

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: May 14, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM



In Attendance

Present: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Andrew Boyd, Jenna Vallette, Vanessa Pribil, Kelli Siemieniak, Grant Carruthers, Spencer Oliva, Ann LaBeau, Deacon Greg Sass, Deacon Phil Thompson, Lorraine Ptacek, Katie Harwood

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

Commission/Committee Updates

Worship

Goals for the 2026-2027 year have been set. There has not been a response on whether the grant for the National Pastoral Musicians speaker will be awarded. A training for cantors singing at funerals will be scheduled. A tune up of the sound system needs to be scheduled, the monitors are not working and the mics do not reflect the fullness of the music. A focused goal is supporting youth participation in the Mass including ideas like a youth Mass every other month and publication of opportunities for families to serve at Mass were well received.

Stewardship

Wine and Cheese returns in September.

Evangelization

No report.

Faith Formation

No report.

Administration

No report.

Discipleship

Deacon Greg reminded everyone that the diocese has paid for everyone to take courses through the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University. He encourages everyone to take the courses and to recommend them to others.

Building Committee

Jeremy Thompson sent word that he measured the primary cement pad and received a bid from a contractor he knows; the bid for only one section of the potential replacement with plain brushed cement was \$4,000.

Finance Council Update

No report. Katie (Kathrine) Harwood is named as an authorized signor for the parish.

Leadership Plan

We are working to establish the Pastoral Priorities and goals for 2026-2030 for the parish based on the values of Mercy, Stewardship, Prayer, and Excellence.

Notes: Deacon Greg would like to see six new deacon candidates from OLBH in this time frame.

Deacon John Osnes could not attend the meeting, but sent the following recommendations: remove the social justice committee and focus on communication.

Much discussion ensued to create the final proposals.

Proposed 2026-2030 Priorities:

Priority 1: Stewardship

Goal: Stewardship parish model awareness translating to action.

- o 150 individual volunteers in the parish for events and programming.
- o An increase of 20 households utilizing on line recurrent giving.
- o Offer Financial Peace University every 3 years.
- o Present a short speaker series on discipleship opportunities including internal and external service organizations.
- o Host a parish mission every other year; 2026 and 2028.

Goal: Explore and utilize various targeted platforms for better communication and engagement.

- o 15Reels by Fr. Andrzej and the deacons covering stewardship, upcoming events, and basic catechetics annually.
- o Weekly social media link to bulletin and on the live stream.
- o Ability to subscribe to the parish Google calendar.

Priority 2: Evangelization

Goal: Offer testimonial talks on a regular basis to encourage people in their faith journey.

- o Host testimonial speakers six times per year.
- o Host community speakers on to attract non OLBH members and members three times per year.

Goal: Ensure all age groups have targeted programming to accompany them on their faith journey.

- o Offer opportunities for classes and studies at other times than Wednesday and Sunday Faith Formation.
- o Offer more frequent short programming opportunities; less than four weeks in duration.
- o Focus programming on working aged individuals.

Priority 3: Liturgy

Goal: Increase participation in the liturgy.

- o Increase the number of youth regularly involved in liturgical ministries by 20 participants each year.
- o Add an additional two music ministers annually.

Goal: Encourage respect and decorum during Mass.

- o Educate parishioners on the traditions of the church with short talks six times per year.
Host a teaching Mass annually.
- o Include active modeling and short talks on correct posturing and participation during Mass.

Upcoming Events

*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 a prayer.

Future Meeting Dates: 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10