

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
	Nancy Stone	Christian Services, Social Action
X	Chuck Gerlach	Odd jobs, Stewardship
X	Fr. Scott Foley	Pastor
X	Judy Johnson	Ex-Officio (Lay Director)
X	Bernie Mack	Ex-Officio (Lay Director)
X	Steve Frank	President
X	Maureen Mosse	Ladies Council
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)
	Jean Simpson	Wellness
X	Cheryl Wagner	Liturgy
X	Denny Prior	Christian Services
	Jennifer Wemhoff	Ex-Officio (Adult Education)
X	Jennifer Stratman	Secretary
	Kaye Meyer	Ex-Officio (K-8 Faith Formation)

(X = Present)

2. The agenda was approved.
3. The minutes from August were approved.
4. The mission and vision statements were read.
5. Old Business
None
6. New Business
 - The council spent a few minutes discussing whether or not to hold a parish appreciation dinner/event this year. It was agreed that we will do something whether it be in person or virtual. Cheryl Wagner has agreed to chair the event and Maureen Mosse will help. The council was instructed to bring ideas to the next meeting in October.
 - Nancy Stone has resigned from the council. We will actively be looking for someone to take her place.

7. Ministry Reports.

- Social Action – The committee had to cancel their September program with Ryan Burchett due to low attendance.
- Church Life- Report Attached
- Ladies Council – Raffle envelopes are out.
- Stewardship - Report Attached.
- Wellness – No report
- Vocations – No report
- Faith Formation
 - Faith Formation / RCIA – Class starts on October 7th. 52 students are enrolled. 4 new families have joined the program.
 - Adult Education – Report attached
 - JFK/Board of Education – Report attached
 - Youth Ministry/Young Adults – Report attached.
- Family Life – Contingency plans are in place for the Men's and Women's CEW weekends.
- Finance & Administration.

Finance Council – As of August 30, envelope income is slightly behind budget. Loose cash in the collection basket has increased since resumption of public Masses. Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway. OLV goal is \$145,000.

8. Standing Committee Reports

- Knights of Columbus – Knights of Columbus had a great turnout for their food drive in September. 1000lbs of food was collected and they received \$2100.00 in cash donations.
- Assumption High School – No report
- Odd Jobs- There are no projects going on right now.
- Vocations – No Report.
- Liturgy – Eucharistic minister training will be coming up. Plans are in place to have a single altar server at mass. Lectors will be needed as some of our current lectors have opted out of coming to mass.

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

October – Cheryl Wagner

November – Steve Frank
December – Shawn Atwater
June – Jean Simpson

We will assign January through May as we get closer

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

10. Parishioners Comments

Maureen and Marc Mosse would like to host the Thanksgiving meal again this year. The event will most likely be a drive by/pick up event.

Maureen may scale the Christmas decorations around the perimeter of the church down a little this year due to the lower attendance at masses. The decorations on the altar and front of the church will stay the same.

There have been discussions on how to handle the St Gabriel's Circle Ribbon Tree this year. More information will be coming in the next month.

11. Pastor's Comments

Due to HIPPA requirements, the state Board of Health has put out some strict guidelines on how we report COVID illness at JFK. Father Jake stressed that we will be following those guidelines closely.

Calling each parishioner to "check in" with them will resume this weekend.

The parish's ADA goal is down from \$158,000 last year to \$145,000 this year. OLV has the 2nd largest goal in the diocese.

\$850,000 is currently pledged for the capital campaign. We will resume this effort in October and November once we get past the first few weeks of the ADA renewal.

There will be no All Souls mass this year. We will try to reschedule this mass at a safer time.

2 trees had to be taken down east of the white house on Division due to the Derecho storm in August.

The Christmas mass schedule may look very different this year. Most likely we will be adding a mass on Christmas eve to accommodate more people and a reservation system will have to be used.

12. The next meeting is scheduled for October 27th at 7:00pm.

13. Meeting adjourned with closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Stratman
Secretary

Church Life September through October 2020

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Due to restrictions associated with Covid 19 the Ladies Council will not hold the annual Christmas Carousel Bazaar, however, OLV will still have a raffle: tickets give chances to win a \$1,000 GRAND PRIZE or additional cash prized of \$500.00, \$200.00 and 3/\$100.00; a handmade quilt by Fr. Jake's Mom.

Fall bulletin highlights

Faith Formation classes are scheduled to be in person, beginning October 7, from 6:00PM - 7:00PM. Changes have been put in place as we work to create a safe and healthy environment.

A Protect Young Eyes newsletter was presented offering several resources to help families navigate today's technology.

Youth in the parish were invited to check out the new youth ministry website. Virtual youth room updated every Wednesday by 7pm for online youth nights, quizzes, games, personality tests, spiritual direction and more! <https://www.olvjfk.com/olv/faith-formation/youth-ministry/>

Additional Youth Ministry action: youth were invited to register for a workshop with Roy Petitfils on helping hurting teens, or on self-care and wellness 101 at 10am October 6th and 7th at <https://www.davenportdiocese.org/miaw> or watch the livestream at 7pm via the Diocesan Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/diodav/>

October 11 we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of Our Lady of Victory, which is linked to the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). Our parish has now been a witness to Jesus Christ for 58 years here in Northwest Davenport, so we definitely have many things to thank God for as we celebrate our past and look forward to the future.

Since COVID struck, Nourish for Caregivers had to adapt to a new way of encouraging caregivers at OLV. The mission began offering Nourish for Caregivers through a ZOOM format. Last quarter topics include □ September 10th, "Walking with Christ. Nourished by Grace.", □ October 15th, "A Season for Everything-Recognizing the Ebs and Flows" □ November 19th, "End of Life-Planning For and Navigating Decisions".

Starting September, parishioners were invited to participate in an 8 week study, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible With Jeff Cavins - Facebook Live Jeff Cavins, the creator of The Bible Timeline Learning System will be leading the Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study live on Facebook and on the Ascension Press website, www.ascensionpress.com.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal was announced, September 24th & 25th. Our Parish goal is \$145,000.

The OLV Foundation Board, unable to host the Fall Harvest Day Dinner this year, posted a thanks to everyone for helping the parish reach the \$1 Million dollar level. From its inception in 1989 and during the first 25 years of giving annual gifts to Our Lady of Victory Church, the OLV Foundation paid out \$202,000.

Mission Appeal 2020. OLV presented an appeal to help support a mission effort on behalf of Father Mansuetus from the Diocese of Same which is situated in Kilimanjaro Region, in the northern part of Tanzania, Africa. The purpose of this years appeal is for well drilling funds in the village of Mwembe in the Diocese of Same. 62% of the population has no access to clean water. Women and children walk an average of 4 hours a day to water ponds which hold rainstorm water during the rainy season. This water is dirty because it is used by people and animals. People use this water for drinking, cooking, and washing. As a result, many people suffer from diarrhea and typhoid. A new well for the village will provide: Clean and safe water Cholera, typhoid and diarrhea will be reduced or even eradicated Women will have ample time for economic activities and children will spend more time in schools. Death rate will be reduced by 60% Due to COVID-19.

Parishioners Helping Parishioners-OLOV announced plans for our parishioners helping parishioners weekend, Sat., Nov. 7th.

Ribbon Tree & Wishing Well of Love - St. Gabriel's and St. Elizabeth Seton Circles will be hosting a drive up/drop off Christmas Gift collection Sunday November 15th, 12 PM to 4 PM.

Parish Council Report October, 2020

Coordinator Religious Education / Safe Environment Coordinator (Kaye Meyers)

- Faith Formation classes began Wednesday, October 7. Currently have 40 families registered. Three are participating online instead of in-person. First two weeks of in-person classes have gone well. Completed "Empowering God's Children" lesson in class. Need to have a make-up session for 5 students who were absent. Parents are to complete at home with the three participating online. On-target to meet Bishop's request to complete by end of October.
- Will be communicating with parents about signing up for one of the two options for First Reconciliation. First Reconciliation will be Thursday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 a.m. Providing materials for parents to use at home in lieu of a parent/child meeting.
- Hosting Trunk or Treat on October 24, 2020, following the 4:30 Mass. No meal will be served; decorated trunks and handing out of treats.
- Participated in the October Board of Education meeting.
- 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 three families who are participating in Faith Formation online instead of in-person..
- Attended Parent Meeting for Confirmation.
- Participated in Diocesan presentations for Mental Illness Awareness Week. Will follow up with parish staff on how to use this information in our parish.
- Working with Lisa and Jennifer on updating the Faith Formation website
- Working with Jennifer and Lisa on developing possible parent ministries at OLV.
- Ordering Advent Daily Tear-Off Trivia Cards to hand out one to each family in Faith Formation and JFK families..

Stewardship Report

October 2020

All 300 *Little Burgundy Books on Stewardship* have been handed out. The Little Books are popular with OLV parishioners and we sincerely hope they found this one to be filled with wisdom, inspiration and spiritual nourishment.

Stewardship Prayer Intention for October

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting faith into action. Voting is a simple and significant way to live out Christian discipleship. As we approach the November general election, please pray for God's blessing upon our nation. Pray that:

- People will vote with a sense of thankfulness for our freedoms and democratic system.
- Elections will be safe and fair, free from manipulation and technical difficulties.
- There will be a huge turnout by citizens who've carefully explored the issues to vote with insight and wisdom.
- Leaders, chosen for all levels of government, will serve with integrity and a commitment to justice.
- Election outcomes will make our nation strong and bring good to the whole world.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Report to the Pastoral Council

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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:

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 of focus: Our website, social media/youtube, care packages, and Alpha online. More

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on this below. Part of how we plan to accomplish these tasks is developing ministry teams to handle them.

I have been redesigning the entirety of the youth ministry portion of the website to serve as a central hub for our online ministry efforts with interactive resources of several kinds for families to use. Now included among those resources will be an interactive virtual youth suite with a prayer room, study room, “hang out” space, etc.

Jacob Menster, one of our youth ministers last year, received an award from the Newman Center of Iowa City of \$500.00 for youth ministry at OLV. The award money we received will help purchase equipment for creating higher quality content, particularly for audio. In addition, Hieu Nguyen will be joining that team, and we have several teens and families interested at this time as well. Their goal is to evangelize and catechize to, for, and with OLV youth via communication technology. We've finished our initial round of recruitment and are setting up meetings to get started.

Our Care Package team will be led by Kathy Peterson, who created the college care package ministry. Their goal is to minister to every high school youth in the parish by reaching them with mailings and/or packages each semester, which include things like scriptural quotes, inspirational messages, candy, or other gifts. We finished sending out care packages to all our Freshmen – a high school survival guide on a thumb drive – in September, and have almost completed sending out packages to our Sophomores (candy grams with Scriptural quotes) and exam based packages with prayer cards, candy, and a game.

We're collaborating with Divine Mercy in Burlington to host Alpha sessions on Sunday nights, and launched that ministry in mid-September. Our collaborative efforts have also helped two other parishes – St. Anthony and St. Ann to start offering Alpha, and we assisted them in training and preparation. 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.

With each of our four prongs of non-gathered ministry successfully 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, and are planning a Davenport scavenger hunt for the weekend of November 6-8th.

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 if possible, but at this time we don't have a plan for our St. Nick's fundraiser. We will explore an

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online trivia night event, but it would likely be free will offering only. And we will look at how to accomplish a “Sweetheart To Go” Valentine’s dinner depending on pandemic levels in 2021.

Our next Ave of Flags event is Veteran’s Day, and we are again looking for more participants to help keep things safe for everyone. 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.

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

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

-Youth ministry will continue our process of prayer and planning as we begin discerning our strategic planning team, and developing a new leadership structure.

-Some of our ministry teams have launched. Others we would like to develop include a stronger prayer team, and a cheer team to support teens at their various events.

-If the ministry teams we develop during the pandemic are effective, we will continue them after the pandemic has ended, while looking for ways to transition to at least some in person ministry as well. There’s no reason to discontinue sending postcards and care packages, or to stop engaging with youth in the digital space. But we could potentially move Alpha to an in person format very easily once it becomes safe to do so.

What about parish college students and young adults?

We are still offering monthly Theology on Taps for young adults – including one on October 15th on voting and forming your conscience with Fr. Chris Weber. This was an online, live streamed event. We’re looking at another Theology on Tap option for November with Fr. Bruce from St. Paul on relics and the communion of Saints.

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

When the pandemic calms down and we can resume longer, in person meetings, we will explore how to develop small groups for emerging adults in the Quad Cities in conjunction with other local parishes. In the meantime, I have a group of young adults interested in trying out Alpha as well, so we’ll be launching an Alpha group for young adults or some other form of small group ministry for them in the coming weeks.

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Confirmation Coordinator's Report:

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

Core Values:

Love of the faith

Transformational relationship with God

Developing faith-filled relationships

Sharing God's gifts through service.

Core Purpose:

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

BHAG:

"100% of Confirmandi involved in ministry at their parish by 2025."

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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.