

Meeting Date & Time: **2/23/26 at 7:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Fr. James, Vicki Berberich, Renae Smith, Jennifer Cakinberk, Anna Schweers, John Armstrong, Paul Suarez

**Staff Member:** Tom Primmer & Matt Dougan

**Clergy:** Fr. James

**Not present:** Ellyn Cottingham, Deanna Sargent, Ty Barten, Barb Ledvina

**Guests:**

- Kathy Bovee – Preschool Director
- Donna Bishop, Superintendent of Catholic Schools
- Misty Hade – Principal St. Lukes School
- Jake Shama - Director of Marketing & Enrollment

**OLIH Finance Council:** Laura DeVries, Laura Hofstrand, Holly Bevan, Pat Battani (on phone)

**Opening prayer & Scripture Reading/Reflection by:** Vicki B

#### **Discussion regarding Transitional Kindergarten for OLIH**

- TK level as ‘full day’ would be eligible for the education savings account funds
  - Would need to have a study done to understand if there are enough students to support a full day TK program at OLIH. This is pending completion.
  - Bishop has also authorized a task force to be developed to begin discussion of adding a catholic high school in Ankeny. Anticipation that students could possibly come from areas north of Ankeny that do not have access to a Catholic high school in their area. Not expected that a high school located in Ankeny would be as large as Dowling.
  - Diocese proposal would have the TK program start in 2027/2028 school year but OLIH has not made a commitment to this date.
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- Approval of December meeting minutes, approved by Anna, second by Jen C. **Renae**
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- **Old Business**
    - Christmas Sponsorship how did it go **Barb**
      - Went very well
    - Fundraising committee Calendar raffle/Concert **Father James/Anna**
      - Has gone very well
      - Have sold over 400 calendars
      - Can still purchase for 2026
    - Finance Update **Bob**
      - Currently showing a surplus in tithing for the year
      - Tithing campaign in 2025 did get many new or increased tithing
      - Diocesan Appeal amount has come in & the amount increased 3%
    - Catholic Worker House January update **Tom**
      - Working with Hallow to set up a program on Hallow to take donations
      - Expecting to set up the promotion to start after Easter
    - Cookies given to Fire/Police how did it go **Ellyn**
      - All very grateful
    - 2026 Pastoral Council Discernment Meeting **Vicki**
      - Letters will mail out this week
      - Meeting will be on 3/10
      - Decided to have 12 members on council going forward

- May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will include new PC members & will be held at Magees.
  - Renae will reserve the room for us

- **New Business**

- Meal at Church **Barb**
  - Move to March meeting
- Parish Mission **Father James**
  - Starts on 2/28, from 3 to 4:30 pm
  - Continues on 3/1 at 6 pm, 5 pm is soup dinner
  - Final day is 3/2 from 6:30 to 8:00
  - Hallow's Nick Jung will be here to complete the mission
- Lent updates **Father James/Tom**
  - After Thursday mass will have a reflection hour each week during lent
  - Parish reconciliation mass will be on 3/12
  - Check the website or bulletin for all lent activities
- Mission & Vision Information for OLIH **Tom**
  - Will discuss further in March meeting
  - In advance of March meeting PC to review information
  - Plan is focus on Culture & Care (how to bolster)
  - How does OLIH fit into the Diocesan Plan
  - Steier Group is to help us put together a plan for our capital campaign
  - Plan to start our capital campaign in the off year for when the Diocese does their next campaign
  - Timeline to start is expected to be August 2026
  - Feasibility study is going on now
  - If fundraising goes as planned, the items to be completed could start in 2027.
  - Those from PC not present can pick up their binder from the meeting at the OLIH Office.
- Sanctuary Speaker Work
  - Received a grant from the OLIH foundation to do this work
  - Had some parishioners donate \$
  - This work will start in middle of March

- **Father James Updates**

**Fr. James**

- Parish Picnic is August 30<sup>th</sup>
- PC to submit names for the committee to discuss adding a Catholic HS in Ankeny. If have someone in the Parish that could be part of the group to work on this effort, send to Renae. Renae will submit to Father James. **Please send to Renae by March 15<sup>th</sup>.**

- **Feedback:** "What are you hearing?"

**All**

- Could we get a gel for sanitizing hands for EM & not the current 'foam'. Tom will work with Laura.
- CEW weekends went very well

- The meeting closed with prayer led by Vicki

**Next Meeting: March 23rd at 7 pm**

**Prayer lead by:** Jen C.

**2025/2026 Meeting Dates and Staff reports**

Date	Staff Report Given By
August 25, 2025	Randy Henderson – Dir YM & Dir Faith Formation Matt Dougan – Finance Director
September 22, 2025	Misty Hade – St. Lukes Principal
October 27, 2025	Laura Kutscher – Liturgy Director
November 24, 2025	Kathy Bovee – Preschool Director
December 22, 2025	No staff report scheduled
January 2026	Cancelled
February 23, 2026	Kathy Bovee – Preschool Director & Donna Bishop, Superintendent of Catholic Schools
March 23, 2026	Matt D Finance Director/Makenna Youth Ministry Coordinator
April 27, 2026	Patty M - Adult Faith Formation Director & Abby Henderson – Communications Director
May 18, 2026	New PC Members attend
June 2026	No meeting
July 2026	No meeting

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Name	Term STARTED	Term ENDS
Fr. James Ahenkora	2024	2030
John Armstrong*	July 2023	July 2026
Ty Barten	January 2022	July 2028
Vicki Berberich (Chair)	January 2022	July 2028
Jennifer Cakinberk	July 2023	July 2029
Ellyn Cottingham*	July 2023	July 2026
Barb Ledvina*	July 2023	July 2026
Deanna Sargent	July 2023	July 2029
Anna Schweers	July 2023	July 2029
Renae Smith (Secretary)	January 2022	July 2028
Paul Suarez	July 2023	July 2029
Ann Wright (Vice-Chair)	January 2022	July 2028

\*Not planning to return to PC in 2026