

Our Lady of Victory
Pastoral Council Agenda
March 24, 2026 – 7:00 PM

I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer (Lorrie) 7:00-7:05

II. Roll Call and Introductions

III. Approve Agenda and Committee Updates 7:05-7:10

A. Questions

IV. Review/approve last meeting's minutes: January 27, 2026

V. Reading of the Mission Statement and Vision Statements

Parish Mission Statement: Our Lady of Victory is a community that lives and shares the preaching, teaching, and healing of Christ.

Our Vision: To become the most vibrant and welcoming faith community in the Diocese.

VI. Old Business 7:10-7:35

A. Strategic Plan Announcement to Parish (Jenny)

B. Parish Appreciation Event (Jenny)

C. Committee for the Director of Parish Operations & Engagement position (Father Patrick/Chris)

VII. New Business 7:35-7:50

A. Strategic Plan Updates & Goals

1. Communication & Connection (Jenny)

2. Welcoming & Hospitality (Cathy)

3. Volunteerism, Leadership, & Accountability (Erin)

4. Youth & Family Engagement (Jeremy)

5. Parish-School Relationship (Chris)

6. Faith Formation & Evangelization (Barb)

7. Outreach & Service to the Community (Lorrie)

8. Campus, Facilities & Safety (Rick) - *no report this meeting*

9. Pastoral, Staff & Operations Support (Dave and Rick)

B. Parish Council Member Recruitment (Jenny)

C. Ladies' Council Leadership Update & Funeral Luncheon Kitchen Help (Maureen)

X. Guest Comments

XI. Pastor's Comments (Fr. Patrick)

XIV. Next meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Space Meeting Room.

XV. Adjournment and Closing Prayer (Jenny)

Call to order, prayer by Erin

Intros

Motion to approve

Jenny, Erin

Approve minutes

Jenny, Erin

Parish Appreciation

Jenny brought up catering

May 16th – Saturday Evening

Jenny and Lorrie to call on caterers

Someone will need to reach out to Thomas on DJ, and have a plan B if he cannot, as it is a busy time of year for him

Strategic Plan

Chad gave a brief overview of the new and updated document. It is a multi month process to get to where it is today. Role of the committee was to listen to the information and synthesize it. Chad leaned heavily on AI. The plan is not a timeline and it is not a checklist. It is a framework. Not all major areas need to advance in the same time, and same for all of the strategies.

Needs to have buy in by PC, PC and Fr. will need to decide the importance of each area and strategies that we will proceed with and what order

It is recommended that we have a person hired in to see this plan through, keeps and moving and keeps us on task.

Barb asked if the position was something that we can afford, it is something that we would have to define the roll prior to making a decision. She also mentioned that she liked the idea of better communication, maybe a calendar

Jenny brought up that once we approve, the implementation is ultimately the responsibility of the PC, not just this year, but for other groups going forward. This will become the governing body of parish council.

Rick

We should be looking at a plan B due to the fact that the process heavily involves the new individual, this process of bringing on another employee could take time, what if they didn't end of working out

Need to discuss metrics, and how we will track those metrics, how will they be delivered to the masses.

There was some discussion, in regards to what that plan B would be.

Father Patrick gave some insight into the possibility of hiring another individual, current and past vicars having no office space, as well as some of the communication issues. The first objective, most likely would be to define that role and what exactly we need that person to do. We need to flush out the details, we cannot hire or even start looking for someone until we iron out many details of the need and the said position.

Jenny – Can we adopt the strategic plan, with one of the top priorities being that new position?

Jenny asked of Fr. Patrick if he would be ok with the decision of hiring, father mentioned that we need to start at the bottom first by defining the position

Jen asked about what occurs after approval, will it go out to all of the other committee members, not really sure of what that would be, but we do need to iron many things before we would be able to roll out to other groups. We should be able to continue to work on other items and knock them off of the list, at the same time, we are looking at the items such as preparing a definition for a paid employee

Voting on adopting the strategic plan

It was voted to vote tonight.

Unanimously passed motion by Lorrie and Erin seconded the motion.

Rick brought up that we cannot really wait for our monthly PC meeting. We may need to meet more frequently.

Assigning of a head of the individual

Rick – Buildings and Grounds

Lorrie – YFE and Social Action

Communication and Connections – Jenny

Welcoming and Hospitality – Kathy

Volunteerism – Erin

YFE – Jeremy

Parish School Relationship – Chris

Faith Formation – Barb

Outreach – Lorrie

Pastoral Staff and operational support – Dave Hinchman & Rick

Future of new PC members will take the position of one of the vacant spots.

Jenny will work with Lisa on distribution. February 5 to heads, and then add to the bulletin for the remainder of the parish.

Jenny Parish Center is not being cleaned up when they are done with it, distribute to your committees.

Hand the checklist when picking up the keys as an option

Maureen Ladies council gave 44k check to Father for the new sign

Meeting adjourned

OLV Faith Formation Committee
February 17, 2026 Minutes - Approved

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Lynn Frank
2. Fr John led the Opening Prayer
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3. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. 7 of 10 members were present.
[Quorum is a simple majority. Bylaws require 2/3 of members]
4. Present:
 - a. Board members: Ellen Thomas, Matt Riesburg, Christine Sigwarth, Lynn Frank, Kari Lystiuk, Vern Vondera, Stefanie Carlson
 - b. PC/Staff: Jennifer Wemhoff, Barb Gaylord, Fr Patrick, Fr Manu John
5. Absent:
 - a. Voting FF members: Dawn Henning
 - b. PC/Staff: Thomas Day, Chad Steimle, Jammie Jamieson,
6. Agenda was reviewed and accepted.
7. Ellen made motion to accept January minutes as corrected. Vern seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Committee Reports were accepted as submitted: reports can be found at end of report.
 - a. K-8 Faith Formation/Sacraments submitted by Jammie Jamieson;
 - b. Youth/High School Ministry no report was submitted
 - i. TMIY and SHE shared ministry information with YM during the YM SHUT In in February.
 - c. Adult Faith Formation was submitted by Jennifer Wemhoff
 - i. Jennifer can use help with serving and cleaning up from soup supper prior to Lenten mission
9. Updates on Y&FE, SHE, TMIY, or CEW
 - a. Y&FE: Children's liturgy is working well and has been well attended. Trying to add additional volunteers to support the ministry. We would like Y&FE to track attendance for future metrics. Further discussion to follow .
 - b. SHE has averaged 25-30 attendees since resuming after Christmas break
 - c. TMIY has averaged 26-27 average attendance. They have started a Lenten mission focus which will run through Easter.
 - d. CEW Women's team has 23 candidates as of this meeting.
10. Jennifer presented information to bring in Christopher West to present "Made for More" as a fall mission. She proposed we partner with other parishes similar to what Sacred head set up last fall for Chris Stephanic. Lynn made a motion to present the plan to Finance council with a budget line of \$10,000 for next year's budget. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Barb reviewed the Faith formation section from the Strategic Plan. FFC will focus on being intentional on our plans and how to develop/track future metrics where it makes sense. This

will be used to create baseline metrics in the future.

12. Lynn reviewed the Google drive folders and where to find files.
13. Jammie is working with Tom, Jen and Y&FE members on next year's budget. Y&FE reported they submitted their budget to Jammie. The budget is expected to be available next month for review.
14. An anonymous donor is donating new Children's picture missals for each pew at church. Stef will communicate this project to Y&FE. Missals will be ordered and labeled as property of OLV before being distributed.
15. Faith Formation representation at Parish Council Meeting rotations:
 - a. 2/24 Stef Carlson;
 - b. 3/24 Vern Vondera;
 - c. 4/28 Dawn Henning;
 - d. 5/26 open;
 - e. 6/23 open
16. Next meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 6:30 in the PC.
17. Closing Prayer – "Glory be" led by Jennifer Wemhoff
18. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55

Staff Reports

Faith Formation Committee Report K-8 Religious Ed

Submitted by Jammie Jamieson

February 2026

We had our Sponsor + Candidate event on Super Bowl Sunday with 80 people in attendance - only 2 Candidates unable to attend. Having our retreat early in the year this year and the feedback that NET now provides from the small groups, I was able to tailor the Candidate/Sponsor event to areas that our Candidates need more information or support in. Maureen Mosse was our guest speaker and also offered help/support in other ways. We also had other guests provide written answers to candidate questions that they were able to submit in advance of this event. Thomas Day, along with a current OLV parishioner who is a Sophomore at Assumption and an Iowa State graduate offered tailored responses for our candidates' questions about Confirmation and putting their faith into practice after being Confirmed.

For K-8 Religious Ed, after Ash Wednesday, we have 3 weeks devoted to a group study and rehearsal for presenting the Stations of the Cross to family and friends. Our students will present on March 11th. Our Catechist planning meeting is this week, so more details will follow. This was one area that we really wanted to focus on this year with our students, so it will be exciting to see it unfold.

After our Stations of the Cross, we will have no class for Spring Break on March 18th and when we return, it will be our final 6 week block of classroom learning. Our year will end on May 6th

with a closing Mass where our students will help plan and participate in the Mass, along with crowning Mary.

I continue participating in our OLV staff meetings, continuing education opportunities and Diocese Office of Faith Formation Committee for Catechesis meetings with submissions for our parish bulletin and Victory Voice.

Youth Ministry Committee Update

Reporting Period:

Prepared by: Tom Day

Adult Faith Formation report to the Faith Formation Committee (February 2026)

Submitted by Jennifer Wemhoff

Foundations of Faith: A Journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church a 20-week study began on September 25th and continues to meet on Thursday evenings.

100 copies of ***Crux*** a Lenten reflection book by Ascension Press were ordered. Books were sold for \$2 after all the masses the weekend of March 31 & Feb. 1. All the books were sold by the end of 11:00 mass.

A Lenten mission—***Hungry for Heaven*** is being planned for Monday March 9, 2026. Kaye Meyers and I are working on the mission. The schedule for the evening will be:

Ø A simple soup supper will be offered in the Gathering Space from 5:30-6:00pm (we want people to be hungry for Heaven, but not hangry ;-)

Ø People will be invited to join us in the church beginning at 6:15pm, programming to begin at 6:30pm

Ø Programming from 6:30-8:00pm

I participate in the Faith Formation Committee meetings as scheduled

I participate in pastoral staff meetings as scheduled.

I write bulletin and Victory Voice articles as needed.

Proposed Mission for OLV for fall 2026:

- Christopher West and Mike Mangione to present ***Made for More*** (see end of report for more description)
- This would be a ticketed event--\$30 early bird cost (tickets purchased online), \$35 at the door
 - We would sign a contract to sell between 500-700 tickets (this number would be agreed upon prior to a contract being signed)

- If we signed a contract to sell 500 tickets, and only sell 200, the parish would pay for the tickets not sold at the \$30 price which would be \$9000

- § There is no cost to the parish if the required number of tickets are sold

- § Theology of the Body Institute pays for all travel, lodging, and meals for their presenters

- The event coordinator highly recommends working with 1-2 other parishes in the area to help with promotions

- We would be provided with all the promotional materials and if we follow what they outline for us to do, it shouldn't be an issue to sell the required number of tickets according to the event coordinator

- We would need to have a core team of 9 people from our parish to help with various aspects of this event

- I have commitments from 6-8 people already that are willing to help with this event

- Promotions would begin 6 months prior to scheduled event

- Those individuals that are part of the core team to promote this event will receive training from Theology of the Body Institute (TOBI)

- After the event there is opportunity for people to sign up for additional study

[Made for More Trailer - Christopher West-Mike Mangione](#)

I would propose that the parish budget \$10,000 for this mission to be held fall of 2026 (Sept, Oct., or Nov.) on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening. If we sell the required number of tickets, the mission would be free, however if we are unable to sell the required number of tickets we would need to pay the difference, thus the reason I am proposing \$10,000 to the 2026-2027 parish budget. This amount is what we would need to budget if we were looking at bringing in a speaker for a "non" ticketed event. I will be speaking with the event coordinator the first week of March and will need a decision from the parish by that time. This mission also aligns with the strategic plan specifically #6.



MADE FOR MORE

Visions of The Promised Land

Where do we come from, and where are we going? These are the **decisive questions** that shape what it means to be human and determine how we find authentic fulfillment. Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they creatively weave together **dynamic presentations** with live music, movie clips, and sacred art for an evening of beauty and reflection on the meaning of life, love, and human destiny. You will come away with a faith-filled vision of hope that instills the sheer wonder and joy of being alive.

Made for More Outline

Through live music, sacred and secular art, and dynamic presentation, the *Made for More* event unfolds key themes of St. John Paul II's teaching on the human person and human sexuality ("Theology of the Body") to illuminate the "sacramentality of the world" – which is to say, how this physical world reveals the spiritual and divine mysteries that correspond to the deepest questions and longings of the human heart.

(1) They Look But Do Not See

- The deepest desire of the heart is to “love and be loved” / to “see and be seen”...
- The difference between “looking” and “seeing”...
- Learning to *see*: “the body reveals the person”; human identity is rooted in the body and in its God-given sex (“male and female he created them”)...
- The modern crisis of love is rooted in a crisis of the person, which is rooted in a crisis of the body; we treat the body as some-*thing* dispensable, replaceable, and repeatable rather than as some-*one* indispensable, irreplaceable, and unrepeatable...
- We are made for so much more than what the world is holding out to us – we are made to be seen and known and loved...

(2) Come and Become One Who Sees

- John Paul II’s thesis: The body, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible, the spiritual and the divine...
- A tour of the biblical story from Genesis to Revelation: God wants to “marry” us (covenant) and this eternal “marital plan” is revealed through our bodies...
- God gave us the desire for love and union (eros) to launch us to an Infinite Love and Union, but our “rocket engines” have become inverted through original sin...
- Christ comes into the world not to condemn those with inverted rocket engines, but to redirect our rocket engines to the stars...
- Understanding mercy as *miserericordia* – “a heart that gives itself to those in misery...”

(3) Where We Come from and Where We’re Going

- Where do we come from? Where are we going? Answering these two questions is essential for understanding who we are and how we are to live our lives ...
- When we truly *see* our bodies, we discover the answers to these questions...

· We come from the union of our parents and we are destined for the Marriage of the Lamb; the union of man and woman is a “great mystery” that foreshadows the eternal union of Christ and the Church (Eph 5:31-32)...

· The source and summit of *everything* we long for is the Eucharist ... and the Eucharist, as St. John Paul II reveals, is “the sacrament of the Bridegroom and of the Bride”...

College Care Package Income and Expense Report -Fall 2025

Cash	\$65.00
Checks made out to OLV	\$235.00
Vanco on-line payments	\$120.00
PayPal on-line payments	\$0.00
Total Income	\$420.00
Mailing Expenses for 45 boxes	\$547.65
Sam's Club - food items for boxes	\$464.44
Oriental Trading - fish shaped ring toss water game	\$71.62
Walmart - tape	\$27.05
Total Expenses	\$1,110.76
Balance	(\$690.76)

Liturgy

The 4:30pm and 9:00 am masses are doing better with more altar servers showing up.

Reprise of Christmas mass attendance. Lower numbers at all masses. Discussion was held on who counts and where the numbers go after that. Decided to make new sheets with areas for comments.(why #'s are low, weather, Hawkeye game, etc.)Sheets will end up at the office so they can have a permanent file.

Palm Sunday will have a procession from the parish center to the church.

Discussion was held on what to do with old palms. They should be buried or burned as they have been blessed. A basket will be placed in the gathering space for a few weeks for parishioners to bring in their palms.

The Music Ministry received a restricted \$1000 donation. Sharon did research for new hymn boards. The boards will be the same style as we have now in the same locations only larger. Looking for a safer way to hang them.

Youth and Family is being added to the Liturgy group.

Minutes of Stewardship Committee Meeting
Our Lady of Victory Church, Davenport, IA
Meeting held on February 9, 2026 in the GSMR

Members present: Fr. Patrick, Fr. Manu, Monica Flathman, Larry Flathman, Deanne Mainey, Judy Johnson, Peg Macek. Meeting opened with prayer led by Fr. Patrick.

1. 2026 TREASURE RENEWAL

Date: February 28—March 1. In pew presentation at all Masses, completion of Intention Card is voluntary, and stewardship display in the Gathering Space.

Action Items:

- Draft of bulletin article was reviewed and approved at the meeting. Requesting publication in the March 1 issue. **Monica** will coordinate with office staff.
- Speaker(s)—**Judy** is working to engage a couple from Prince of Peace, Clinton. Presentation will be from the Gospel ambo during the usual homily time, after introduction by Fr. Patrick. Mileage reimbursement, meals and overnight lodging will be offered. To be funded by stewardship budget.
- Large “Living Stewardship” banner will be displayed above the credence table and remain until March 8, after morning Masses.
- Stewardship Prayer after Communion will be read by Committee members. (From cantor microphone. No introduction. Simply prayed when presider returns to the chair for a moment of silence and thanksgiving.)
 - 4:30—Peg or Monica**
 - 7:00—Peg or Monica**
 - 9:00—Deanne**
 - 11:00—Judy**
- Stewardship display will have Intention Cards, response envelopes, Gold Bucket, brochures about e-giving, and sticky notes. Display remains in GS until March 8 for additional completed cards. (May be necessary to remove temporarily if there is a funeral). After Mass, Committee members available near the display, per above assignments.
- Responses: **Fr. Patrick** will tend whatever is deposited.
- Thank Yous: Post card with message of gratitude will be sent by **office staff**. We have them in stock.
- Please Pray with Us: Prayer intentions mentioned on the response card will be written into parish Book of Prayers by **office staff** so that the entire community is engaged in praying.
- Follow Up: (**Judy**) March 8 “Stewardship Moment” in the bulletin will have short message.
- Called By Name: An initiative from Diocese of Davenport to promote vocations to priesthood. Suggested implementation is to be March 1, but will be delayed at OLV and re-scheduled **per Fr. Patrick’s** discretion.

Presentation Talking Points (Judy will rehearse with presenters)

1. We are a stewardship parish with a long history of annual renewals. This is our usual practice.
2. Economic and personal circumstances change from time-to-time. That’s why we pray and reflect annually.
3. Stewardship calls us to make personal decision about how we use and share our gifts. Intentional giving is a regular commitment. Not impulsive or occasional.
4. Something different this year—no mailing. Intention Cards available in GS for those who wish to complete.
5. We have Intention Cards because they are a concrete self-reminder of our good stewardship plans.

6. Any amount given is meaningful and appreciated.
7. We have electronic giving options. Self-directed through Vanco, or office staff can help.

2. OLV STRATEGIC PLAN

Approved by the Parish Council on January 26. Full plan is available on the website. Council is beginning implementation by reviewing opportunities for additional staff workspace at the parish office and looking into forming a search committee for the Director of Operations position. Reconfiguring Stewardship and Christian Service into one committee will require lots of dialogue and planning.

3. SPRING VICTORY VOICE

Monica will look into writing a short "Stewardship in Action" article featuring someone who generously shares time and talent with this parish. Articles are due by February 22, with distribution of copies by Easter.

4. NEWCOMER FOLDERS

Briefly reviewed at the meeting but in-depth discussion of contents deferred for another time. What could be added? Or needs revision? Checklist can be found in the Diocesan document: *Hospitality in a Stewardship Parish*.

5. MEETINGS

No meeting on Monday, March 9, due to Parish Mission night.
Next meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7 PM in the GSMR

Submitted by Judy Johnson, Secretary