

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 type="checkbox"/>	Zach Lubeck
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Gawley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Vossen

Guests: No guests this month

I. Opening Prayer: (Fr Tom)

II. Review of minutes from the previous meeting:

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

IV. Committee/Staff Updates

- No updates
- Faith Formation: Erin emailed attachment
 - Parish Mission will be held April 10th and 11th
 - 30+ men/women will join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil
 - Wednesday night youth group consistently has 64-70 highschoolers each week
 - Grieving with Hope retreat was held earlier this month with 30 people attending
 - The four Live Lent Together groups are going really well and will run until Easter
 - VBS and Totus Tuus registrations are open for summer
 - The St. Vincent DePaul Conference closed in February. The Human Needs committee and former Vincentians are managing the requests and serving as case managers. The system will be reassessed in April to tweak the process and flow.
 - So many wonderful programs continue to be offered – review attachments for all the details
- School Advisory Board: (Tracy)
 - No report
- Home & School: (Nicole)
 - They had two people there to present requests. One was for a new system to help sanitize the school. The company came and presented three options of machines the custodial staff could use to sanitize the rooms during flu season. They are doing a little more research into these before they motion to cover the costs.
 - The second presenter was the school police officer. He would like to purchase a radio that would give him access to what is going on with the police department in real time. Such as if there was a threat in a nearby area, or if there was an accident that could affect traffic at school, etc. Of course, it would also be very beneficial if there was a threat at St. Pats. There was a motion presented to pay for this radio.
- Athletics: (Dan)
 - No report – last meeting was cancelled
- Finance Committee: (Jaime)
 - Budgets are being finalized
 - Loan balance is down to \$10.3M; YTD campaign pledges \$42.5M with \$13.6M in outstanding pledges
 - YTD income is strong except in Sunday giving – more discussion on church groups contributing to the general fund and a game plan for a campaign to parishioners to increase Sunday giving

- New donations system is being implemented with Easter as the planned roll-out timeframe and will include a “launch campaign” with mailers, announcements, etc; QR codes in the pews has been approved
- Major increase in expenses this year comes from school employees & security, health insurance, technology and maintenance of two campuses
- Discussion about event Space, patio and meeting room rentals (costs vs rental fees; further discussion to come)
- Men’s Club: (Stan)
 - Fish Frys are underway – 3 done and 3 more to go
 - They held a “dry run” on February 13th to work through use of the new Fry Shack and it went smoothly
 - Payment schedule for the new fry shack is established with the parish. The goal is to pay off a large amount by the end of the season.
 - Record number of attendees during the 2nd week with 2750 meals served
 - They were notified that they were not selected for a fireworks permit this year.
 - Sponsoring the April Parish Mission
- Women of St. Pat’s (WOSP): (Zach)
 - No report

IV. Items for discussion and planning

- Parish elections will be held in April – 3 PPC positions will be available
- New Endowment Fund in honor of Kami Landenberger
- Back Porch is moving along with projected completion by the end of April (landscaping to be completed later this spring)
- Easter Masses – one Mass will be held at the Youth Campus
- Upcoming Events – Parish festival date has been moved to August 29th because school is starting a week later

V. Other Business / Announcements

- SPIRIT results – preliminary results - \$880K+ profit;
 - Guests and committees enjoyed having it on site

VI. Closing Prayer / Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:03 pm

Future PPC Meeting Calendar

- 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 March 12, 2026

Formation Opportunities to Equip Parishioners in Confident Evangelism

- Fr. Amit D'Souza will direct the Parish Based Mentorship Retreat at St. Pat's for the 26 participants and team the weekend of March 21 – 22
- Sept 11 – 13 will be the fall year two retreat for Parish Based Mentorship Retreat for which planning is underway.
- Redeemed Parish Mission, sponsored by the Men's Club, will take place Friday, April 10 from 6 – 9 pm and Saturday, April 11 from 8:15 am – 12:00 pm; followed by equipping for a new Men's ministry. The mission is for all parishioners, men and women. Please spread the word.
- Bart Schuttes from John Paul II Healing Institute and Church on Fire Ministries provided a half day of equipping for parish leaders on Tuesday, March 3.

Adult Faith Formation

- 30+ men/women will join the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 4th)
- Upcoming Welcome Weekends: Men's Weekend is June 6 & 7th/ Women's Weekend is August 29th & 30th
- Winter Programming is underway
 - o Deacon Jay's Winter Day and Evening Book Study
 - o Mike Gawley's Return class
 - o Winter Alpha Series: 33 people are attending
 - o Lord Teach Me To Pray
 - § Year 3 has begun and will run through the end of the year
 - § Year 1 began in January
 - § Plan is to this offer this program on a 3-year cycle to ensure we have volunteers to lead it through that time commitment
 - o Kelly B and Ande Johnson are co-leading Healing the Whole Person (8-week study) that began Wednesday, February 25th.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

- Wednesday night youth group is getting a consistent 65-70 high schoolers each week. About 30 volunteered at the 7th grade retreat as small group leaders and were on fire for the Lord!
- Youth Ministry is running the face painting table at the fish fry each Friday of Lent. Our teens in both high school and middle school are signing up to help. John and Ruth Cronin have been a big help this year organizing and running the table!
- The 8th Graders in the middle school have been working hard to prepare witnesses/ skits/ small group activities for the whole school to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the form of an all-school retreat. This will take place on March 17th.

Pastoral Care Ministry

- "Grieving With Hope" retreat was held 3/7 with 30 ppl in attendance.
- "Healing the Whole Person" video series (Encountering the mercy and healing of Jesus) – 3 separate courses being offered in March and April.
- St Pats will be a satellite host site for "I AM Prayer Ministry" Training May 11 – 15. This training equips clergy and laity for inner healing prayer and is presented by Bob Schuchts and the JP II Healing Center.
- We continue to visit hospitals, caregiver centers, and homebound and continue to seek volunteer help.
- Homebound, care facility, and hospital visits continue weekly by pastoral care staff + many volunteers
 - o Approximately 240 prayer and Communion visits each week to homebound parishioners and area care facility residents.
 - o Daily prayer and Communion service to Lakeside Hospital patients & families, averaging 20-30 patients each day.
 - o 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

- "The 12" Pathways Ministry
 - o The four Live Lent Together groups are going so well and will run until Easter. They then will have the opportunity to discern and assist in the coming year for FFF.

- o Sacramental preparation for the fall will be an invitation for all families at the parish to be a part of Mend and Nourish.
- o FFF Advisory Committee has begun registration for the program for the 2026–2027 academic year for all Pathways programs. Families received a letter to guide them on their discernment of what will be the best fit for their families and will have until May 15th to make a decision.
- Family Faith Formation (FFF)
 - o Families deepened their understanding of the faith through the mass during our Family Night by studying this month the Communion rite.
 - o Children in classrooms are growing in virtue through the VIP program, with emphasis on respect.
 - o Middle school students in their small communities learned habits of discipleship (Sent and Friends) and preparing for Confirmation focusing on the gifts of the sacrament as well as our response to them (Love Languages and Questions about Confirmation) using the Pathways method.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)
 - o Reflected on the Good Shepherd through the Psalm 23 as well as the work of the Good Shepherd and the True Vine.
 - o We have begun Lent in the atrium, where we call to mind the way in which we should live well in the atrium and who is our neighbor so we might know the Kingdom of God and live well in the kingdom too.

Children's Ministry

- We opened up registration for VBS and Totus Tuus for the Summer.
 - o Totus Tuus will be June 7-12 serving children in grades 1-12.
 - o VBS will be held June 22-25
 - o We are excited to be forming MS / HS students in Pathways
- In the school we have started All School Stations of the Cross

Community Outreach

- Closure of St. Vincent de Paul Conference – Finalized as of Friday, February 20th
 - o New case management process flow has been established for Human Needs with former Vincentians serving as case managers
 - o Will re-evaluate early April to tweak process flow and onboard new case managers if needed
 - o Community outreach donations now being directed to the Human Needs Community Relief Fund – will take over former SVDP Collection Dates (February, July, November)
- March Outreach Focus – Pro Life Ministries
 - o Baby Bottle Drive for EPS
 - o Diaper Drive for Guiding Grace & Women's Care Center
- Habitat for Humanity – Pope Leo Village Partnership
 - o Project Kicked off on February 28th at a Habitat Event at the UNO Newman Center - St. Patrick's attended as part of Steering Committee and spoke about about collaborating as One body of Christ
 - o 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.
 - o St. Patrick's will host 2 build days this summer (July 18th & 25th) and two in the Fall (September 26th & October 24th) – advertising to begin this Easter Season
- Elkhorn Summer Lunch Program
 - o Collaborating with Bethany Lutheran, COPE, Elkhorn Public Schools to provide sustainable summer food options for Elkhorn families who regularly receive free and reduced lunch
 - o Grants available through Food Bank for the Heartland
 - Summer of Service – underway
 - o Will offer 3-5 service groups per week at service sites all over the city for parish youth