

Attendees:			
Present	Name	Present	Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Father Tom Fangman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deb Gustafson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ed Boos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dan Hanus
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jaime Briganti	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stan Kathol
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracey Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Zach Lubeck
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Gawley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Vossen

Guests: Elizabeth Hansen and Stephanie Voyles from the FFF team

I. Opening Prayer: (Fr Tom)

II. Review of minutes from the previous meeting:

- PPC Notes from January – they were reviewed and approved.

IV. Committee/Staff Updates

- New COO was hired – Mark Osborn will start March 16th
- Two part-time wedding planners were hired – Megan Dickenson and Gretchen Gall
- A new Events planner, Tara Martz, was hired and will handle SPIRIT, golf outing, etc
- Faith Formation: (Elizabeth) attachment
 - Introducing a new model called The Catechumenal Process. This will all the team to walk with families in their faith journey. Students will receive a program/kit for each step of the program to follow as a guide with their family with a combination of at-home activities and on-campus activities.
 - Plans underway to incorporate this model into the school curriculum
 - Extensive programming continues – see attachment for all of the details
- School Advisory Board: (Tracy)
 - Discussion about Strategic Plan
 - Planning to get yard signs for incoming Kindergarteners
 - Transition with the new Principal is underway
 - There will be a tuition increase next year but is still under discussion and a 3% salary increase
 - Current enrollment is 792 and expecting to be over 800
- Home & School: (Nicole)
 - Current balance of \$203,000 with approximately \$50,000 earmarked for technology and other needs for the school
 - Catholic Schools Week went well with the theme of “Under the Sea”
 - Christmas Elves raised \$18,000 for staff gifts
- Athletics: (Dan)
 - Spring sports transition
 - Updating by-laws
 - Continue to make quarterly contributions to the parish
- Finance Committee: (Jaime)
 - Budgets are being finalized and will be presented at the March meeting
 - A new giving platform, Ministry Platform, will be introduced soon with a roll-out “campaign” to educate parishioners
 - Discussion about the best way to communicate to parishioners about regular tithing and financial needs of the parish
 - Church loan balance is \$10.6M

- One year left on the capital campaign
- Cafeteria program will switch from an outside vendor to managing it in-house
- Men's Club: (Stan)
 - February 13th will be a "dry run" to work through use of the new Fry Shack; doors open at 6 and dinner will be served at 7:00 for up to 250 people
 - There will be 6 fish fries this season
- Women of St. Pat's (WOSP): (Zach)
 - "State of the Union" meeting/review on January 20th
 - 190 members
 - January Bunco was well attended

IV. Items for discussion and planning

- Back Porch construction is underway and is expected to be completed in March with landscaping to be completed when weather permits
- Two of the auction items at SPIRIT will be the first parties on the back porch

V. Other Business / Announcements

- SPIRIT registration is this Saturday, February 14th at the Sam Osborn Parish Center
- Raise-the-Paddle funds will go toward endowments
- A focus for Fr. Tom is to build the endowment funds for the school and parish

VI. Closing Prayer / Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:02 pm

Future PPC Meeting Calendar

- Thu, Mar 12, 7:00, Waterford Room
- Thu, Apr 9, 7:00, Waterford Room
- Thu, May 14, 7:30, Waterford Room
- Thu, Jun 9, 6:00, End of the Year BBQ

Faith Formation Office – Parish Pastoral Council Update for February 12, 2026

Formation Opportunities to Equip Parishioners in Confident Evangelism

- We are officially a satellite location for the JP II Healing Institute's I AM Prayer Ministry Training! This powerful ministry equips clergy and laity to offer inner healing prayer. May 11 – 15, 2026 @ St Pat's.
- Called and Gifted began a daytime Cohort on Feb 4th with 11 participants who will discern their charisms, or gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Bart Shuettes from Church on Fire ministries and JP II healing center will be offering a half day of equipping for ministry leaders on Tuesday, March 3 from 10 am – 12:30 pm. You are all invited to join us. Please RSVP to Erin if you are interested.
- Mentorship core team is preparing for the March retreat that will take place at St Patrick's

Adult Faith Formation

- 30+ individuals interested in joining the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil
- Next Men's Welcome Weekend is June 6 & 7th
- Next Women's Welcome Weekend is August 29th & 30th
- Winter Programming is underway
 - Deacon Jay's Winter Day and Evening Book Study
 - Mike Gawley's Return class
 - Winter Alpha Series: 33 people are attending
 - LTMTF
 - ♣ Year 3 has begun and will run through the year.
 - ♣ Year 1 begins this week.
 - ♣ The plan is to have this offered on a 3-year cycle to ensure we have volunteers to lead it through that time commitment.
 - Relational Prayer Study: Day and evening groups are ongoing
 - Christina Diers is leading a winter Reform Class with a Reform Retreat February 21st
 - Kelly B and friend will lead Healing the Whole Person (8 week study) beginning Wednesday, February 25th.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

- FIAT helped the Archdiocese of Omaha Vocations team plan and host a Mother/Daughter tea party out at Pro-Sanctity. There were 140 guests with 20 consecrated women!
- We started collecting registrations for the Steubenville conference that will be taking place in Denver over the summer. The bus filled in under a month!
- SPY will once again be helping Men's Club with facepainting during the fish fry season! This is a great time for middle school and high school students to grow in fellowship with one another and to be present in the community.

Pastoral Care Ministry

- Healing the Whole Person 8-week inner healing courses are scheduled beginning in March 2026. This is a prerequisite to attend I AM.
- Grief retreat for all losses will take place March 7th. Speakers are Janet Moylan-Sorenson and Deacon Jim Tardy.
- We are researching several mental health ministry options.
- Distributing ashes on Ash Wednesday (February 18) to approximately 225 homebound parishioners at their home or care community.
- Hosting training on February 17 led by Fr. Sohm and Chaplain Wratford for the 24 EMHCs from three parishes that provide Communion to Lakeside and Methodist Women's Hospitals.
- Homebound, care facility, and hospital visits continue weekly by pastoral care staff + many volunteers
 - Approximately 240 prayer and Communion visits each week to homebound parishioners and area care facility residents.
 - Daily prayer and Communion service to Lakeside Hospital patients & families, averaging 20-30 patients each day.

- Daily (Monday thru Thursday) prayer and Communion service to Methodist Women's Hospital patients & families, primarily parents of newborns.
- Provide daily, ongoing walk-in prayer and counseling for parishioners.

Family Faith Formation and Children's Ministry

- "The 12" Pathways Ministry
 - Preparations have begun for the equipment of the next round of volunteers in February-May. Four Live Lent Together groups are forming to start this coming week and will run until Easter. They then will have the opportunity to discern.
 - Sacramental preparation for the fall will be an invitation for all families at the parish to be a part of Mend and Nourish.
 - FFF Advisory Committee will release registration for the program for the 2026-2027 academic year for all Pathways programs for parish families next fall on March 1st with a early bird deadline of May 15th.
- Family Faith Formation (FFF)
 - Families deepened their understanding of the faith and the mass during our Family Night by studying the Preparation for the Eucharistic Prayer and the Eucharistic Prayer.
 - Children in classrooms are growing in virtue through the VIP program, with emphasis on prudence
 - Middle school students in their small communities learned habits of discipleship (Discern, Making Good Decisions) and preparing for Confirmation focusing on the gifts of the sacrament as well as our response to them (Sealed and Sent) using the Pathways method.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
 - Serving 261 children across the program (School and Family Faith Formation)
 - Reflected on the gift and gifts received at Baptism, as well as how the Kingdom of God could be like a mustard seed, precious pearl, growing seed, leaven, and hidden treasure.
 - We also have started to think about the next season of Lent by reflecting on the gift of Alleluia and being able to praise God for all the gifts we have been given by the Good Shepherd.

Community Outreach

- Closure of St. Vincent de Paul Conference (effective Monday, February 16th)
 - District Office requiring to add four signers on the St. Patrick's Conference bank account; indicated that closure if imminent if we do not comply.
 - St. Patrick's Conference Members voted unanimously to close the conference rather than to allow the District Office to overstep. St. Patrick's business office and
 - As a result of the closure, we will be forced to forgo the current funds available in the account (\$24,000); although we have requested that they be earmarked for any calls to the help line for our parish boundary zip codes.
 - Current SVDP Conference members will continue to serve as case managers for calls and online requests for help that come into the parish. Human Needs will now be responsible for funding 100% of the requests for help.
- Fundraising Ever More Important
 - With the lack of financial support from our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, we will need to fundraise in a greater way for outreach.
 - \$20,000 committed to Human Needs thus far by donors for 2025-2026, goal to now raise an additional \$20,000 - \$40,000 by Spring 2026 to cover the needs for the year.
- Habitat for Humanity – Pope Leo Village Partnership
 - The project is inspired by the vision of Pope Leo XIV, focusing on a deep commitment to serving the marginalized and building community. The project is sponsored by an anonymous donor who aims to turn faith into tangible action through affordable housing.

- Omaha Build Details: Bluestem Prairie (situated near 52nd and Sorensen Parkway) will be a community-led effort (20 build days with a focus on framing and siding) to construct 20 new homes in North Omaha.
- St. Patrick's will host 2 build days this summer (July 18th & 25th) and two in the Fall (TBD)
- St. Patrick's is providing leadership and oversight as part of the project Steering Committee
- This partnership allows our parish to lead by example, engaging our adult and young adults in a high-impact service project
- February Outreach Focus – Heart Ministry Center
 - Cereal Drive – February 23rd through March 1st
 - Mission Moments: Two students in our School Service & Leadership elective will be featured this month on the Heart Ministry Center website, social media and upcoming print newsletter sharing about their experience as volunteers
 - Middle School Service Day: 40 Students will volunteer in the Heart Ministry Center choice food pantry on Good Friday in conjunction with the Moving Mountains Youth Group

THE CATECHUMENAL PROCESS

Following the ministry method of Jesus, modeled for us in the Road to Emmaus, the catechumenal process give us a roadmap on how to bring those we serve into an initial encounter that can be developed into a lifelong journey of faith. The keys below indicate the outcome we are looking for at the end of each stage of the catechuminate. Each stage also aligns with the structure of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Our resources have been developed to serve this process and align as indicated below.

	Pre-Catechuminate	Kerygma	Creedal Catechesis	Sacraments	Moral Life	Prayer
Road to Emmaus Scripture	And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?"... (Luke 24:15-24)	And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:25-26)	Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." (Luke 24:27-29)	So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. (Luke 24:29-31)	Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem (Luke 24:32-33)	where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:33-35)
Key	Trust	Encounter	Embrace	Readiness	Conversion	Practice
Catechism of the Catholic Church	Part One: The Profession of Faith			Part Two: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery	Part Three: Life in Christ	Part Four: Christian Prayer
Mysterion Stage	Embrace Mystery	Encounter Mystery	Know Mystery	Celebrate Mystery	Live Mystery	Pray Mystery
Pathways Stage	Progressive Formation			Immediate Formation	Ongoing Formation	
	 			   	   	  