

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2023, 7:30 pm Flavin Room**

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	X	Patti Lawler	X	Mike Wycklendt	X	Brian Callahan	X
Tom O'Brien	X	Bridget Baumstark		Gretchen Zagzebski		Tom Huffman	X
Mark Cullum	X	Steve Schmidt	X	John Simons	X	Sandy McBreen	X
Sara Carsten	X	John Nicolau	X	Mick Bajakian		Ben Parma	X

PPC Mission: OLPH is a family of believers in Christ who strive to live according to His teachings. We take as our mission in the world the living out of the Gospel of Jesus.

Opening Prayer offered by Mick Bajakian

Approval of Minutes

The February meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor's Update:

Eucharistic Revival: Bishops have been having conversations since the last presidential election when Catholic politicians were refused communion by Bishops due to their pro-choice stance. There is to be a Eucharistic Revival beginning 7/1/23 that will last one year. Within our parish, members would like to plan a program for all OLPH members to participate in a Biblical appreciation of the Mass. Our Scripture Study last fall did a lot for Eucharistic revival including a Mass where our priests celebrated and explained the various parts of the Mass. Father would like to invite Dave Ludden to our next PPC for further exploration of our Eucharistic Revival. Father Lou Cameli is an expert in this area in our Archdiocese. As a parish, we need to keep inviting people to "Come home to the Mass."

Archdiocesan Capital Campaign: The Archdiocese pension plans are underfunded and took a hit with the Covid pandemic. Father Boland received a call that a task force is being formed to discuss another Capital Campaign. A meeting in April has been planned – more information will be available at that time.

Archdiocesan Survey Update: The Diocese is hoping to get 20-35% of Catholics to participate in the survey. There is also a comprehensive survey of Diocesan priests to analyze their present

skill sets as it relates to changes in the church post-pandemic. Over 400 parishioners have completed the survey at OLPH. We would like this number to double as we have about 3000 families. Participation at the Diocesan level is at 9% of parishioners and 42% of priests. The goal is to receive general survey results at the Diocesan level and then separately at the Parish level.

Renew My Church: We are entering the next phase which is Building a New Reality. Many of the changes will be small group focused and Parish life will be built around small group models. Father is happy that we already have great meeting spaces and hopes our future will be about building relationships from feeling anonymous to more personal. We are looking at sharing more resources among our Parish group. Schools were not part of this conversation. There will be lots of challenges.

Capital Projects update: The plans for the Playdium have been previously discussed in the February minutes. The project should begin the day after the last day of school and the Playdium and pool will be closed until school resumes in the Fall. The refinishing of the Playdium floor may need to be deferred if it cannot be completed by the first day of school in the Fall. The 2nd project is the replacement of the church carpeting. There is a committee reviewing carpet samples and the replacement should be finished by late summer/early fall with hopefully minimal disruption at the Masses. The third project is McDonnell Hall. We are awaiting final drawings from the architect and then the committee can sign off on them so that they can go out for bids. This project is estimated to begin in 2024. Father hopes that there will be funds left to beautify the OLPH Glenview Rd. entrance.

State of Illinois Clerical sexual misconduct report: Father did not have any new information to share but says that the Diocese is ready for the release of the report which is anticipated to come out in 3-4 weeks.

Ministry Appreciation Mass Recap:

Sara Carsten reported that the event was well received and was successful based on the group effort the PPC put forth. It was a beautiful mass as well as a nice reception! We agreed that it worked out well that we could host this event following the regularly scheduled 5 pm Mass on Saturday. Thanks to all!

Parish Pastoral Council Recruitment:

We have all seen the first pass of information shared in the Bulletin looking for parishioners who might be interested in serving. Mark reported that Terry Luc will be running more. We will be filling positions for 3-4 members who will be going off the PPC- Steve Schmidt, Mike Wyklendt, Tom O'Brien, and John Nicolau.

Ministry Community Update – Education/Spiritual Enrichment:

Steve Schmidt shared that he and Mike reached out to their ministries with general questions and a couple of themes emerged. There were no direct “asks” of the PPC. The impact of Covid was significant for some ministries. CRHP was affected with the cancellation of both the men’s and women’s retreats. They are in transition and are planning to reengage alumni in order to spread the word of these retreats. Angela responded and reported a vibrant RE program with 458 children. Scripture Study has about 15 small groups with 180-200 people participating. Evolve which is programs for adult spirituality has been recording programs and will continue to plan events with speakers. Bill Harlan reported that Men’s spirituality group continues to meet monthly on Saturdays from 7:30-9 and with participation of about 15-20 men.

New business: We would like to invite Father Kizza to come to the meeting to give us an update on the Youth Ministry. Meet and Greet will resume after Easter.

Closing Prayer offered by Gretchen Zagzebski