

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2024, 7:30 pm via Teams**

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	X	Patti Lawler		Mike Crowe	x	Brian Callahan	
Laura Roche	x	Bridget Baumstark	x	Ben Parma		Tom Huffman	x
Mark Cullum	x	Kevin Dougherty	x	John Simons	x	Sandy McBreen	x
Sara Carsten	x	Katie King		Mick Bajakian			

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 Sandy McBreen

Approval of Minutes

The December meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor's Update:

Capital Projects:

McDonnell Hall

- Mechanical draws are complete. Working on obtaining three bids.
- Tentative start for Mid-March still subject to permit/plan approval by the Village
- Goal is completion by fall (Oct/ Nov 1st)
- 9:30 mass will continue but in a new location – possibly Hickey Hall or Playdium.
- New design will allow for better flow of traffic and improvement in set up/take down for various events

Bells:

- Final draws for the Bells and Tower were approved last week.
- Now in production for a late spring delivery/ installation.
- Clock will be replaced.

Lenten season is just around the corner. Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day. No Greater Love is the theme for this year. A reconciliation service is planned. A lental morning of reflection is planned with stories from parishioners date TBD.

Capital Campaign - As previously mentioned, the Archdioceses is gearing up for a new capital campaign to raise \$400MM. The funds are for the following reasons:

- At risk churches
- Scholarships need due to the Illinois tax law changes.
- Priest pension plan is underfunded.
- Ministry formation is needed.
- Professional staff is underpaid aka a living wage issue.

OLPH is on the go early list for the capital campaign. However, we need time to build our case both internally and with the parish. The Archdiocese is looking for 15 parishes to test pilot the campaign. Last time, they did not have guaranteed winners in the test and the campaign got off to a slow start. OLPH is considered a guaranteed winner.

The campaign proceeds are split 50/50 with the Archdiocese.

Sister Joan update- Sister Joan has moved to Milwaukee after 55 years at OLPH. She greeted students every morning with a hug as they were walking into school. For many years, she was the Art teacher for the school. Her balance was a problem and had fallen several times. The Glenview Fire Department were called often and were always eager to help. The provincial said it was time to come home. She will get better care.

This leaves Sr. Paulanne alone which is a concern. The School Sisters of St Francis has been part of this parish for 100 years. At the peak, there were 34 religious living at OLPH. When St Catherine's school opened, several moved out.

Alpha is a program for the disengaged or unchurched people. Sacred Heart/ St Phillips has done this program. This has been well received.

Ministry Community Update – None were given this month. Laura is on deck for next month.

Listening Session – Sara Carsten

As discussed in December, the next phase of the survey results is to move to listen sessions. The plan is to leverage PPC members of Mark Cullum, Mike Crowe, and Sandy McBreen to work with Fr. Boland to develop a plan.

Ministry Appreciation Mass – John Simons and Mike Crowe

- McDonnell Hall – 2/17/24 after 5pm mass
- Assignments are out with Tom-paper goods, Sandy- decorations / table linens, Brian- beverages, Laura-music, Mike/ John-mass and Sara/ Mark- Food.

New Business:

None raised.

Closing Prayer – Mark Cullum

