

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
	Shawn Atwater	Family Life, Knights of Columbus
	Ralph Armstrong	Faith Formation Liaison
X	Denny Prior	Wellness and Social Action
	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 Wemhoff	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 Judy to approve the September meeting minutes. It was seconded by Steve and approved by the council.
3. The mission and vision statements were read.
4. Old Business

Parish Appreciation Dinner – Will be held on January 15th. Parish Council members should have this date on their calendar and plan on helping with set up, serving and clean up that evening. Maureen Mosse will be in charge of food.

5. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

6. Ministry Reports.

- Social Action/Christian Service – Report Attached.
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- Church Life- Report Attached. Trunk or Treat was very successful. The deadline to submit names and addresses for College Care packages is the end of October.
- Stewardship – Report Attached. The ministry handbooks have been printed and will be handed out to parishioners. Giving Tuesday is November 30th this year.
- Ladies Council – Set up for the Bazaar will start at 1:00pm on Thursday Nov 4th. Masks will be highly encouraged at the event. The Wishing Well for Seniors and Ribbon Tree for children and families will be up in the gathering space in November.
- Wellness – The committee’s next meeting will be on November 18th.
- Vocations – No Report.
- Faith Formation
 - Faith Formation / RCIA – Report Attached
 - Adult Education – Report Attached
 - JFK/Board of Education – No Report.
 - Youth and Young Adult Ministry – Report Attached.
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- Family Life – No Report.
- Finance & Administration – No Report.

7. Standing Committee Reports

- Knights of Columbus – Report Attached. The Knights were able to purchase a storage shed for Humility Services at St. Mary’s. It will be delivered on October 27th.
 - Assumption High School – No Report.
 - Odd Jobs- Members from the Odd Jobs committee will be helping with the Bazaar set up. They are also looking for more volunteers to help with the parishioners helping parishioners event on November 6th.
 - Liturgy – Report Attached. Mass volunteers for all the ministries are still needed.
8. Parish Council representation at the monthly Board of Education meeting is as follows:

November – Jennifer Stratman
December – Cheryl Wagner
January – Chuck Gerlach

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-

The Liturgical Calendar has been approved and will be sent out soon.

There will be 3 Christmas Eve masses: 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm
There will be 3 Christmas Day masses: 7:00am, 9:00am and 11:00am
Easter masses will be: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 1:00pm.

Mass counts will be conducted this year.

Our offertory giving is slightly behind budget however our ADA giving has been very good. \$127,000 of OLV's goal of \$147,000 has already been pledged.

The Parish Trustee meeting was held with 4 main topics discussed:

1. Synodality and what it means for catholics and our faith. A listening session within or parish will be held in the near future.
2. Combining and unifying healthcare and retirement benefits across the diocese.
3. The Diocesan Capital Campaign
4. Socially responsible investing within the parishes. More information will be shared on this in January.

Stephen's Ministry will be brought to OLV. A few people in the parish will become trained to be Stephen's Ministers. Marilyn Riley will be spearheading this effort within our parish.

KWQC is wanting us to sign a 12 month contract in order to continue airing 7:00am Sunday masses on COZI Tv. The cost of this would be \$23,850. Father Jake will be discussing this further with the finance council.

11. Our next meeting will be November 23rd 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

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

Submitted by Jennifer Wemhoff

Kaye Meyers and I have been working together to prepare for IGNITE Sundays. Our fifth IGNITE Sunday “What’s my Motivation to go to Mass?” was held November 21. Work also continues on the free little food pantry. We welcome families, groups, or individuals to volunteer to help serve and clean up after any of the meals. Please contact Kaye or I if you would like to volunteer. Please see the website for future dates and topics.

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.

Our study of the book of Revelation concluded November 11.

Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story journals have been ordered again for this Advent. They were sold after all the masses this past weekend and are available in the parish office as well. Cost of the journal is \$5. There will also be an opportunity to gather and discuss the meditations December 2, 9, and 16 from 6:30-7:30pm in the GSMR. No registration is required to participate in the discussions.

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 am writing several articles for the December edition of the Victory Voice.

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

I write bulletin articles as needed.

Principal's Report to Parish Council: November 2021

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

K-8 Enrollment Increases

October 1st was the official enrollment count date in Iowa. JFK's K-8 enrollment increased by 4.3% (12 students) from a year ago. Preschool broke even with four/five year old enrollment down by four students, and three year old preschool was up by four students. ECLC was down by two students.

Below are some of the detailed demographics for this year and previous years:

	Official Enrollment 2021	Budgeted 2021	Official Enrollment 2020	Official Enrollment 2019	Official Enrollment 2018	Official Enrollment 2017	Official Enrollment 2016
3 yr old PS T/Th only	2		1	12	7		
3 yr old PS MWF only	7		5	5	6		
3 yr old PS and ECLC (M-F)	6		5	4	7		
3 yr old PS (Total of TTh, MWF, and M-F)	15	19	11	21	20	22	18
4/5 yr old PS	54 4 are 5 yr olds	51	58 4 are 5 yr olds	55 3 are 5 yr olds	74 9 are 5 yr olds	80	80
ECLC (3, 4, or 5 yr olds)	15	18	17	18	21	22	24
K	43		36	43	32	39	
1 st	39		35	34	38	41	
2 nd	34		31	36	40	46	
3 rd	36		36	39	42	41	
4 th	36		39	41	38	33	
5 th	37		41	39	30	51	
6 th	43		38	25	46	46	
7 th	43		28	41	48	47	

8 th	29		42	46	41	51	
Total K-8	340 ¹	328	326	344	355	395	409
Total PS-8	409	398	395	420	449	497	507
Free/reduced lunches, K-8	22.9% ²		21.8%	18.3%	17.8%	12.1%	14.2%
Transportation services, registered	Not required to be reported in 2021-22 so data is not currently available		38.7%	47.7%	40.7%	40.5%	43.3%
4/5 yr PS-8 Enrollment by Ethnicity = Hispanic	16.8%		17.9%	18.0%	17.8%	16.4%	16%
4 /5 yr PS-8 Enrollment by Race							
Native American	0.3%		0%	0%	0%	0%	0.2%
Asian	1.8%		1.6%	2.3%	1.6%	1.9%	2%
Black	1.3%		1.3%	2.8%	2.3%	1.9%	2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
White	90.9%		91.9%	90.0%	89.9%	91.3%	91.9%
Two or More Races	5.8%		5.2%	5%	6.1%	4.8%	3.9%
K-8 Students with disabilities (IEPs or 504 plans)	9.7%		8.6%	6.7%	6.2%	6.1%	

¹Preliminary enrollment data from the first few days of school indicated that JFK and SPS had about the same number of students. ASCS had the most , and LCS had the least.

²By 10/30/2021, this percentage had fallen to 12.9%. In part, because all lunches are free, families stopped completing the income based applications. The 30 day grace period into the following school year also ended for many families between Oct 1 and Oct 15. Without new applications, the lunch status for many families returned to “full paying,” even though they are continuing to receive free lunches. Free/reduced lunch counts impact other funding such as Title I funds for reading interventionist support and reduced costs for internet access (e-rate funding).

Enrollment by Percent Catholic

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
K-8	81% ³	86%	88%	88%	88%	88%	87%
PS – 4 yr old	59.3%	75%	49%	45%	55%	57%	61%+

³The “unknown” category was particularly high this fall, 9.4%. In the past, we would have had office employee time devoted to reconcile discrepancies and follow up with families with incomplete student information sheets.

Budgeted Cost per K-8 Student

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Budgeted Cost per pupil K-8	\$6,409	\$6,332	\$5,828	\$5,516	\$5,087	\$4,777
Projected Actual	\$6,182 Higher enrollment than budgeted	\$5,905 Higher enrollment than budgeted				

Teacher Salaries

	2021	2020	2019	2018
Avg, including contracted supplemental pay and stipends	\$42,306 Experienced teachers left and were replaced with less experienced/”cheaper” teachers	\$44,124 Teachers who left were lower paid, which helped push the average up	\$43,454	\$43,364
Base/starting	\$28,900	\$28,840	\$28,840	\$28,690
Master’s base	\$32,940	\$32,660	\$32,660	\$32,240

Labor of Love

Teachers and support staff at JFK perform a labor of love. While non-public school teachers in Iowa averaged 1.5 more years of experience than Iowa's public school teachers in 2019-20, the last year data was available, JFK teachers made on average about \$15,000 less than their public school counterparts (\$43,450 vs. \$58,110). When including benefits, the Davenport Community School District "budgets" over \$70,000 per FTE teacher.

The average support staff member pay rate at JFK is currently \$14.11 per hour, but this is skewed by a few who make significantly more than even the median of \$13.42 per hour. Several staff members earn around \$11.00-\$11.25 per hour. Support staff members include custodians, office personnel, library/media associate, technology coordinator, lunch program employees, and instructional and supervisory aides.

Projects

Two significant projects were completed in October:

1. Window air conditioning units were removed, and glass panes were inserted into the openings.
2. Final work for transitioning to a new wireless network was completed.

December projects:

The additional HVAC work agreed upon in August is scheduled for Christmas break. Once this work has been completed, the pumps for the entire 1963 part of the building should be able to be shut off. The work to be done over Christmas break is in the following areas:

- i. Kitchen
- ii. Cafeteria
- iii. Northwest stairwell

Future projects?

- Quotes for parking lot work, concrete work for sidewalks and other areas, and a new handicapped/visitor parking lot near the main entrance with a drive off of 42nd Street are being reviewed.
 - All of the companies agreed that the parking lot was in excellent shape and recommended minor repairs, particularly around the drains, and sealing rather than applying a 1"-2" new top coat of asphalt.
 - The visitor parking area was a recommendation in 2018 regarding campus safety.
 - These projects should be the last ones done with capital campaign financing.
- Playground equipment: It is probably time to consider the future of the main playground equipment.
 - The metal/plastic equipment is more than 20 years old, and the remaining wood equipment is probably more than 30 or 40 years old. While agreed upon life expectancy figures for playground equipment are hard to come by, one seldom sees figures more than 20 years. It would be very difficult for us to replace the equipment without a significant fundraiser.
 - Rough cost estimates:
 - Cost of new equipment, just replacing what we have: \$75,000
 - Installation: \$20,000-\$35,000
 - Demolition: \$10,000
 - Site work and safe surfacing: \$20,000-\$40,000 or more
 - Total cost: \$125,000-\$160,000 or more
 - Shorter-term? While we consider replacing the equipment, we should also think shorter term about replacing the surfacing. Each year we add about \$3,000 worth of certified playground mulch on the top, as mulch decomposes. We should probably dig out all of the groundcover and start over. I would estimate that cost to be \$12,000-\$20,000. The interesting question is whether or not to spend \$20,000 on resurfacing under equipment that is older than 20 years.

COVID

We are still dealing with COVID. Weekly figures for Scott County and JFK are in the weekly Principal's Post, available off the front page of our website.

Church Life Nov/Dec 2021

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

Oct. 10: Why does God Let Bad Things Happen?

Oct. 24: What is Hope and Why do you need it?

Nov. 7: Jesus Came for All of Us

Nov. 21: What's my Motivation to go to Mass?

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?

Christmas Rummage sale. The Rummage Sale brought in \$900. Items that were not sold were donated to St. Anthony's Church for their "Trash to Treasures" sale. Proceeds from that sale will benefit the McAnthony Window.

Thursday, November 11th in the Parish Center a grief support meeting was scheduled called Surviving the Holidays. Those having suffered a loss, and are dreading the holidays, welcomed to join.

Social Action/Christian Service

Social Action/Christian Service has an ongoing collection of items for Humility Homes and Services to help support people transitioning into more stable housing. Donated items collected in boxes located at the church entrance.

Sunday, November 14 at 3PM, another Gathering Space Meeting Room for food, fellowship and a compassionate discussion on the causes and solutions of homelessness.

College Care Packages

College Students receive care packages from our parish. Each care package will contain treats, inspirational material, "fun" items and a letter from the parish, a way to let our students know that we support and pray for them even when they are away.

College Care Packages committee meet Sunday, November 28th at 7 pm in the Parish Center to build packages. All are welcome.

Gather Around the Table Thanksgiving

When: Thursday, November 25th Time: Dinner is served at 12PM Where: OLV Parish Center
Meals will also be available for pick-up from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. For those that are home-bound, meal delivered to homes.

Meal includes: Turkey, potato, dressing, corn, green beans, salad, roll and dessert.

There is no cost for the meal.

Donations appreciated.

Christmas Carousel Bazaar

Parishioners marked calendars for November 6 and November 7, envelopes with the raffle tickets were placed in the Gathering Space. Please pick up your envelope. The committee reached out to fellow parishioners, asking for volunteers to assist before/during/after the bazaar, donations of craft/baked items and monetary/ingredient items for the kitchen, bake and candy shops.

Co-chairs: Charlotte Moldenhauer and Helen White

Advent at OLV

Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story journals will be available to open hearts to the peace and joy of the Advent season as we prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas. Journals may be purchased after all the masses the weekend of November 20-21 or in the parish office. Cost of the journal is \$5.

Parishioners are also invited to join an optional discussion of the journal meditations on 3 Thursday's in December.

Wishing Well of Love, sponsored by St. Elizabeth Seton Circle. Parishioners are invited to select a name tag from the Wishing Well of Love at Church to help brighten someone's Christmas. The gifts are for 4 area nursing home residents who otherwise would not receive a gift.

St. Gabriel's Ribbon Tree Program:

Sunday, November 14th is the Drive-up/Drop off Event for the Ribbon Tree from 12PM - 3PM in the OLV parking lot to benefit the children at the Friendly House in Davenport.

Grief Share: OLV's grief support evening, Surviving the Holidays. The program will give participants information on how to survive the holidays after the loss of a loved one. There is no cost to attend.

Those present were Jean, Rich, Denny, Betsy, and Honore. Deacon Agnoli, Char and Kathy had other commitments.

We opened with prayer.

We started discussion on 4 proposals for future SACS projects.

1) Pope Francis 's encyclical Laudato Si written in 2015 the care of our common home, the earth, and the care of each other, especially the poor. The poor among us contribute the

least to global warming, but suffer the consequences the most. Pope Francis has a 7 year plan for prayer, act & evaluate. He wants to

involve families/youth/parishes among other groups. Jean said the Vatican has so much material available to aid the circles - from prayers to homilies for priests to speak on this issue. In March the Vatican is holding animator training, an online. Jean is going to take part

and would like one more person to train with her. If interested let her know.

2) Char was unable to attend the meeting but sent a message that she would like to see Food, Fun, and Fellowship start again, maybe next spring.

Honore said she would head the group of volunteers and organize it.

3) Betsy volunteers at St. Anthony's and said there is such a need for warm clothing especially coats, hoodies, gloves, hats, and socks. The need

is urgent now with the arrival of cold weather. We decided to make this an advent project. Betsy will head it up.

Denny was going to check on possible permanent bin somewhere on campus so people could drop items off items year round. He was going to check out costs of bins, and with Father Jake if this was doable.

4) Rich presented a handout on homelessness and the benefits of a systems approach to ending it. It centered on a program called Built for Zero whose aim is to eliminate or greatly lessen homelessness. Over 80 communities in the U.S.

are working with this program of which 14 have functionally ended homelessness in their communities, and 44 have achieved a reduction in it. Rich was going to do more research and see if we could use info to support prevention and solutions.

Jean ended the meeting by saying she had met with Father Jake about our committee. He is very pleased what we have accomplished this past year during covid. Every month in 2021 we had a delivery of items to Humility of Mary.

There will be no meeting in December. Jean is looking into making our meetings hybrid.

Ended with a Hail Mary.

Project Report
Spotlight on Liturgical Ministries
October 2021

An urgent need to build up most ministries that serve our weekend Masses was identified following the shut down in 2020 because of the COVID pandemic. A full-blown ministry fair was not favored because of the danger of spreading the Delta variant when people mingle in crowds. A SPOTLIGHT process was developed whereby one ministry was featured each week. Scheduled as:

Week of Oct. 3—Hospitality (Greeter/Usher)

Week of Oct. 10—Music (adult choir, cantor, Contemporary Music Group)

Week of Oct. 17—Holy Communion

Week of Oct. 24—Art & Environment PLUS Day-of Wedding Coordinator

- Not participating: Lectors (current roster of volunteers is sufficient) and Altar Servers (recruits directly through JFK and Faith Formation).
- Stewardship Committee provided a card table in Gathering Space, table cover, appropriate ministry banner, and a multi-use brochure for the four weeks. Publicity via the bulletin, FaceBook, and electronic messaging was coordinated by Stewardship.
- Ministry Coordinators staffed the table and agreed to train and incorporate new recruits into service.
- Ministry Coordinators arranged for a witness speaker to talk at Mass during their Spotlight week. Coordinators also recorded a 3-minute video for posting on the OLV YouTube channel. The video was promoted via FaceBook and electronic messaging.
- The large stewardship banner with message from 1 Peter 4:10 about sharing gifts hung in the Gathering Space for all four weeks.

EVALUATION

New prospects: Hospitality—12
Music—0
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—12
Environment/Wedding Coord—6

Leader comments: Well organized. Excellent promotion. Good brochure. Appreciate the efforts of Stewardship Committee. This is the way to go: focus on just one ministry vs. a full-blown ministry fair where a sea of groups are clamoring for parishioner attention. Mass speakers and videos raised awareness even if no new volunteers came forward. Because the COVID crisis continues, seasoned ministers remain hesitant to return to service.

Cost: \$21.99 brochure printing



On Giving Tuesday people all over the planet come together to perform acts of kindness and use their abilities to bring good to the world. The Stewardship Committee is asking the people of OLV parish to help create a flood of good by giving their time, skills, dollars or voice to improve our community and build a better world. We urge everyone to make plans to stand up, give back and celebrate generosity in some fashion on this day. *Every act of kindness counts.*

Wellness Committee Report to Parish Council for November 2021.

GriefShare

The current GriefShare program will be ending in December. The next session of GriefShare will start on Sunday, February 6, 2022, and run through Sunday, May 22, 2022. These sessions begin at 12:15 pm after the 11:00 am mass. No meetings will be held on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, or Mother's Day.

Treasurer's Report

The only expense we have incurred was \$17.99 for a new cuff for one of our Blood Pressure Machines.

Weekend Blood Pressure Clinics (after masses)

Jan King has developed a schedule for 2022 Blood Pressure Clinics. There will be 1 weekend per month during 2022 where Blood Pressure readings will be taken after all the weekend masses.

Bingo Fund Raiser

The Bingo Night Fund Raiser will be held on Sunday evening, April 24, 2022.

Possible New Educational Opportunities

The Committee may consider a Bicycle Rodeo program for children.

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation
Report to the Pastoral Council
11/23/2021 – 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?

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. Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior care packages have already gone out, and Senior packages are in the works. Each month I release a new schedule of events and activities trying to do more in the community.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation
Report to the Pastoral Council
11/23/2021 – 7:00PM

-Our prayer tree is moving forward with help from parishioners in building it. Now we have to paint it, and have it ready for the end of the year.

-In October we held a mix of prayer, service and fun events including a celebration of our parish feast day, a scavenger hunt for homeless care packages, and this week a trip to a haunted corn maze.

-In November we had some open gym time, a service and prayer event at the Arsenal cemetery before Veteran's Day, and lots of prep for NCYC in addition to attending NCYC itself.

-We launched Alpha for 8th grade early in October. I'm also talking with youth and families about some other avenues for exploring middle school youth ministry including small groups and after school clubs.

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

-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 resumed on November 11th with a theology on tap on spiritual warfare at Crawford Brew Works.

-We are also planning a series of combined mass, adoration, and social nights for young adults, starting with a Christmas party in December.

-We completed a separate series of meetings for more advanced young adult disciples focused on discipleship skills on October 28th.

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.