

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: February 12, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM



## In Attendance

Present: Fr. Andrzej Wrostek, Andrew Boyd, Jeremy Thompson, Spencer Oliva, Ann Labeau, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Greg Sass, Deacon Phil Thompson, Lorraine Ptacek, Angela Howard, Katie Harwood

Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer led by Deacon Greg.

## Commission/Committee Updates

### Worship

We will have training this summer for cantors. Lorraine noted the moving of the Tabernacle has caused some ministers to be confused on how to reverence the Tabernacle when going to and from the Ambo. During daily Mass there is a whistling sound that can be heard from the cantor's mic. We will use the Mass parts of St. Mary Magdalene during Lent. We will practice this weekend at Mass and begin the new Mass parts on Ash Wednesday. The offertory will be instrumental and there will not be a prelude or postlude during Lent. The Precious Blood will be at Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil. Altar Server training can be scheduled on the weekends Deacon Phillip is preaching.

### Stewardship

Wine and Cheese is on February 14 and then resumes on April 18.

### Discipleship

The Discipleship Commission met last week. Their minutes and goals are attached.

### Evangelization

SoulCore will be offered Monday evenings in Lent. The Easter book is on the Beattitudes. There is a Lenten retreat coming. Steubenville is still in need of funds.

### Faith Formation

There was a question about open flames in the atria. It was decided fire blankets would be purchased for the classrooms. There was also a question about the bathroom doors downstairs remaining open, it was discussed that the doors do not have to be open. The Confirmation retreat is on 2/20-21 and 13 students are attending.

### Administration

An email meeting was held. Goals include refinishing of the pews and floors of the church. Grading the front walkway for ADA compliance and the parking lot project being placed on hold.

### **Building Committee**

Furniture for the new office is ordered. The rectory bathroom repair project is underway. An outlet has been placed in the rectory garage for frying fish. It was noted that settling on the North side of the Church has been noticed over the years. There is a tree with a split top that was cabled at one point, it is also showing signs of bug infestation. It is leaning over the building. A tree expert was consulted and his recommendation was to remove the tree due to the bug damage instead of just the cabled split. There is a dead tree that will also be removed and the tree by the flag pole will be trimmed. Once finished, there will be room to plant some new trees.

### **Finance Council Update**

In the black so far. There are no concerns. OLBH is at 105% of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Another mailing is coming in February and again in May. The budgeting for next year will begin after Easter.

### **New Business**

Increased offertory program, we have not asked for an increase in pledged giving for many years. It was determined that with the tax receipt for 2026 we will include the current giving amount with an address update.

### **Announcements/Upcoming Events**

Pastoral Ministry Days, 3/16-17, Faith Seeking Understanding in the life of the Pastoral Minister; all are invited and encouraged to attend. Please let Katie know if you are able to attend.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Deacon Phillip.

Future Meeting Dates: March 12, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11

# DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION MINUTES



**Date:** February 3, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 PM

## In Attendance

Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Greg Sass, Angela Howard, Courtney Maurer, Janile Bestgen, Lisa Katzenstein, Jenny Scherr

Absent: Larry/Joyce Williamson, Katie Hoiten

## Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Angela had provided the notes from the October meeting via email.

## Reviewed Commission Goals for 2025-2026

The Parish Retreat Weekend, schedule for June 19-21, 2026, at the Sioux Spiritual Center is being cancelled due to the priest ordination schedule for June 19. There were still several retreats attended by parishioners at Terra Sancta and upcoming retreats scheduled at the parish. While the specific goal may not have been met, the objective of encouraging parishioners to attend a retreat was achieved.

The Jubilee Year of Hope goal was accomplished.

New OCIA Coordinators are Larry & Joyce Williamson.

Regular information about Stewardship was provided in the bulletins and homilies.

While the goal of revising the first sacraments program was not technically achieved, there were multiple improvements including access to PDF versions of documents making it faster and easier on the catechist. And the consensus is the current program has been effective so the potential changes at this point does not need to occur.

## Draft Commission Goals for 2026-2027

See separate document for draft goals.

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# DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION GOALS 2026-2027



## Commission Goals for 2026-2027

### I. Spiritual Growth

- **Retreats Weekend:**
- By June 30, 2027, at least 20 catechists, parents, and/or parishioners attended at least one retreat, tracked via payment records or a retreat attendance registration.
- **Year of St. Francis Activities:** Schedule at least one St. Francis focused event at the parish and publish a short article about St. Francis every two months during calendar year 2026.

### II. Leadership and Formation

- **CGS Catechist Training:** Train four new or next level CGS Catechists, with training held at OLBH with local trainers.
- **Complete Atrium:** Complete the build out of St. Joan of Arc CGS classroom.
- **Mom's Group:** Begin a new group with at least five Mom's to meet weekly/monthly/? for prayer time (adoration, rosary) and short teaching and materials they can take home to do with their children using the resources available from Pastoral Ministries.

### III. Stewardship

- Through face-to-face invitations, get at least five couples/ten individuals, who previously have not volunteered, to help at one event in support of faith formation programs by creating a log of who assisted and at what event.

## Faith Formation Updates

- **Adult and Middle/High School**
  - Angela provide a written report, which is attached.
  - She also asked for prayers for the students as there is a sense of apathy among them.
  - She shared about upcoming fundraising for the Steubenville trip. There was also some other suggestions made to help raise funds, which she will investigate.
  - For Baptism Prep, anticipate switching to the Reborn program. There was much discussion around “meeting parents where they are at” which includes possibly multiple brochures depending on the situation, i.e. both parents Catholic, one parent Catholic but a Christian or no faith. This is based on the current catechists’ experience and in discussions with Angela and others. There was also talk about having a “welcome” gathering of some kind for the parents with newly baptized children.
  - Fr. Robert, Chaplain at STM, talked about holding a monthly gathering of all the Middle/High School kids at STM on Wednesday’s. Angela’s concern is another night not gathering at the parish unless it was scheduled for an off week anyway, typically a holiday weekend. She was asked to contact Fr. Robert to let him know about this suggestion. Generally the members thought this might be good.
- **OCIA/RCIA**
  - Larry and Joyce were unable to attend but provided a written report which is attached. Fr. Andrzej provided some additional information concerning the upcoming retreat and rites. He reported on the number of baptisms and confirmations anticipated for the Easter Vigil.
- **Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> Faith Formation**, see Courtney’s attached reports.
  - While the Wednesday classes are the most popular, the Sunday classes provided an opportunity for parents to attend OCIA which was seen as a benefit. But may need to look at additional/different catechists to provide enough teachers when the regular catechists are not avail.
  - There was discussion about potentially getting another CGS room finished.
  - Courtney will also be checking when the local CGS trainers will be completing their formation and trying to schedule the training at OLBH as the rooms are set up and it would be easier than hauling items to TSRC. In addition, this would allow more catechists to be trained as it could spread over multiple weeks with a couple hour class each week.
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## Next Meeting

- May 7, 2026