



ST. JOHN XXIII
PARISH

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

Date: March 11, 2025

Pastors: Fr. Jean Philippe Lokpo, Fr. Jose Manuel Ortiz

PPC Members: Cat Wolfe, Pat Trafton, Krista Gilva, Sara Delva, Rob Sullivan, Matt Brands, Tim Schmitt, Elia Vergil, Tom Lenz, Shelley Benson

Absent: Jim Burke, Cliff Barber, Charles Loiseau, Alex Lule-Rivera

Topic	Notes/Summary
Welcome, Opening Prayer	<p>Meeting started at 7:02pm</p> <p>Fr. Jose led us in a prayer</p>
Review of Agenda/Reflection/ Approve minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelley shared a reflection about prayer and reviewed the agenda. • The February meeting minutes were approved.
Pastor's Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lenten Prayer trees are up in each church, Fr. JP encouraged us each to take a prayer. • There is a new Bishop for our Vicariate, Fr. John Siemianowski. Bishop Vartosic has moved to Vicariate 6. • Fr. JP is still looking for a new representative for the Interfaith Action committee. We will need someone in place before the fall at the latest. The requirements would be to attend monthly meetings (which are during the day) and coordinate the Vision Keeper award recipient and the event which honors them. • Fr. is also looking for nominations for the Archdiocese Christi Fidelis award. The award recipient should be someone who is a unifying factor in the parish. Fr will bring the options to the PPC for discussion at a future meeting, the nominees are typically due to the Arch in July. • New Music Director update: Fr. met with the top two candidates and has made an offer. We are waiting for the candidate to formally accept the offer before announcing to the parish. The PPC acknowledged the work of John Schuchert as an interim director. • For the last year, we have had volunteers coordinating the Pastoral Care ministries (Bereavement, St Stephen, Ministers of Care). Fr. JP is thinking about adding a Part Time staff member to coordinate those ministries in addition to the Young Adult ministries. He has spoken with a potential candidate and is waiting for their response. • The Latino community divisions still exist. Fr. Jean-Philippe is going to set up a meeting with the leaders and Tom to discuss. There was

	<p>discussion around identifying leaders in the Spanish community who can be champions on unity within their group and then the parish at large.</p>
<p>Parish Pastoral Plan Update and Information Sessions</p>	<p>Tom walked the PPC through the plan for the next steps of the PPP process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sessions in March will be less like listening sessions and more information sharing sessions and will be led by members off the Steering Teams. The goal will be to share the strategies and start getting the parish interested/excited about the plans. • The plan details will be shared with the steering teams on Saturday at the retreat for final review, then sent to Faith for posting on the website on 3/21. On Saturday we will also talk about Steering Team members attending the session. • The PPC discussed the original plan to have two sessions but decided to move to one session on March 27th in Oldershaw Hall, which will be recorded for posting on the website. • The final steps of preparing the plan will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Executive Team will gather feedback from the in-person session and from online submissions and share with the Steering teams. ○ The Steering Teams will make any edits they deem necessary based on feedback ○ The final version will be published ○ Then the parish will move into the recruitment phase.
<p>Latino Leadership and Listening Sessions</p>	<p>A listening session for the Latino Leadership of the parish is planned for Sat, 4/5 from noon-1:30p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 45 leaders will be invited personally by Fr to participate. • There will be specific questions to discuss such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What can we do to strengthen the Latino community at SJXXIII and their sense of belonging? ○ How can Latino leaders play a more active role in the running of the parish? • Some ideas will be presented for discussion such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rotating ministry leaders in three-year terms ○ Creation of a Latino Advisory Council ○ Provide more training and formation for Latino Leaders
<p>March 15 PPP Leadership Retreat Volunteers</p>	<p>Welcoming and check-in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Trafton, Jim Burke <p>Hospitality - morning beverages, help set up lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Loiseau, Krista Gilva, Alejandra Lule <p>Mass - Fr. Mark Scalese</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up: tables, chairs, altar and cloths - Matt, Rob, Sara • Music: Dianne to organize • Lector: Rob <p>Clean-up - all PPC who can stay a few minutes longer</p>
<p>Other Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parishioner Profiles - 'Someone You Should Know', so far, the feedback has been positive. The PPC reviewed the proposed criteria (see below) and was receptive to the proposal.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPC Communications 'Council Notes' in bulletin – looking for a PPC member(s) to manage a quarterly update. Matt will do April; Pat will do July and Krista will do October. • Monthly Hospitality after masses is being planned. They will take place at each church site after each mass over one weekend each month. Different ministries will be assigned to host each month. The PPC will have October. (PFC is in Sept.) • The next 'Dinner with the Pastor' will be April 27, Tim and Paula Schmitt will host. • The WPP committee had their wrap party and announced the PFC goal was met. Marianne Littau & Jean O'Keefe will be retiring from the committee. The PPC recognized their years of service on this committee. • Tim has reviewed the quotes for St Mary livestream possibilities and asked some questions around budget and who to work with to continue his research into possible options.
Adjourn	<p>Krista let us in a closing prayer.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:44p</p>

Parishioner Profiles - "Someone you should know!"

Summary: An ongoing series of written articles, profiling St. John XXIII parishioners who live an exemplary life in our Catholic faith, have a servant's heart, and are an inspiration to others. Sara Burson is our interviewer and journalist as of Nov 2024. This idea was brought forth from Fr. Jean-Philippe Lokpo, to celebrate with joy our diverse and faithful parishioners.

Guidelines and criteria for selection

A. Their FAITH is an inspiration to others

- They model Christian virtues and values
- They are a witness to others
- People can see Christ live within them

B. They have a SERVANT's heart

- Quality, not quantity (it's not the number of activities, but the depth of their service)
- Their service is an act of humility and obedience to doing God's will
- They are committed to serving the faith community as well as the community at large
- They are caring, kind, and compassionate
- They seek to find solutions and make things better for all

C. They exemplify our vision statement at St. John XXIII parish

"We make the Kingdom of God present in our world by loving God, welcoming all, serving humanity, and caring for creation."

- Loving God - speaks to point A
- Welcoming all and serving humanity - speaks to point B
- Caring for creation

D. They contribute to the unification efforts for the future for St. John XXIII parish

- Their attitudes and actions model unity of our parish community
- They find productive ways to be bridge builders

E. "Elder Honor" - Milestone birthdays

- Recognizing the legacy of our elders, those who have not only been blessed with longevity, but have exemplified a life of service, holiness, and charity.

F. Community outreach and involvement

- Contribution and involvement in the wider Evanston community to build and advocate for youth, immigrants, homeless, and special needs individuals.