

**PPC Agenda  
Tues Feb. 1  
7pm  
Rooms 101-103**



**Present:** Fr. Mike Anderson, Joshua Bohl, Cheri Brausen, George Burr, Dohn Hohn, Ron Peterson, Rusty Ray, Brian Sauter, Keith Sjostrom, and Kelly Summerville

**Excused:** Robert McMullan, Amy Moore, Paul Siler, and LeAnn Zogg (Trustee)

**Opening Prayer:**

Eternal Father, through the resurrection of Jesus,  
the good news of Your love has touched the world.  
By our baptism we are reborn as your Children of Light.  
Through the work of Your Spirit, the glory of Your new creation continues to unfold.

Watch over Your family of faith here at St. Joseph's. Inspire us by the prompting of Your Spirit:  
that our elders may dream new dreams, and our youth may find wisdom in visions.  
Give us a courageous heart, a bold voice and openness of mind, and above all else, ears that listen.

Help us, as Your family, to discover Your way: storytelling and dialogue which leads to understanding:  
ideas which challenge growth; a journey which will bring hope.

We offer you this prayer, for you are our life, our strength and guide,  
Our loving God, for ever and ever. Amen. (taken from Catholic Online Prayers)

**1. Yearly reminder to check your binder to review responsibilities of PPC.**

- Formation of parish council – meetings must begin and end with a prayer
- Role of council is consulting in nature – to consult pastor
- Meeting is led by chair, which is non-pastor so pastor can better listen
- Council is 14 members – 3 at-large members and rest of 11 are commission members
- Two-way communication – commission reps bring info to PPC and also bring back PPC ideas to specific commission
- Go over membership in April – commission members have different membership length than at-large members
- Officers elected at June meeting
- PPC meetings are open to all parishioners – upcoming meetings should be put in the bulletin so parishioners are more aware of them. Meetings are listed in the St. Joe's monthly happenings email.
- Minutes should be approved at next PPC meeting

**2. Procured 10 volunteers to attend the Feb 26 Synod consultation?**

- We have 10 volunteers for the Feb. 26 meeting at St. Joe's

**3. Josh and Meisha's major points gleaned from Synod process**

**1. Bible study/small groups** - we have to first get people wanting to be more involved with their faith, and I think we can do that through the strong leaders who are involved in different areas of our parish.

**2. Strong theological based faith formation** - this need was made clear as it was a top written-in comment (other top written-in comment was small groups). "Prayer – teach people how to pray, especially with sacred scripture" was the #2 selection (behind small groups) in category 2A Life-Long Formation.

**3. Support group for teenagers/mentorship program** - this is basically what the Adult Witness selection means, which was a top 3 selection in the youth ministry section 6A for both what has worked for people and what they want the Archdiocese to focus on.

**4. Lay leadership** - it was the top selection in category 3B collaboration in Parish Ministry for both what worked for people and what the Archdiocese should focus on. I am particularly thinking of the Parish Council. I think we should advertise more that the Parish Council is here to serve the needs of the Parish. Do people know the PPC members? Put a name with the face. If there is an idea someone has or something somebody wants to do, they should know who among the Parish Council to contact. For example, if someone wants to start saying the rosary after Thursday Mass during Lent, that person should know who on the Council to contact (Liturgy Commission representative), and that Council member can then work on starting that prayer group by contacting others who may be interested in that group.

**5. Pastor encouragement and involvement** - this was one of the most written-in comments when it came to small groups, and it was top 3 in 2 categories - 5B Helping the young know and love Jesus and 6A Youth Ministry.

**4. Review the attached Jan, Feb. and March 2020 PPC minutes (each one has section on vision) to refamiliarize yourself with what the PPC did two years ago.**

- **Faith Formation...lifelong, cohesive programing**
- **Outreach.....connect and form meaningful partnerships**
  - Sense of belonging – want to get people to feel they belong to St. Joe's
  - St. Joe's has a lot of events on the calendar – how can we add-on and make current events better – we have a great facility for events
  - Most common thing that draws and keeps new parishioners at St. Joe's is that they felt welcome here
- **Marketing....promote our Catholic identity**
- **Facilities.....update, renovate, security, safety**
  - Good progress has been made on security updates, high-speed internet

**5. How do these two mesh (the Synod and St. Joseph's vision)?**

- A lot of overlap between Synod and St. Joe's vision – people want a sense of belonging and Catholic teaching from birth until death

**6. Commission updates**

**Synod:**

- Next phase will be held at St. Joe's on Feb. 26 instead of at Archdiocese – there will be 10 parishioners who attend this event

### **Communications:**

- At last Communications meeting, they talked about a form for commissions to use to let communications committee know about an event the commission wants promoted – paper form now but may do e-form too
- Working on being able to live stream Masses
- Folks are excited about the variety show
- Updating the new member slide show
- Will work with Meisha on making a video clip for RCIA

### **Facilities:**

- Chuck is getting pricing on ceiling and light fixtures in the education wing hallway (see #8 on facility project list dated 2/1/2022)
- Chuck is getting pricing on replacing light structure on sidewalk near historic church
- Having conversations about installing stairway in the back of the altar for safety purposes
- St. Joe's will install blue-tooth in worship space so it works with peoples' hearing aids

### **Community Life:**

- Finalized schedule a couple of weeks ago
- See attached Community Life handout
- Festival netted just over \$100k
  - People like knowing what festival proceeds go for – it was parking lot two years ago and security this past year

### **Pastoral Care:**

- No meetings since last PPC meeting
- Healing Mass is scheduled on Saturday, March 5

### **Faith Formation:**

- Working on short-term solutions to fill Kelly Thurmes' spot through the end of the year
- 'Cradle to grave' – will bring back this theme as it was important in parish visioning two years ago
- Online classes for Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Scott Frieler has been doing a great job with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to keep them engaged with different activities
- Faith Formation has done Feed My Starving Children for 4 weeks in a row

### **Social Justice:**

- See attached Social Justice Report
- We received a grant to ship food to Guatemala for five years – this is an incredible development

### **Finance:**

- See attached February 2022 report
- Should St. Joe's consider using the surplus to fund church programming instead of putting it all in the capital improvement fund – Josh will bring this idea up to finance council at their next meeting

**Liturgy:**

- Thinking about having an emergency exit door near the choir
- Masses and music continue to go well

**7. Other?**

- 8. Final prayer:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.**

**Next meeting is on March 1, 2022.**

**We, the people of St. Joseph of the Lakes Catholic Church, as Christ's Body, strive to be the heart, and feet of Jesus Christ. ”**

**-- St. Joseph of the Lakes Vision Statement**

## **Social Justice Report**

### **January**

- Our food Meal prep and delivery to Stepping Stones Homeless Shelter finished up. Good News for them is Anoka County approving the expansion of their shelter to an upper floor. St. Joe's will be involved in their upcoming 'Real Stories' fundraising campaign.
- Both High School and Middle School have been serving all month at FMSC and we had a speaker out (Denise also spoke) about the impact and importance of good nutrition and the food we send out.
- Denise attended the Feed My Starving Children Partner Conference. As a result we've found that we have been accepted for the PBFA (project based food assistance) program for our work in Guatemala. This means they will send food for five years, invest in education, micro loans, all kinds of support and more. The goal is dignity, nutrition, sustainability, and growth.
- We had a fair trade, breakfast (yay! First time in two years!), and book sale. We'll wrap it up this Wednesday but it was successful on many fronts.
- We have had a successful warm clothing drive for the Veterans and plan to wrap that up in February with our Valentines cards delivery.

### **Mission Statement:**

**We strive to be authentic Christians who are compelled to radically change the injustices in our local and global world. We will continually seek opportunities to invite each other as neighbor to exemplify Christ's ministry by breaking down barriers that limit others unjustly.**

**St. Joseph of the Lake  
Finance Council Report  
February 2022**

**Fiscal 2022:**

- After the first 6 months, total collections are slightly below budget (-2%) and \$40k better than last year (+6%)
  - o Reminder: Collections were budgeted to be \$100k higher than fiscal 2021 for the full year
- Christmas collections were on budget
- Our Capital Improvement fund is currently at \$247k
- Cash reserves of ~ \$200k
- Festival income of \$99k was \$21k better than budget
- Total Operating expenses are currently under budget, largely due to timing of certain expenses

**Other notes:**

- Church parking lot loan was refinanced to take advantage of lower rates. Refinanced 5.61% rate to 3.03%. Thanks to Paul L. for taking care of this. We are currently paying slightly more each month than our required loan payment.

**Fiscal 2021 reminders:**

- We ended the fiscal year with collections being \$20k under budget (<2%)
- PPP loan was forgiven, generating \$156k of "income"
- This allowed us to put a total of \$228k into the Capital Improvement Fund, \$133k more than budget
- Ended the year with \$230k in the Capital Improvement Fund, compared to \$58k a year ago

# Community Life Update - February 2022

## Summary:

There are many upcoming Community Life events as we prepare for the Easter season and look ahead to the warmer days of spring.

## Events:

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| <b>Feb</b> | Cana Supper - Sat, 12th<br>KC Lumberjack - Sun, 13th<br>Variety Show - Fri/Sat/Sun, 25-27th  |
| <b>Mar</b> | Soup Suppers - Tue's, 8-28th<br>Fish Dinners - Fri's, 11-25th<br>Scouts Breakfast - Sun, 6th<br>Swing Dance - Sat, 12th<br>C Lions Breakfast - Sat, 19th |
| <b>Apr</b> | Fish Dinner - Fri, 1st<br>Soup Supper - Tue, 5th<br>Easter - Sun, 17th<br>Fair Trade - Sat/Sun - 23-24th   |

## Updates:

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| <b>CCW</b>      | Successful Christmas Bazaar. Looking to increase membership in 2021.             |
| <b>MG</b>       | Successful Venison Dinner and Wine & Prime. Considering Booyah Feed in the Fall. |
| <b>KoC</b>      | Preparing for Lumberjack Breakfast and Fish Fry Dinners during Lent.             |
| <b>Festival</b> | Meetings begin in March. Amended results show a net of over \$100K last year.    |
| <b>Scouts</b>   |  |

**Date= FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**2022**

**FACILITY COMMISSION CHURCH PROJECT'S**

| <b>ITEM</b>  | <b>BASE PRICE</b>         | <b>DATE COMPLETED</b> |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>#1) EDUCATION WING AND ST. JOE'S HALL<br/>DOOR REPLACEMENT 3 DOOR'S</b>   | <b>\$10,558.00 (EACH)</b> |                       |
| <b>#2) ADDITIONAL HANICAP PARKING</b>  |                           |                       |
| <b>#3) WATER HEATERS REPLACEMENT (2)</b>   | <b>\$5,189.00</b>         |                       |
| <b>#4) WORSHIP SPACE A/C UNIT REPLACEMENT</b>  | <b>\$60,000.00</b>        |                       |
| <b>#5) ENCLOSER TO DOOR #4 REPLACEMENT</b>   |                           |                       |
| <b>#6) NEW STAIRWAY IN BACK OF ALTER (SAFETY)</b>  |                           |                       |
| <b>#7) CHILD CARE ROOM UPGRADES</b>  |                           |                       |
| <b>#8) REPLACE, CEILING AND LIGHT FIXTURE'S IN THE<br/>EDUCATION WING<sup>(Hallway)</sup> COFFEE ROOM &amp;<br/>FAITH FORMATION ROOM</b> |                           |                       |
| <b>#9) REPLACE EXTERIOR LIGHT FIXTURE'S ALONG<br/>SIDE WALK TO THE HISTORIC CHURCH</b>   |                           |                       |

**UPCOMEING PROJECT'S**

- #1) INTERIOR LIGHTING UPGRADE EDUCATION WING6**
- #2) SECURITY**
- #3) FIVE (5) YEAR PLAN**
- #4) ST. JOE'S HALL BATHROOM UPGRADE "TILE"**
- #5) PAINT DOOR FRAMES (8)**

**\*--Approved by the Finance Commission**