

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 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	X	Gretchen Zagzebski		Tom Huffman	X
Mark Cullum	X	Steve Schmidt		John Simons	X	Sandy McBreen	X
Sara Carsten	X	John Nicolau	X	Mick Bajakian	X	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 Michael Wycklendt

Approval of Minutes

The December meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor's Update

Father was quite pleased with the tremendous showing of parishioners at the Christmas Eve and Christmas day Masses. There were over 2000 people at the Children's Mass and lots of Baptisms are scheduled for the near future. The energy and attendance have continued at Mass the past 3 weekends.

Capital Projects update: The Playdium has been identified as the first project including replacement of the roof, replacement of the HVAC system, installation of an elevator as the ramp is a safety issue for many, and resurfacing of the gym floor. The bid for this project has been approved by the Archdiocese. Plans are to close the Playdium for the summer. The next project will be McDonnell Hall and its HVAC system, sound and lighting system. The kitchen and bathrooms will be updated and a permanent sanctuary will be included.

Replacement of the church carpeting will be the 3rd project. Funding will come from the surplus of monies collected over the past year(s) from the Annual Appeal. This should be done in early summer.

Lenten Preparations: Lenten preparations are in full swing and Father is working on restoring the 5 pm Sunday evening Mass due to its popularity. He raised the question about rotation masses within our Glenbrook church grouping, but for various reasons, St. Catherine and St. Norbert preferred to keep their own Masses.

State of Illinois Clerical sexual misconduct report: The State of Illinois will most likely release this report in the next 4-6 weeks. The Archdiocese has put much effort into trying to understand this issue and prevent it from happening in the future. For a bit of history, Cardinal Bernardin in the early 1990's wanted to investigate this issue of sexual misconduct. He put together a Lay Review Board and it took 10 more years to develop a policy on the protection of minors in the Chicago Archdiocese. Across the US, there has been an uneven response to this issue among other Dioceses. Father believes that as the PPC, we need to be aware that this report may be confusing to a lot of people and as PPC members, we will need to demonstrate understanding. It is important to note that our current procedures are working. For example, once a major issue is brought to the attention of the Archdiocese, a priest is immediately put on leave until the situation can be investigated. Any settlements that take place now include assurance that support is given to the victims for the healing process. Father Boland assured us that OLPH takes child safety very seriously. He will be participating in a webinar with other priests in the near future and hopes that he will have more direction going forward in how to respond to the release of this report. Once the report is released and Father Boland has more information, a mid-month meeting of PPC members will be held if deemed necessary.

Tom O'Brien stated that at the December Deanery meeting, Tim Poindexter reported that Cardinal Cupich was not familiar with the Deaneries and their functions and has requested more background on this topic. Tom speculates that the Deanery structure may be changing in the near future.

Post Summit Survey Results

Tom O'Brien reviewed the results of the post summit survey. He sent out 104 surveys and had responses from 21 people for a response rate of 20%. Many compliments were received and attendees felt it was spiritually inspiring and found Father Sparough and Father Boland's topics very interesting. Feedback/suggestions included sharing more information from the service ministries, more time for small group discussions, and labeling the summit as a retreat as a summit implies discussion of parish information and updates. Tom suggested that a better response rate may have been achieved if the survey was sent out immediately after the summit was held.

Ministry Appreciation Mass/Reception update

Sara Carsten thanked the committee for their help. Invitations were sent via email to the ministry heads and already there are 68 individuals who will be attending the event. She asked for PPC

members to arrive around 2 pm for set up. Food and drink orders have been set. Brian Callahan gave an update on the Mass planning and PPC involvement.

Ministry Community Update – Liturgy and Worship

John Simons presented a brief overview of the ministries which all work closely to provide a cohesive and spiritual worship Mass. A meeting for all committees under the Liturgy/Worship umbrella takes place about 1x/month and is chaired by Father Basbas and Margie Andre. John noted that they are working to return to 2 lectors/Mass, and trying to return to Ministry scheduling for families together through Sign up Genius. There are less than 60 altar servers and they are working to get more children involved and trained. PPC may participate in a Lenten Stations of the Cross and John is hoping to involve the Men's Club and Women's Club to participate as well.

2023/2024 PPC Member Recruitment

Mark Cullum shared that in 1 month we will begin advertising for parishioners to become involved in the PPC. The actual process will begin in April for a July 1st start date.

Religious Education Update

A board meeting was held last Wednesday and Bridget Baumstark stated that RE is in a good place. An upcoming popular event in February is the Birthday Bash kits which the children assemble. They are still in need of Catechists, but Angela feels positive about the present Catechists she has.

New business – Men's Lenten Breakfast

Brian Callahan is encouraging men to attend a Lenten Breakfast on 2/15 at Faith Hope and Charity Parish. Father Boland thinks it's a great idea and gave it his blessing for the men of OLPH to attend.

Closing Prayer offered by Tom O'Brien