



**PPC Meeting Minutes  
Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, 7-9p  
Zoom Conf Call**

**Present:**

Fr Trout, Michelle Hobson, Dennis Valentini, Brian Savage, David and Kathy Olson, Jim Lobus, Bridget Chaney, Deacon Dan Coughlin

**Prayer:**

The meeting opened with CFTK/Seven Steps – thank you for leading us Fr Trout.

**Pastor Topics:**

**Discussion around Renew International's ARISE Together in Christ (Small Groups/Big Impact)**

- Fr Trout lead a discussion around this opportunity for our Parish. ARISE is a 3-year people-centered renewal “process” (vs program) that includes two key purposes: to help people grow in their relationships with Jesus Christ and to make Disciples. This is not a replacement for our current CFTK but rather a supplemental “layer” or “level” of formation.
- ARISE is relevant for current CFTK groups (supplementary to 7 steps) – as well as for Parishioners who are not currently part of a CFTK group yet might feel called to further their relationships with Jesus via small groups in this different way (new “lens”). Like CFTK, ARISE highlights the power of faith-sharing – life-changing stories focused on God’s love for us.
- ARISE is centered around Prayer, Sharing, Learning, Support, and Mission.
- ARISE covers 5 different “seasons” of faith sharing which are central to the ARISE Together in Christ Process. These include: 1) Encountering Christ today, 2) Change our Hearts, 3) In the Footsteps of Christ, 4) New Heart, New Spirit, and 5) We are the Good News! Each session offers a faith-sharing book with prayers, scripture references, written reflections, sharing questions, suggested action steps, and music CD’s to complement the sessions with recommended song selections. There is also a separate ARISE for youth.
- PPC is supportive to pursue this opportunity further as this could be a very positive and welcomed “post Covid” next step for our Parish – especially as we continue to strive for increased small group participation. Fr Trout will share with Staff leads and likely have an update for us at our next meeting.
- For your easy reference, below is a link to the 30-min intro video and also attaching the 4-pg informational brochure. <https://youtu.be/1mZhHtwvW2I>

**Year of St Joseph Parish Plan (Deacon Dan Coughlin) – highlights below, full report attached:**

- Dan shared with us an update on the current Parish Plan which includes a listing of all actions/timeframes scheduled throughout the year. All Commissions are participating in a variety of ways, most notably including prayers, novenas, special indulgences, special masses, video reflections as well as all things food pantry.

- There is interest in organizing “pilgrimages” to neighbor St Joseph Parishes (ie: Round Lake, Wheeling, Wilmette, etc)
- Bishop Grob will be celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> (Feast of St Joseph) and will be presiding at our 8:30 mass.
- A full recap of all St Joseph activities/plans has been created on our Parish website – pls reference link: <https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/yearofstjoseph>
- Here is our Parish Prayer to Saint Joseph:

*Blessed Saint Joseph, patron of our Parish and the Universal Church,  
we look to you as a model of discipleship and ask you to intercede before your Son Jesus,  
to guide our families as we strive to be holy and loving, to give life to our ministries and  
small communities of faith, to open wide our hearts to the will of our loving Creator,  
and to turn our eyes to the poor, marginalized and refugees.  
St Joseph, intercede and obtain for us the grace to live as one with you, Mary and Jesus.  
Amen.*

#### **Review of Youth Commission Action Plan (David/Kathy Olson):**

- David and Kathy shared a “work in progress” example of their Youth Commission Action Plan. This is the “framework” that all Commissions should follow/cascade out to their respective Ministries. This is the next step in finalizing our FY22 Commission Goals/Objectives. This template includes the following: Objectives, Actions, Timing, Owner, Impact/Outcome, Status. PPC team – pls meet with your Staff and CAC colleagues to complete this document. Timing is as follows:
  - We will do a brief check in during our 4/12 PPC call, and have you all present your completed Plans on our 5/3 PPC call. We will then invite the CAC to join us on our 6/7 PPC call so you can share with them and they will in turn create the formal Communicatins plans to cascade out to our Parish.
  - David/Kathy’s draft is attached here for your reference. THANK YOU David and Kathy for your great leadership.

#### **Commission Updates (below are highlights only – full reports attached):**

##### **Faith Formation Commission Update (Bridget Chaney):**

- Confirmation masses are scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Newly confirmed eighth-graders will then enter the Mystagogy period.
- Plans are moving forward to prepare for the 2021-22 registration year, which will likely be online. Timing is targeted for mid to late March. The team is also looking into an in-person session later in the spring.
- Children’s Faith Formation is still accepting late registrant families. Current number is 575 students/385 families, averaging 79% of projected goal of 725 students.
- The Youth Ministry hosted a successful EDGE night for grades 7/8 on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.
- CFTK groups concluded the “Open Wide Our Hearts” study series.
- Parishioner Mac McCullough was part of an all-member CFTK meeting in mid-Feb and he shared his story about his faith and how it guided him during encounters with racism as a black male.
- RCIA candidates/team is planning to gather in-person for a Holy Week retreat on March 28<sup>th</sup> and to likewise bring the candidates fully into the Church at the Easter Vigil.
- The Men’s Ministry is planning to host a one-day SML event (Lent version) on March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7a.
- The Women’s Ministry hosted a beautiful Morning of Reflection on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth Commission Update (David/Kathy Olson):**

- HS Youth Group continues to meet in person 2-3x each month. Numbers have remained steady (between 10-15).
- First in-person Junior High Youth Group (EDGE) meeting was held on Friday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. This was a Q&A format with a panel of HS youth, young married couple, and Jared Kleinwaechter (USML Seminarian). Eleven youth attended with positive feedback from parents. Next EDGE night is Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> held in the Teen Space (limit 15).
- Teens are now serving at the food pantry on the weekends. They are responsible for every Sunday and 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays. Schedule is filled thru May. There are 7 teens operating the pantry each day under the supervision of 2 adults. To date, over 100 teens have served at one or more sessions.
- AMT 2021 is filled! Includes 52 teens, 9 young adults, and 27 adults. A Zoom/formation meeting was held on Sunday Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. A teen leadership program has been created for upperclassmen – 13 Teen leaders will be facilitating small groups. As of March 9<sup>th</sup>, the Arch has still not authorized this trip – they are continually re-evaluating.
- Youth continue to participate at Teen Masses (EOM's and Proclaimers). Advertising of Teen Masses continues thru CFF and SJCC.

### **Other:**

- 2/1 Meeting Notes were approved and have been posted to our website.

### **Closing Prayer:**

- We concluded with a Prayer for Lenten Grace.

**Below are upcoming meetings – pls let me know if you have any conflicts.**

<p><b>05/03/21 – Social Justice, Accountability Commission</b> <b>06/07/21 – Faith Formation, Youth Commission</b> <b>July – no meeting</b> <b>08/02/21 – Prayer and Worship, Community Building Commission</b> <b>09/13/21 – Social Justice, Accountability Commission</b> <b>10/04/21 – Faith Formation, Youth Commission</b> <b>11/08/21 – Prayer and Worship, Community Building Commission</b> <b>12/06/21 – Social Justice, Accountability Commission</b></p>
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