

1. Jennifer 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. Patrick Hilgendorf	Pastor
X	Fr. Andrew Rauenbuehler	Parochial Vicar
X	Steve Frank	President / Wellness
X	Mike VanSpeybroeck	Vice President/ Church Life
X	Jennifer Stratman	Secretary
X	Rick Willows	Stewardship
X	Jacob Hines	Finance Council Rep
X	Vern Kuennen	Building and Grounds
X	Cathy Anderson	Liturgy
X	Chris Boyd	Knights of Columbus
X	Jenny Parvin	Faith Formation/ Social Action
X	Greg Hansen	Parish Council - Alternate
X	Bernie Mack	Ex-Officio (Lay Director)
X	Molly Crosby	Ex-Officio (Lay Director)
	Chad Steimle	Ex-Officio (JFK Principal)
X	Helen White	Ladies Council
X	Marc Mosse	Ex-Officio (Deacon)
X	Maureen Mosse	Ladies Council
X	Ann Craig	Board of Education Rep

(X = Present)

2. A motion was made to approve the September meeting minutes. It was seconded and approved by the council.
3. The mission and vision statements were read.
4. Old Business

Parish Picnic Summary: Mike will be submitting a summary report of the event.

Pantry Box Update: Duane Iossi has been given \$2,000 to start work on rebuilding the cabinet. The pantry box will be located in the winter entrance and monitored and maintained per the proposal submitted last month.

Donation Container Update: 4 bins will be set up in the alcove located by the basement storage area for parishioners to donate items to specific ministries. Hospitality ministers can help take items down the stairs before and after masses if needed.

Parish Appreciation Dinner Job Assignments:

Entertainment – Mike V.
Child Care - Jennifer S.
Publications – Steve F.
Food – Maureen M.
Drinks – Vern K.
Servers - All
Set up and Clean up - All

Baldachinno update: Vern is working with a company called Glass Blaster to get an estimate and some design ideas. Jacob Hines and Jenny Parvin agreed to sit on a committee along with Vern and members of the Liturgy ministry to pick the design. Once chosen, the proposal needs to be approved by the Diocese. Vern estimates the cost to be between \$15K - \$20K.

2024 Parish Picnic Date: An official date of September 15th from 12:00pm – 4:00pm was set. Jennifer will let Lisa Willows know to put it on the parish calendar.

5. New Business

Strategic Planning Committee: Steve asked Rick W. if he would consider putting together a Strategic Planning committee to discuss future church improvements.

Church Safety/Security: Vern attended a church safety and security meeting and gave some ideas and suggestions to the council of ways we could improve campus security. He proposed the church be locked by 5:00pm every night. The motion was seconded but failed in a council vote. The majority of council members felt like Father Patrick and Father Andrew should discuss this with the church staff to see if this was a feasible task on a daily basis.

Following the vote, Vern announced he was resigning from the Council, and he left the meeting. His intention to resign was confirmed by Steve on October 26, 2023, by telephone. Further, it was learned that the alternate, Mr. Greg Hansen, was also no longer interested in serving on the Council (see attached e-mail dated October 26, 2023). Per the Constitution of OLV Pastoral Council, a call for a replacement was initiated. See minutes of special meeting held on November 14, 2023.

6. Ministry Reports.

- Social Action/Christian Service – The clothing drive for McAnthony's window was very successful.
- Church Life – Report Attached.
- Stewardship – Report Attached.
- Ladies Council – The council only printed 600 Raffle tickets for the Bazaar this year and they are coming back in. 57 vendors are currently secured for the event. The old tables will be taken to STUFF Etc. to see if we can get any money for them.
- Wellness – No Report

- Faith Formation – Reports Attached. The committee will be working on revising and updating the Faith Formation website.
- JFK/Board of Education – Ann reported that the Board of Ed is currently working on a Strategic Plan and they will be bringing teachers into their upcoming meetings so they can share what is going on in their classrooms.
- Family Life- No Report
- Finance & Administration – Report Attached. Our Diocesan Appeal goal this year is \$160,000.

7. Standing Committee Reports

- Knights of Columbus –No Report.
- Building and Grounds- Report Attached
- Liturgy –Report Attached

8. Board of Education representation assignments:

November: Steve Frank

December: Mike VanSpeybroeck

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

9. Parishioners Comments:

Maureen asked who OLV's Synod on Synodality Representatives are. Father Andrew stated that it is Kaye Meyer, Rita Nagle and Angie Hillebrand. Father Andrew will give an update on OLV's plan for incorporating the synod's goal of "Welcoming and Belonging" at the next meeting.

10. Pastor's Comments: No comments

11. Our next meeting will be November 28th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

12. Meeting adjourned with closing prayer by Chris.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Stratman
Secretary

October Finance Council

JFK closes lunch account with 74k to SCCS

Unexpected 11k bill for Davenport CSD for textbooks

Deadline for ESAs passed September 30th

Reflecting on who we might send to collections or not for past tuition. Form letter will be made to send out to past due tuition.

Looking to eliminate phone line for wireless fire alarm.

Corporate resolution needed for concrete work.

Deacon Mosse submitted resignation (age 75). Look to have small gifts for Marc and Deacon Al. Father Patrick recommended a plaque, small cash gift, and victory vouchers.

We need to look for a new finance committee member.

June financials pushed to October.

AV project in parish center is on hold until we close out the year financials.

Applied for a \$54,547 grant for the playground.

Talks about saving in the balance sheet for the playground costs: approximately \$175,195.

Next meeting October 23rd at 6:30

Adult Faith Formation report to the Faith Formation Committee (October 2023)

Submitted by Jennifer Wemhoff

Our third IGNITE Sunday was October 15 with the topic of Mary/Marian apparitions.

I was at the NET Retreat on Saturday Oct. 7. I helped with providing and serving lunch that day.

The study of ***Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*** has 2 sessions left. Over 40 people signed up to participate, a few of those are doing the study independently.

The next study will be ***Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist***, beginning November 2, this is a 4 week study. Cost of the book is \$6. 20 people have signed up to participate in the study so far.

Anthony Digmann is scheduled to speak at OLV on Feb. 11, 2024.



I participate in the Faith Formation Committee meetings as scheduled.

I participated in pastoral staff meetings during the months of September and October.

I write bulletin and Victory Voice articles as needed.

Unfortunately, the tried and true Loyola Press K-8 books we are using are a discontinued edition and the publisher no longer sells or offers any type of support for this curriculum, as it is outdated. We will need to make an investment in our Religious Education program and be prepared to start in September 2024 with a new curriculum. At the advice of the Diocesan Director of Faith Formation, I will soon be assembling an 'Advisory Board' that will represent multiple groups of stakeholders in our children's religious education and family faith formation for birth through 8th grade. I am completely open minded to keeping with the same publisher or trying something different. With the support of the Diocese and forthcoming guidelines, as well as the valuable input from an 'Advisory Board', I know we will be able to prayerfully choose the best way to educate our children about Jesus and about our Catholic faith.

We now have over 50 students registered for Kindergarten through 8th grade Religious Ed classes. There have been some issues for several families with the digital form, so we have switched to a paper form, which was approved by the Diocese legal department. The printed forms are available in the Gathering Space and at JFK. I will have forms available at Trunk or Treat night, as well, with an invitation for families to still register for classes.

I am hoping for some permanent 'real estate' in the Gathering Space. Specifically, my need is for dedicated wall space and room for a small table. This was a nice suggestion at our initial Catechist gathering in August. Since we utilize the JFK classrooms, we are not able to really make those 'ours' and we are not able to display student projects or artwork. We would like to create and maintain a better connection with our Religious Ed students and families to the parish as a whole and allow our students to share their art. It would also be great to draw our RE families to the Church building with this dedicated space - "The place to pick up this form, this booklet, this worksheet, this letter, etc, is in the Church." Thoughts and ideas on how to go about this would be appreciated.

Church Life October 2023

Victory 4 Life REAL Truth: Sanctity of Life Presentation

When: Sunday, October 1, 2023 Where: OLV Parish Center Time: 1:00PM

Educates and empowers audience in the value of life from conception to natural death.

Provides clarity on the history and implication of recent state and federal legislation

Equips individuals to be confident in expressing their pro-life view.

The presentation is Free. We will also be collecting donations for the Women's Choice Center. Donations Needed:

Diapers sizes - NB, 1,3,4,5,6; Baby Wipes; Baby Bottles; New Pacifiers; Baby food or cereal; Baby lotion/wash; Blankets; Baby sock

We will continue to collect the above items through the month of October "Respect Life Month." Items can be placed in the bin in the Gathering Space marked "VICTORY 4 LIFE."

Contributing Bulletin article:

October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, also referred to as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory. It's the anniversary of the combined Fleet of the Holy League's victory of 1571 over the Ottoman Navy at the Battle of Lepanto. Pope Pius V instituted the Feast

of Our Lady of Victory. The Holy League credited the victory to the Virgin Mary, whom they had prayed to before the battle. As the

patron of our parish, we thank Mary for the blessings she sends our way. Our Lady of Victory, pray for us.

-submitted by OLOV Foundation

OLOV hosted the NET Team for our junior high Confirmation Retreat Saturday, October 7, 2023. The young adults of the NET Team shared their own witness stories of how God has worked in their lives to help them realize they were created by Him for a special purpose. They also encouraged our youth to worship and praise God for His many blessings. Our youth participated in Eucharistic Adoration as well as a quiet prayer time; both offering them the opportunity to grow their relationship with God. They also had fun with a variety of games and activities. It was a blessing to hear our youth's laughter as they built their community as well as to hear the silence of them listening for God to speak to them in their hearts. Let us continue to pray for them on their journey to Confirmation.

The Christian Service Ministry collected items for the homeless and needy in our community in October. Cash donations were welcomed.

All donations were taken to the McAnthony window at St. Anthony's Church in downtown Davenport.

Sunday, October 22nd at 1:00pm Parish Center Bingo. Fr. Andrew was caller.

College Care Packages

It is time to sign up your college student to receive a care package from our parish. The students must be parishioners of OLV. Each care package will contain treats, inspirational material, “fun” items and a letter from the parish. We want to let our students know that we support and pray for them even when they are away. Care Packages will be sent before final semester exams. If you would like your college student to receive a care package you must sign them up.

Feed The Hungry

The Hunger Ministry is continuing to serve hot meals inside at Zion Lutheran Church. The Parish provides hot chicken and parishioners are asked to provide: potatoes; salad; vegetables; desserts; and bottled water to serve 12-15 people.

OLOV resumes That Man is You TMYI: Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart

An interactive men's program that combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the Saints to develop male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their homes and society.

Abiding Presence – Mark Hartfiel

Family as Your Primary Vocation

The Dreams of TMIY

Freedom Finds Expression in Abiding Presence

The Power of a Father's Presence

The Five Spiritual Principles

Does Your Family Crave Your Presence?

Saturday October 7, 2023 JFK Catholic School Cafeteria

6:30 AM - Breakfast

7:00 AM - Video Presentation

7:30 AM - Group Discussion 8:00 AM - Depart

All Men Welcome.

OLOV Singles Ministry

October 5th - Singles Game Night 5:30 PC-T Pizza will be served

October 8th - Putt Putt Golf at Palmer Hills 2 PM. Eating afterwards at Los Amigos, Cumberland Square Bettendorf

October 15th - Singles Luncheon 1:00 PM, Applebee's 3005 W Kimberly Rd., Davenport

October 19th - Singles Game Night - Parish Center 5:30pm, Pizza will be served

October 26th - Singles Game Night - Parish Center 5:30pm, Pizza will be served

Ignite Sunday

Join us for Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, an extraordinary study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you

through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Mary will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

This 8-week study will meet on the following Thursdays in the Gathering Space Meeting Room from 6:30-8:00pm: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

October 15! Our topic for the evening will be: Mary/Marian Apparitions. Mass will be offered at 4:30pm in the church, with a meal to follow in the Parish Center at 5:20pm and discussion of the topic at 6:10pm also in the Parish Center. There are groups for all ages including child care.

Trick or Trunk Oct 28. Scheduled to begin after the 4:30pm Mass. After Trick or Trunk there will be a haunted hallway and Glow Dance at JFK school.

Announcing

Christmas Bazaar

Our Annual OLV Christmas Bazaar is being held on November 4th & 5th inside JFK School.

Adult Bible Study

What is it that is so special about the Eucharist?

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. We will be meeting Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room on November 2, 9, 16 and 30 to discuss The Presence. For more information or to register for the study contact Jennifer at davolvaff@diodav.org or 563-508-2346. Registration is due by Thursday, October 19 and cost of the book is \$6.

Wishing Well of Love

St. Elizabeth Seton Circle invites you to help brighten Christmas for a nursing home resident in our area by participating in the Wishing Well of Love. Choose a gift tag from the wishing well in the Gathering Space. Each tag includes a resident's name and gift idea. Please return the wrapped gift(s) with the tag attached or a monetary gift to the Gathering Space by Sunday, November 12th. The residents have always been so very grateful for our generosity.

This year we will also offer a drive-up/drop off opportunity at the front entrance of the church on Sunday, November 12th from 12pm-2pm. We will have volunteers who will come to your car so you don't even need to get out.

Please help us make this Christmas a memorable one for them. If you have any questions, please contact Angela at: admattke@aol.com or 563-210-4148.

Nourish

Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view. The topic this month is Staying Organized & Preparing for What's Next. Placing Christ in the center of our life allows for better planning and organization, giving meaning and definition to each day. Discovering the Grace of each moment then enables us to experience the blessings and joy of caring for our loved ones. Find how this path leads to being better organized and more prepared.

Faith Formation Committee October, 2023
Sacrament Coordinator (Kaye Meyers)

- The NET Team was here on October 7, 2023 to provide a retreat for our 7th and 8th grade students. Mary Jo Craig hosted the men and Mike & Jenn Van Speybroeck hosted the women. We had 32 of a possible 48 eighth graders and 12 of a possible 40 seventh graders attend. The students' behavior was exceptional this year. Perhaps having it on Saturday instead of after a full day of school is a factor to consider. Fr. Patrick provided us with time for Eucharistic Adoration. Jennifer Wemhoff prepared the meal and snacks and had help from 2 grandmothers and 1 mom to serve and clean up.
- I ordered additional shoe boxes from Samaritan's Purse and offered this opportunity to our 2nd grade families as well. We have additional boxes and I have reached out to Jammie to see if she would like to offer the remaining boxes to Faith Formation families. Also checking with Abbey to see if the Youth Group would like to participate. .
- Met with 2nd grade families on Monday, September 25, 2023 for our first sacrament preparation meeting. We had a good turn out.
- Sent out materials to those who were unable to attend the 2nd, 7th and 8th grade sacrament preparation meetings. Still working to get completed forms back from most of these families.
- Have been collecting Baptismal certificate information for our students who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion and those preparing for Confirmation. We have several students who have not yet been Baptized as well as a few who have not received their First Communion. Working with Father Patrick and these families.
- The Kickoff for Eucharistic Revival on Sunday, September 17, 2023 was well attended and the speakers did a lovely job of sharing their testimony. We have added special prayer cards in the pews with before and after communion prayers. We will continue to look for ways to help parishioners focus on the Eucharist..
- Prepared for our IGNITE Sunday on October 15. The topic was Mary and Marian Apparitions.. We continue having all students K-8 in one group.
- Participate in pastoral staff meetings and Faith Formation Committee meetings.

Stewardship Report October 2023

Time & Talent Renewal is progressing. Exhibits in the Gathering Space are planned for College Care Packages, Wellness Committee, Liturgy Committee, OLV Foundation, and Stewardship Committee. As part of the effort, the ***Handbook of Parish Ministries & Organizations*** has been updated.



Hard copies can be found in the Gathering Space kiosk (Blue cover featuring slate drawing from school foyer) . Access it on line with this link: [HANDBOOK](#)

The renewal also asks parishioners to identify the organizations, charities, clubs and activities NOT directly connected to OLV where they lend a hand with gifts of time and talent. Reporting is anonymous and voluntary. The purpose is simply to highlight the notion that Christian stewardship is boundless.

Living Stewardship thru Community Service encourages people to complete a card naming those groups / activities and drop it in the Gold Bucket in the Gathering Space, or message olvstewardship@gmail.com with this information. We will publish a list so that everyone can appreciate how much the people of this parish do.

Early reporting mentions River Bend FoodBank, Café on Vine, and doing yard work/snow removal for an elderly neighbor. There are countless ways to make a difference in the world and we expect a long list. Positive advocacy from members of the Council is appreciated!

Living Stewardship
THRU
Community Service

Stewardship of time and talent has a place in our neighborhoods and communities, as well as in the parish. When we serve others as a sign of gratitude for our blessings, we advance from volunteer to intentional steward. This card is an opportunity to offer your community service to the Lord.

Please list below the organizations and service activities **NOT directly connected to** OLV parish where you are engaged with time and talent. No need to identify yourself.

We will compile and publish a list of organizations and services named so that everyone can appreciate how much the people of Our Lady of Victory do for our community, our nation, and our world.

October Liturgy Report

Eight altar servers were trained in September.

Mass of Remembrance will be Nov 2nd at 6:00pm. Bells will ring 5 min before Mass starts. Looking for a second set of bells for this Mass. Skip Schlue will bring over Ridgecrest 's set.

Next year's Eucharistic Minister schedule is being put together now.

Incense sensors need replacing as cleaning is increasingly getting harder. Cheryl Wagner estimates the cost to be between \$100-\$200. She thought that maybe the 8th grade confirmation class could donate them. Skip Schlue mentioned that the candle fund was flush with money. So he could maybe purchase them.

Discussion was held on the Advent wreath and what procedures Father Patrick wanted.

October 2023 Building & Grounds

A temporary fix has been made to the Gathering Space roof drain outlet which will direct the water several feet away. Dirt has been put in the washed out cavity and a concrete splash pad will be installed next spring after the dirt has settled.

The door wars are officially over. Eight new architecturally congruent energy efficient exterior doors have been installed around the perimeter of the original church structure. However, the metal door frames need painting as does the cedar trim around the entire church/gathering space exterior. Hopefully, some of these projects can be accomplished with volunteer help next spring/summer subject to approval and supervision by our Building and Grounds head, Scott Sweeney.

Scott has consulted with an arborist regarding concerns about several trees on campus. He is addressing the recommendations and will be coordinating appropriate action regarding trimming and possible removal of one large tree on the west side of the church that is somewhat compromised albeit not an immediate hazard.

On October 18th Scott met with the independent engineer assigned by our insurance carrier to inspect the school/parish center flat roofs as well as the rectory roof. There has been concern voiced by a parishioner (who is in the roofing business) that the roofs may have sustained hidden damage that will shorten their lifespan. Scott will be providing results of engineer's inspection and recommendations when available.

Hopefully, the church gutter issues will be remedied before winter. Scott is overseeing the cleaning and repair with White Roofing.

~Vern Kuennen