

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES



Date: February 13, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

## In Attendance

Present: Samantha Hough, Jeremy Thompson, Vanessa Pribil, Kelli Siemieniak, Grant Carruthers, Spencer Oliva, Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Greg Sass, Lorraine Ptacek, Angela Howard, Mary Marich, Lorinda Collings, Katie Harwood

Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek and closed with a prayer led by Deacon Greg Sass.

## Commission/Committee Updates

### Worship

It was noted that the horns and band were a fantastic addition at the Christmas Mass. The focus is now toward Lent and planning for Pastoral Ministry Days. Holy Ringers and Singers may perform during Holy Week. The Deacons will lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Confessions will be at 5 PM, Stations at 6 PM, and the Fish Fry at 6:30 PM. Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8 AM and 6 PM. The Lenten Penance Liturgy will be March 31st at 6 PM.

### Stewardship

Wine and Cheese is on Saturday, 2/15 after the 5 PM Mass. This will be the last one until after Lent.

### Discipleship

Discipleship is meeting on 2/20. They are in need of help with craft and wood items for use in the atria.

### Evangelization

Lent group leaders are needed. There will be a Lenten retreat 3/22 led by Deacon Greg. Wisdom Wednesday this month will be Hollie Strand presenting on Online Safety. On 3/1 Sr. Jacque will lead a Women's retreat. The Confirmation Retreat was last weekend. On 3/8, Sr. Jacque will lead a 3rd order Franciscan retreat. All are welcome.

### Administration

The water fountain has been installed downstairs complete with a bottle filler. The parish hall kitchens and closets were cleaned out and organized over the Christmas break. We are struggling with the lock on the front door. It has been repaired by both professionals and parishioners and continues to have problems.

### Building Committee

A bid for handicap door access was received. The bid is for \$5000 and does not include the installation of a 15 amp outlet. It was requested that we get an itemized quote. It was decided the claim on broken windows will not be followed up on. The money will be put in holding until all windows need replaced.

## Financial Review

Lorinda Collings, bookkeeper, gave an overview of the July-December financials approved by the Finance Council. It was noted all liabilities held for others such as organizations like St. Vincent de Paul have been paid. Regarding Year to Date vs the Year to Date Budget we are ahead \$43K; \$20K is an additional return the parish from the Living the Mission Appeal that will be transferred to the Building Fund. Fr. Andrzej noted we may receive an additional \$10K next year from the Living the Mission Appeal. Overall we are sitting well for the first half of the year. The first half of the year balance sheet is attached.

## New Business

\*The Jubilee Year put out by Pope Francis as the Year of Hope encourages everyone to make a pilgrimage. For our Diocese making a pilgrimage to Cathedral, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, along with other parameters will allow for an indulgence. There is also a film series put out by Bishop Bullock to celebrate the jubilee year.

\*A new set of bells was installed at the rear of the church to signal when Mass will begin.

\*There are now six candles at the Altar for Mass and Adoration. We had four and were not in alignment with directives. With six we are meeting all guidelines.

\*Bishop Bullock visited OLBH in January. He brought up the current location of the Tabernacle and asked for information regarding its placement. All conversational history was sent to Bishop Bullock. His recommendation is that the Tabernacle be centered behind the Altar. He also noted that the current space the Tabernacle occupies be made into something and kept nice. It was noted that we are one of the last parishes in the Diocese of Rapid City to move our Tabernacle. It was discussed that this will allow parishioners to more easily know where to genuflect to. Once moved, the Tabernacle will be placed permanently. It was discussed that adjustments may need to be made so that the Tabernacle is placed appropriately between the Crucifix and the Altar for sight lines. Deacon Greg noted the Chancery also moved the Tabernacle and adjustments need to be made to their Crucifix to accommodate the change; this is a normal part of the process. Deacon John noted it would be advisable to move the Altar forward so there is more space behind the Altar for those serving at and celebrating the Mass. Deacon Walt Wilson will be contacted to determine if the elevated area is reinforced for the weight of the Altar to move forward and what it will take to move the Altar.

## Next Meeting Dates

February 13, 2025

March 13, 2025

April 10, 2025

May 8, 2025

June 12, 2025

All meetings are an open door invitation to anyone in the parish. All meetings are at 6 PM in St. Joseph's Hall. If you have an item you would like to see on the agenda please contact Katie in the office.

## Upcoming Events

Wine & Cheese, 2/15, following 5 PM Mass

Wisdom Wednesday, 2/26, Digital Knowhow, Keeping Kids Safe Online, 6:30 PM

Women's Retreat, 3/1, Mary's Direction in Your Life, 8 AM

Ash Wednesday, 3/5, 8 AM & 6 PM Mass

First Lenten Friday, 3/7, with Confessions at 5 PM, Stations at 6 PM, and Fish Fry at 6:30 PM.