

# PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: April 9, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM



## In Attendance

Present: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Andrew Boyd, Samantha Hough, Jeremy Thompson, Jenna Vallette, Vanessa Pribil, Kelli Siemieniak, Grant Carruthers, Spencer Oliva, Ann Labeau, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Greg Sass, Deacon Phil Thompson, Lorraine Ptacek, Angela Howard, Courtney Maurer, Lorinda Collings, Katie Harwood

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

## Commission/Committee Updates

### Worship

An official meeting hasn't been held. There was a lot of positive feedback about the large choir during Holy Week and Easter.

### Stewardship

Wine and Cheese resumes on April 18.

### Discipleship

The Discipleship Commission will meet in May to finalize goals.

### Evangelization

The Our Ladies' Tea will be held 5/9. 350 books on the Beattitudes were given out at Easter.

### Faith Formation

Three weeks are left until First Communion on May 2nd. There are 13 Confirmands and an additional two from another parish. They will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Bullock at OLBH on Wed., 4/22, at 6 PM.

### Administration

A meeting has not been held. By email the goals for the next 8-10 years were determined.

### Building Committee

The bathroom repair is complete and the ceiling was filled with insulation. The dead trees have been removed; one was rotten inside, one was dying, and one was trimmed to reduce the leaning toward lights and cars. The sign at the entrance near Casa Maria was repaired by Deacon John Osnes.

### Finance Council Update

The finance council will meet next week to begin the budget process.

### New Business

We would like to focus on a parish plan through 2030. A link to a survey will be sent out asking for help in determining priorities. Eleven young men met with the Bishop to discuss prayer and discernment. Totus Tuus is coming. The Knights had their best year ever at the Fish Fry. There is Altar Server training between Masses on weekends when Deacon Phillip is presiding.

## **Announcements/Upcoming Events**

\*5/23 following 5 PM Mass, Concert with Joshua Weaver and Michelle Skoog

\*5/24 following 11 AM Mass, Pentecost Party, Ice cream for all

**\*6/7 Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession following 11 AM Mass, following the procession will be a hot dog lunch and bounce house and train rides**

**\*VBS 6/8-12, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!**

\*A Story and A Saint, Wednesdays at 10 AM, June 17-Aug 5

\*6/27 Senior Salute

\*Young Family Polucks on 6/17, 7/22, 8/19

\*7/18, 6:30-8:30 PM Pool Party at Jimmy Hilton Pool

\*7/29 Outdoor Movie

\*8/12, 10 AM, Rosary and Bikes

The meeting closed with the prayer for our parish.

Future Meeting Dates: 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