

Attendees:			
Present	Name	Present	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Father Tom Fangman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deb Gustafson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ed Boos	<input 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: Kelly Barkmeier

I. Opening Prayer: (Group)

II. Review of minutes from the previous meeting:

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

IV. Committee/Staff Updates

- New Principal was hired – Mr. Scott Becker
- Faith Formation: (Kelly) attachment
 - Highlighted several new adult programs that are underway – Just a Guy in the Pew, Reform Mission and Pathways.
 - OCIA has a record number of over 30 participants
 - The parish survey from the fall showed that parishioners are interested in more service opportunities so they are looking to expand current programs and add new options.
- School Advisory Board: (Tracy)
 - No update – meeting will be held later this month
- Home & School: (Nicole)
 - No update – meeting will be held later this month.
- Athletics: (Dan)
 - Spring sports registration are underway
 - KofC Free Throw contest – January 28th
 - Working on updates to By-Laws and Code of Conduct
 - NSAA is exploring involvement in middle schools and taking on oversight of their activities.
 - PAL football is looking for a new chairperson
- Finance Committee: (Jaime)
 - Maintaining a balance of \$500K at Arbor Bank with any additional cash going toward the construction loan
 - Funds were transferred to the Foundation and Endowment Funds in December
 - Sunday giving is lower than projected but Christmas giving was up compared to the last two years
 - Plan to use a QR code in the pews and bulleting for easier tithing and giving for visitors
 - Discussion about how to communicate the importance of tithing to the Parish
 - A tuition communication campaign is under way to school parents to explain how tuition is calculated, offer ways to tithe including volunteer opportunities and honoring educators.
- Men's Club: (Stan)
 - Fish Fry planning is underway; dry-run fish fry on February 13th to work through use of the new Fry Shack
 - There will be 6 fish frys this season
 - The new Fry Shack has been completed and delivered
 - Submitted an application for fireworks again this year

- Women of St. Pat's (WOSP): (Zach)
 - 186 current members
 - Breakfast at Bethlehem in December went well
 - Currently not going to be able to offer child care for programs
 - "State of the Union" meeting/review on January 20th

IV. Items for discussion and planning

- Back Porch construction is underway

V. Other Business / Announcements

- SPIRIT registration is open. It will be held on February 14th at the Sam Osborn Parish Center
- Sponsorships are up from last year

VI. Closing Prayer / Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:02 pm

Future PPC Meeting Calendar

- Thu, Feb 12, 7:00, Waterford Room
- 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 January 8, 2026

Formation Opportunities to Equip Parishioners in Confident Evangelism

- Just a Guy in the Pew Mission and Men's group
 - Communicating with John Edwards and His team, and they have our mission on their website
 - Initial info meeting for possible core team members and have 17 men committed to participate on the core team
 - Core team formation will begin in a few weeks
 - We are pausing on the women's group component because the men were very excited to have this special opportunity for them as there are already a lot of opportunities for women. We will allow that piece to form organically.
- Mentorship
 - We are preparing for the retreat that will be held at St. Pat's March 21st – 22nd
 - The first group is going strong
 - Still discerning whether we add a daytime group next year, or wait until this group has completed their two years before launching another cohort
- I Am
 - Mandy, Jim and Erin have logged enough hours to "officially" offer I Am ministry
 - Will offer Healing the Whole Person (the prerequisite for I Am training) during Lent in a group format
 - Will recruit people to participate in a live Healing the Whole Person in Lincoln (April 16 – 18)
 - Intend/hope to then be a satellite site for I AM training May 11th – 15th
- Reform Mission
 - Reform founders have formed a beautiful relationship with our parishioner Christina Diers
 - They have been asking to come to St. Pat's for several years, but it has been cost prohibitive
 - They have now offered to handle the registration on their own website and to come knowing they will only make what they collect through those registrations, as well as a free will offering.
 - Reform Retreat will be hosted at St. Patrick's February 20th – 21st
- Pathways
 - Elizabeth and the Pathways team are running the first formation series with 12 adults they are hoping will discern to assist in the formation of the next round of the series
 - There will be a retreat offered to the entire parish on Saturday, February 28 that will begin formation for hopefully 90 – 200 adults willing to walk alongside families next year
 - If people cannot attend this retreat but are interested in the program, there will be another in the summer

Adult Faith Formation

- 30+ individuals interested in joining the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil
- Men's Welcome Weekend - 5th Retreat to be held January 17th/18th (22 men registered)
- Women's Welcome Weekend is February 7th/8 (25 women registered with a waitlist)
- Winter Programming is underway
 - Deacon Jay's Winter Day and Evening Book Study
 - Mike Gawley's Return class
 - Winter Alpha Series: Starts next week on Thursday evenings
 - LTMT
 - 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 begin next week.
 - Christina Diers is leading a winter Reform Class with a Reform Retreat February 21st

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

- Over winter break, we hosted a day retreat, *Called for Mission*, for upper classmen ○ 11 students attended this day of prayer and reflection
 - Many students commented on how they enjoyed having a day during break to step away and focus on prayer
- Over the break, SPY alumni gathered for a night of adoration and fellowship ○ Meg Cordes led worship during adoration. It was a fun night to catch up and hear how the Lord is working in the lives of many of our alumni. There were about 60 young people in attendance ages 19-25.
- URLVD retreat will take place January 16-18th at Carol Joy Holling. ○ 110 high school students attending this retreat with about 20 adult leaders and 10 college alumni returning to help. Your prayers are appreciated!

Pastoral Care Ministry

- Continuing to host caregiver support group into 2026 in partnership with Country House
- See You Through Divorce Support ministry continues and is reading the book “Be Healed” by Dr. Bob Schuchts
- Healing the Whole Person (8-week) group course (also by Dr. Bob Schuchts & Sr. Miriam) will be offered in Spring 2026. We offer this now on an individual basis and are in planning phases for this upcoming ministry.
- 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.
 - 215 poinsettias delivered by Human Needs volunteers to our homebound parishioners during Advent ○ 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.
- He Wept Mom Zoom continues into 2026 for grieving mothers who have lost children
- Planning for Grieving with Hope retreat March 7, 2026 ○ This is a parish wide retreat for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one

Children’s Ministry

- Children attended adoration in the school celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th
- We hosted our First Reconciliation Retreat in November over 2 weekends ○ Children received their First Reconciliation, and many parents went to Reconciliation for the first time in many years

Family Faith Formation

- “The 12” Pathways Ministry ○ Nearing completion of the formation of volunteers who will run the training/formation program in February for the 90-200 FFF programs in the coming school year, 2026-27 ○ The 12 will continue the discernment process into early February and prepare to form the next round of volunteers February-May
 - FFF Advisory Committee met with the focused goal of developing a marketing plan and program schedule for the 2026–2027 academic year for all Pathways programs for parish families next fall
- Family Faith Formation (FFF) ○ Families deepened their understanding of the faith during the past two Family Nights by studying the Liturgy of the Word and the Creed

- Children in classrooms are growing in virtue through the VIP program, with emphasis on courtesy and purity
- Middle school students in their small communities learned habits of discipleship (Worship, Serve, Give, and Love) and preparing for Confirmation (Temple, Gifts, and Fruit) using the Pathways method
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) ○ Serving 261 children across the program (School and Family Faith Formation)
 - Reflected on and modeled the gestures of the Mass to deepen children’s understanding of the liturgy
 - During Advent, children prepared for Christmas by reflecting on the prophecies of the Messiah and the infancy narratives
 - Celebrated the birth of our Savior during Christmas and Epiphany celebrations, helping children recognize the greatness of the gift of Jesus

Community Outreach

- Homelessness knows no zip code – Story of Donovan, Jesus in our midst (Kelly to share)
- Fundraising Continues ○ \$20,000 committed to Human Needs thus far by donors for 2025-2026, goal to raise an additional \$10,000 by Spring 2026
 - St. Vincent de Paul – second collection in February, will look to promote need
- Parish Survey – resounding response to experiencing God through service ○ Evaluating opportunities for more parish wide service in 2026-2027
 - Possible parish day of service – done today at St. Wenceslaus
 - Feeding Our Community Program in conjunction with Bethany Lutheran & COPE □
Summer 2026 – Abide Local Mission Trip
- Service Elective – St. Patrick’s School 7th/8th grade for 2nd Semester, 32 students signed up ○ Objective: Leading students to see Jesus in the distressing disguise of the poor ○ Active service winter/spring student service calendar
- Mission 2026 – St. Charles Lwganda Kenya ○ Fr. Vincent to preach all Masses January 10-11th
 - Human Needs to host donuts after the morning Masses with presentation to create greater awareness of their mission
- January Outreach Focus – Hope of the Poor ○ Winter Wear Drive (gloves, mittens, hats) – January 26th through February 1st ○ School Mission Partner for 2025 – 2026
 - Mission Shirt donation made in December