVSTO Annual Report can be obtained from Judy Johnson at judyj1020@msn.com

Effective 2022, tax credits for all Iowa STOs goes from \$15 million to \$20 million.

- MVSTO 2022 goal: \$1,426,758. (\$320K increase over 2021)
- Donors can receive a 75% direct tax credit on their Iowa income tax liability.

Principal's Report to Parish Council: January 2022

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

Scott County Catholic Schools

Movement toward a Scott County Catholic Schools regional system continues. Fr Jake, who is not only a trustee, but sits on the SCCS board of directors, has the best updates. The system becomes fully operational in July 2023.

DHS Site Visit for "JFK Childcare at JFK Catholic School"

We had our unannounced licensing site visit from the Department of Human Services for our Early Childhood Learning Center, 3 year old preschool, and after school care program. Due to the diligence of Mrs. Temming and all of our childcare staff members, there were no areas of non-compliance and no areas recommended for improvement.

Federal COVID Relief Funds

JFK received reimbursement of about \$110,000 in purchases in January from federal COVID relief funds as part of the \$356,000 allocated to JFK from the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools federal funds. These funds have been used to deal with many challenges presented by the pandemic. We have been able to purchase large quantities of portable air purifiers and cleaning supplies, for example. We've also purchased science supplies, webcams, and document cameras, and we have been able to finish becoming a 1 to 1 school with tablets or Chromebooks for every student in K-8 that they take back and forth to school each day.

Direct services to students have also been a result of federal funding. Reading interventionists, who can help struggling students, were retained. Instructional aide time for working with students in one-on-one or small group settings was increased. Free, school-based therapy mental health services are available for every family who needs them. Our summer reading and math program, called Leaps & Bounds, has been approved to be free for all students this summer. Finally, every student's school lunch has been free for the last year and a half. As we scramble to meet the students' needs during a pandemic, federal COVID relief has been a God-send.

COVID

We still deal with many COVID issues on a regular basis, especially lately as Scott County has recorded back to back record numbers of weekly COVID cases and test positivity rates. To date this year, we have had about 20% of staff and students test positive for COVID. About 1/3 of all students absences due to illnesses are due to positive COVID cases. Information about Scott County and JFK are available weekly in the Principal's Post located with a click on the front page of our website.

2021 Advent Project for collecting warm clothes was able to collect 2 truckloads of coats, scarves, hats and gloves for all ages and donated to St. Anthony.

Less is Blessed Sustainable Project for Laudato si was launched with a list of ways to use less to care for our Common Home. Please checkout our display in Church Lobby. We are currently praying and hope to have a plan during Lent that can be celebrated on Earth Day 2022.

Yours in Christ, Jean

Stewardship
January 2022

Stewardship prayer intention for January:

While there is nothing in scripture that discusses making New Year's resolutions or keeping them, the practice of doing so can be applied to our Christian walk as well. We can re-commit to Christ through prayer, Mass attendance, or showing love to others as the new year begins. When we bring God into our lives, He makes us new.

During January, we are praying to be open to God's work in our lives and offer our struggles and trials as an act of love for others.

Next project will be a treasure renewal for Lent 2022

Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Report to the Pastoral Council

1/25/2022 – 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?

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 2021-2022 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.

-This year we want to continue the focus on going out. Every high school student in the parish for whom we have an address has now received a care package from the parish last semester and we’ll do another round in the Spring.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation
Report to the Pastoral Council
1/25/2022 – 7:00PM

-Each month I release a new schedule of events and activities trying to do more in the community. We rotate between prayer, fun, and service based events each month.

-We had to switch to an artificial Christmas tree for our prayer tree, but it is up! Please take a tag and start praying for our youth.

-In December we had a service night baking Christmas cookies for the Catholic worker and creating Christmas cards to bring to nursing homes. We also had a Christmas party and gift exchange and toy drive.

-Our 8th grade Alpha group continues to meet, and we had our Alpha retreat day on January 15th.

-We have about 20 6th graders who want to start a cooking club to cook for those in need. We're hoping to launch in January.

-We started out January with a night of adoration and prayer on Wednesday, January 5th at 7pm in the Church. We're also doing a Steubenville Info Night with a service project, and a trip to the movies in January.

-I am back in schools for visits and lunches with youth to continue reaching them at school. We want to develop a "cheer team" ministry to support OLV youth at events.

"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.

-This month we transitioned to twice a month on campus with more off campus activities as we continue to get our feet back under us this year.

-We'll also start offering more events on campus that don't happen in the youth room – things like IGNITE, family game nights, sports competitions, etc.

What about parish college students and young adults?

Local young adult ministers from regional parishes are planning a resumption of formal, in person ministry to young adults this Fall. We have discussed how to take Theology on Tap out of a "maintenance mode" and put it into "mission mode." We ran our thoughts by some local young adults as well to make sure we were on point with them. Here are the results of our discussion and planning.

-Theology on Tap will remain a low barrier to entry starting point for young adults who want to grow in faith, or invite a non-Catholic/lapsed Catholic to an event. We helped host Theology on Tap in person on January 13th. Chris McCormick-Pries led a conversation on mental health for young adults. Next month, Fr. Andrew will be speaking.

-We are also planning a series of combined mass, adoration, and social nights for young adults, starting on January 22nd.

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.