
GA PPC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, 4/14/26

Attendees

Matthew Amos, Fr Joe Connelly (Pastor), Lourdes Rivera, Pat Ryan (Parish Administrator), Steve Sims (Trustee), Cara Barone, Pat Dolan, Mike Braun (Deacon), Jonathan Amos, Debbie Stadt, Marymartha Heasley,

Absentee

Sonya Coelho

Agenda


1. Input from parishioners

- a. ASL was not at Easter Vigil because of how long mass is.
 - i. Haven't been there for a couple of years now.

2. JOC update

- a. Respect Life. We are planning to go to the GALA for Options East and planning for Mothers Day flowers
 - b. Refugee Resettlement; we continue to help our sponsor families each month; and deliver meals affected by the Immigration ICE situation
 - c. Loaves & Fishes. This group continues to serve each month on the 2nd of each Sunday from 245-6pm. Looking for more volunteers but will have signup on the 1st week in June with plate collection.
 - d. Food Shelf Garden. John Capecchi will work with about 15 GA people with small plots in the existing garden area
 - e. Open Cupboard...we are doing a 2nd collection for them on the weekend of April 18/19. They are the largest food shelf distribution in all of Minnesota per their director. It is wonderful it is on our campus.
 - f. Sister Parish. Our Lady of Guadalupe.. Deacon Luis wants to come to the parish to show us some ideas in the next few months.
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- g. Giving Center. Working with parishioners and others to limit clothes to new and good if this is possible. We work with others and give gift cards and gas vouchers out to 10 people in March
 - h. Pastoral Work is going well
 - i. we have 30 people signed up for grief ministry; 20 or more per group;
 - j. Cancer group has 10 people in each meeting
 - k. Prison penpal has 25 active writers and 12-15 is the number of people at each meeting; we have speakers each month; birthday card writing is also going well
 - l. Befrienders has 17 people and on average 12 people come each month to the meetings
 - m. We go out to 20 people for homebound to their homes; we are actively helping at Oak Meadows & Boulder Ponds with some partnerships to help them engage with other GA people and their residents.
- 3. Engagement commission**
- a. New parishioner breakfast this upcoming Sunday.
 - i. Up to 40 new families.
- 4. Faith formation update**
- a. The Nicene Creed course wrapped up yesterday. Was very successful - around 35-40 attendees per session, which is impressive considering it started at 4:45pm. Will be offering this again this summer.
 - b. Acts of the Apostles Bible Study begins April 14.
 - c. The last JOLT of the year will be May 6. It will be the final RISE night of the year as well. RISE has been very successful for inviting new kids to our programs. Will be continuing this model next year.
 - d. Totus Tuus has 14 1-6 graders and 6 7-12 graders signed up so far. Totus Tuus will be July 12-17 this year.
 - e. Spring Bingo 4/10, 6:30pm – Mission Trip fundraiser, I invite all members of PPC to attend in support of our youth.
 - f. 4/19 Mass of Rite of Sending leading 28 High School students to be Confirmed at The Cathedral of Saint Paul on 4/20.
- 5. Chesterton Academy update**
- a. Working on a letter of intent.
 - i. The goal is to have the letter of intent done by the end of month.
- 6. Sanctuary update**
- a. Working on a detailed blueprint to submit to the Archdiocese.
- 7. Archbishop letter**
- a. PPC will read the letter before every meeting (or in segments) and will discuss it at the monthly meeting.
- 8. Other additions:**
- a. First aid kits

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- i. Communication via the Angel news will be sent out on where to find kits and other general info.
 - 1. The health and wellness committee takes care of these first aid kits, if any additional questions come up.
- 1. Next meeting May 12th, 2026, at 5:15pm.**