

## Parish Pastoral Council

November 12, 2020 7:00 PM

Attendees:			
Present	Name	Present	Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Father Tom Fangman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kay Doyle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike Rasmussen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Krejci
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Olson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vitus Schmidt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	John Beacom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Sims
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kerry Benes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nicole Vossen

Guests: FF Committee: Amanda Pfeifer  
School Advisory Board: Alexis Beller

Opening: Meeting opened with music video of Danny Gokey "Love God Love People" <https://youtu.be/t-29WLQ3trA>

FF Committee: (Amanda Pfeiffer) Setting goals and direction for new FF organization. See pages 2-4.

Confirmation will be at St. Pat's rather than Cathedral due to the finding that we can seat more at St. Pat's under current restrictions.

School Advisory Board: (Alexis Beller) School is continuing to work on handling COVID & contact tracing Discussions continue for plans in the event school would need to return online learning.

Review of minutes from the previous meeting: PPC Minutes from August, September & October approved.

Athletic Committee: (Mike Rasmussen) Will be working to publish minutes on website so others can view. Committee will be reviewing by-laws and updating as needed. Fall sports did well despite COVID restrictions. No COVID transmission that we are aware of due to fall sports. PPC will reach out to Athletic Committee to ensure that the agreed upon policies are being enforced as we continue into winter sports.

Finance Committee: (John Beacom) New subcommittees formed & determining processes for going forward. One new subcommittee reviewing each of the groups bylaws and processes to ensure all are following Parish guidelines.

State of the Parish: Moved from November to January 2021. Some preliminary updates planned to be presented in November & December via Flock-note and/or social media.

Picture Directory: (Kay Doyle) Awareness campaign started to communicate to parishioners regarding "Instant Church Directory" (Parish Directory online/app) to encourage parishioners to update their pictures/profile. Will revisit potential of onsite pictures being taken Summer 2021.

Spirit: Chairs and committee reviewing potential "online venues" and key sponsors. Planned for February 20, 2021.

COVID Updates – Christmas Schedules: Staff planning for several options for overflow masses. Also looking into sending out surveys prior to Christmas in attempt to manage mass attendance.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Father Tom Fangman

# St. Patrick's Elkhorn - Faith Formation Office Objectives & Key Results

01

## **UNIFIED TEAM ALIGNED TO SERVE**

- Weekly team meetings centered in prayer
- Strategic alignment of time and talent to best support each other in our various roles and responsibilities
- Identify and define overall mission of the office

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## **SUPPORT PARISH FAMILIES & MEET THEM WHERE THEY ARE AT**

- Family Faith Formation
- School
- Youth Ministry
- Sacramental Preparation
- Spiritual Mentoring

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## **DETERMINE HOW TO BEST SERVE THE PARISH COMMUNITY**

- Family Faith Formation: Surveys and one-on-ones with small group leaders & parents
- Identify affinity groups and indicate how each one works within the threshold of conversion
- Align ministry efforts with the identified areas of need

### **Family Faith Formation**

- October – Sacrament of Baptism & Rosary Month
- November - Circle of Grace as required by the Archdiocese & Advent Challenge
- December – the Sacrament of Confirmation
  - Live Stream portions from the church. Groups have the option to zoom if so desired.
- Developing plans for more Virtual Engagement beginning next month
- Fall Sacrament Preparation is now complete
- First Eucharist Masses through November 22nd

### **Adult Ministry - in progress**

- Alpha – Tuesday morning and Tuesday evenings
- Alpha 2 – Wednesday evenings
- Alpha 3 – Thursday evenings
- Foundational Prayer – Erin leading – Wednesday morning
- That Man Is You – Friday mornings – Started in October – Chris Bober leading

### **Adult Ministry - Strategic Plans**

- Lay the groundwork for a new parishioner mentoring program that provides a buddy for spiritual and communal support.
- Evaluate and develop additional “After-Alpha” programs to support participants on their faith journey.
- Establish an online prayer, support, and social community for parishioners to connect with each other during the pandemic.
- Begin Flocknote videos for past participants in parish men and women’s groups (e.g., Men’s Club, Women of St Pats, TMIY, Faith Formation) to encourage their re-engagement

## **Young Adult Ministry**

- First Thirsty Thursday was a success with about 15 folks. We've got our second one on the 12th looking to even have more. Expanded our space to give us more distance between attendees.
- Meeting with 20 men bi weekly with the purpose of evangelizing and empowering them to be leaders in their families and parish
- Hosting 3 small groups during the week with the same purpose.
- Meeting Nov 16th with men from St Pats, St Stephens, and St Wenc to continue planning a pilot Men's Day or Weekend that should happen the second weekend of Feb.
- Assisting Johnny in the HS discipleship groups which stand at 3 (Skutt, Mount Michael, and Gretna) and were looking for a 4th at Prep soon followed by one at an Elkhorn school.
- 8th grade lunches are in full swing at St Pats
- Working with 5-10 college students to start small groups with their friends as they come back from college for the next 1-2 months.
- Working on establishing an idea of the various formation opportunities we have at St Pats and discovering where holes exist in our pathway to discipleship.

## **Youth Ministry**

- Leading 7/8 grade Wednesday evening "Alive in the Spirit" confirmation prep
- Spending lunch times with middle school - building relationships with 6th/7th/8th graders
- Weekly Alpha for teens
- Visiting classrooms - Teaching a class to 8th graders with Adam Stephenson on issues in society
- Core team for six confirmation retreats
- Connecting and fostering relationships with Young Adult Parishioners to volunteer at events
- Discipleship Groups with students from Skutt, Gretna, and Mount Michael. Looking to expand and start groups at Elkhorn schools, Marian, Mercy, Duchesne, and other schools our students attend.
- Jubilee - Faith, Community, and Service group that does at least 3 community service events per month
- Monthly HS community event (Pending COVID) - Last month Faith & Football, Husker game
- Weekly Rosary & Runza on Monday Nights
- Working on HS bible study
- Working on monthly Adoration night with confession and prayer teams for teens
- 7/8 community third Wednesday of the month (Pending COVID)