

Meeting Date & Time: **10/23/2023 at 7:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Fr. Michael, Vicki Berberich, Renae Smith, Jennifer Cakinberk, Anna Schweers, Barb Ledvina, Paul Suarez, Ann Wright, John Armstrong, Ty Barten, Fr. Jason

**Not Present:** Pat Junod, Deanna Sargent, Ellyn Cottingham

- Opening prayer by: Deanna Sargent via Vicki
- Minutes from September 2023 meeting approved. Moved by Jennifer, second by Anna. **Renae Smith**
- **Staff Report** **Misty Hade** (Principal of St. Lukes)
  - Misty was awarded Educator of the Year for 2024
  - See attachment for more information on St. Lukes School
  - 345 students this fall, almost at capacity
  - Will add an additional class of 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year
  - Capital campaign to begin soon to add a Middle School to the existing building; Hope to start the construction in 2026.
  - Diocese is moving to “regionalization” of Catholic schools. The Administrative support will be consolidated into 1 location
  - 136 families have already registered for 2024/25 school year; registration started earlier this year due to the regionalization
  - 13% of students are not catholic
  - Did not see a large increase in students attending due to the voucher program
  - Do prioritize families that are attending St. Lukes & OLIH
  - Students for special needs are sent to Prairie Trail for classes; 13 students from K-8<sup>th</sup>
    - St. Lukes does offer some classes for special needs
    - Ankeny School District decides where the kids will attend their classes
    - Per Misty, the goal is to get someone in the building in next few years to teach special needs
- **Council Business**
  - **Old Business**
    - **Catholic Worker House meal** hosted by Pastoral Council **Pat Junod**
      - Our meal is Friday 10/27
      - Pat has dropped off ingredients at church for those making the meals
      - Pat will provide how much each of us owe for the ingredients later this week.
      - Servers, please arrive by 5:45
      - Pat will send an email to those that volunteered to help serve
    - **Parish Council Space in Bulletin** **Renae, Deanna & Anna**
      - QR code permanently there for feedback, working with Joan
      - January 2024 looking to have the insert included
    - **Calling Church Members Again** **Ann Wright**
      - Ann is waiting to hear back from organizers from the 2020 effort
      - She has discussed with her 6:30 AM prayer group if they would like to help. They are willing to assist but suggested to wait until January of 2024 & invite people to attend Lenten services in addition to simply checking in with people.
      - Ann will provide status update in December meeting
  - **New Business**
    - **Ten Values Analysis from Divine Renovation** **Fr. Michael**
      - Discussed #1 on the list “Giving Priority to the Weekend”
        - Have people that leave early (after communion) or after 1 hour
        - Agreed that our facility promotes a good experience

- Discussed that the doughnut Sunday is popular. Need to offer something like this more often.
- Do not feel (a) is solely the responsibility of the Pastor since those attending may be distracted.
  - Stated that having the readings available is good as it helps to keep people focused on what is being said.
  - Our worship space is unique and offers an alternative perspective
  - Continue to provide a “learning” experience for mass to our parishioner’s so they are able to grow in their faith
  - What is the “wow” moment in a mass? It can be different for everyone & may not happen each time. Some offered that music & homily may be that moment for people.
- **Continuing Formation Reading: The Post-Quarantine Church** **Chapter 2**
  - Discussed that book did not talk about those who are not digitally connected but group did not think this was a large group.
    - Someone that does not communicate digitally is more likely the person who will attend mass in person
  - We average 115 views to weekly services
  - Mass attendance is still down compared to pre-covid
  - Discussed that we should get our information out more into the digital world (i.e. Instagram, post the bulletin)
  - We need to focus on particular message & not “flood” digital sites with too much information that becomes “noise”.
  - Jennifer will ask her husband to help us better understand how this works & what options are available
  - Anna & Barb will work together to get a message out for our parish on Instagram/Facebook.
  - Father suggested utilizing Diocese personnel to discuss with our office staff how to promote OLIH.
  - Father will discuss with his team in meeting this week who is doing posts currently & what they do it for.
  - We will need to build a following & suggested to send a weekly post to build that following & establish our presence.
- **Iowa Living Magazine**
  - We were contacted by the magazine to purchase an advertisement in the magazine.
  - For half a page it is \$512.50 & \$322.50 for quarter of a page.
  - Discussed possibly doing it occasionally but not each month
  - All Saints in DSM has advertising in the magazine, suggested to contact them for their experience. Barb will call All Saints to inquire.
  - Vicki will ask contact if we could advertise just a couple of times a year
  - Not sure it is worth it for the \$, could there be cheaper options that offer better coverage?
- **Adopt a Family**
  - Will we do this again this year?
  - Vicki will find out if Ankeny Service Center does this type of thing & will let us know via email

- **Feedback:** “What are you hearing?” All council members **All**
  - Doors are locked during the day for security to keep Pre-School safe
    - Doors are to be unlocked on the weekend by a software program but if that is not working or not programmed correctly, it causes problem
  - Lots of comments about how good Father’s homily was on Saturday 10/14
  
- **Pastor Report** **Fr. Michael**
  - **Parish**
    - Have had great attendance for the 40 Hours devotion
    - Neighborhood groups have started, have not heard much feedback yet
    - New speakers are installed & work well. There is a “popping” sound when they turn on but not sure where it is coming from
    - Kitchen remodel designer has been chosen. Start date has not yet been finalized but likely won’t be until summer of 2024
    - Trying to get a presenters from Israel & Palestine into the church to discuss the situation
      - Would plan it for a Sunday in November
      - Father will ask presenters if they will allow it to be recorded
- The meeting closed with prayer led by Anna Schweers
  - **Next Meeting:** November 27th@ 7:00pm
    - **The Post Quarantine Church-** Chapter 3
    - **Prayer Leader:** Anna Schweers

**2023/2024 Meeting Dates and Staff reports**

DATE	STAFF REPORT
August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Fr. Michael, Review of P. Council guidelines
September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Patty M. Adult Faith Formation
October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023	Misty H. St. Luke’s
November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Jason Sash Finance/Budget
December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	No report
January 2024	No Meeting
February 26 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Randy H. Youth Ministry
March 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Tom P. Faith Formation
April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Shelley T. Preschool
May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Business Administrator- until Becky is replaced
June 2024	No Meeting
July 2024	No Meeting

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Term STARTED</b>	<b>Term ENDS</b>
Fr. Michael Amadeo	2018	2030
John Armstrong	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Ty Barten	January 2022	January 2025 or 2028
Vicki Berberich (Chair)	January 2022	January 2025 or 2028
Jennifer Cakinberk	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Ellyn Cottingham	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
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Renae Smith (Secretary)	January 2022	January 2025 or 2028
Paul Suarez	July 2023	July 2026 or 2029
Ann Wright (Vice-Chair)	January 2022	January 2025 or 2028