



**PPC Meeting Minutes
Monday April 12th, 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:

Continued discussion around Renew International's ARISE Together in Christ:

- Fr Trout confirmed that St Joe's will be moving ahead with ARISE. As we discussed in last month's meeting, this is a 2 ½ year people-centered renewal "process" (vs program) that includes two key purposes: to help people grow in their relationships with Jesus Christ (walking in Christ's footsteps) and to make Disciples. The focus is missionary/evangelical.
- This is not a replacement for our current CFTK but rather a supplemental "layer" or "level" of formation. It is relevant for current CFTK groups 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 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.
- In the event anyone would like to re-review the video, below is the link and also attached is the 4-pg informational brochure. <https://youtu.be/1mZhHtwvW2I>
- **PPC and Staff will gather together on Saturday, May 15th to discuss further to align on rollout details.**

Fr Robinson's last weekend at St Joe's is June 5th/6th. He will be transitioning to St Stanislaus in Posen, IL. We will know more in the coming months if another priest will be replacing Fr Robinson.

Touchbase on Commission Action Plans:

- Pursuant to our joint PPC/Staff/Clergy workshop in January when we confirmed each Commission's Goals/Objectives, each Commission has been working on their respective Ministry Action Plans (following David/Kathy's example for Youth). Brian, Bridget, and David/Kathy provided their updates (attached for reference) – rest of team is still working on their updates. It was suggested that we reconnect with Staff Leads to finalize together – and also to create a “vital few” (top ranks) of Goals/Objectives so for Fiscal Year 2022 our Commissions and Ministries focus their time and talent only on the highest priorities on behalf of our Parish community. Michelle and Gerry Salzman will schedule 1:1 calls with PPC/Staff Leads in the coming weeks to finalize this work, **which will then be presented during our meeting on Saturday, May 15th**. More to come.

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

Prayer & Worship Commission Update (Dennis Valentini):

- More than 1600 people attended Holy Week/Easter services – with over 6,000 parishioners joining livestream over the weekend (2,200 on Good Friday alone). Special thanks to all P&WC Liturgical ministers for stepping up to fill all positions as well as a special thanks to our Priests and Deacons for making our celebrations holy and beautiful.
- The Keepers of the Feast and Prayer & Healing ministries have been discontinued from the P&WC ministries roster.
- Fr Martin has been named the new Staff Lead for P&WC.
- On February 27th, 12 new EOM's recently completed their training for the Vicariate 1 Zoom training.
- Sunday 10:45 Drive-In Family Mass continues to grow – over 120 cars in attendance each week. On Easter Sunday there were 288 cars in attendance.
- Liturgy Coordinator and Sacristan ministries as well as Usher and Greeter ministries will be merging – Dennis to schedule meetings to discuss further.
- Re-opening Greeters are now part of the MSP system.
- “Mass for Those who have lost a Loved One” is scheduled for Tuesday 4/20 @ 7p.

Community Building Commission Update (Jim Lobus):

- Despite Covid, there were 65 new families that registered at St Joe's in 2020. Below is the trend over the last few years for reference:
 - 122 new families in 2015
 - 121 new families in 2016
 - 122 new families in 2017
 - 130 new families in 2018
 - 105 new families in 2019
- The Windy City Tour was canceled this year due to Covid; the Senior Men's Golf League at Countryside will continue this year.
- Mothers with Young Children continue to meet virtually. In February they held a virtual wine tasting. They created a “Lenten Lift” that included daily postings of either scripture, inspirational images, short prayers, encouraging music, etc.
- This year's Mass in the Park is tentatively scheduled for August 21st – planning meetings start in May.
- A successful Trivia Night was held via Zoom on February 6th.
- The KOC held a virtual St Patty's party on March 17th which included a guest appearance from Fr Joe! A total of 208 dinners were sold which raised \$1,026 for the Food Pantry.

Other:

- 3/1 Meeting Notes were approved and have been posted to our website.
- 5/16 Afternoon of Prayer has been canceled – we will reschedule in the summer.

Closing Prayer:

- We concluded with a Catholic Easter Prayer.

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

Upcoming Commission Dates - pls advise if you have any conflicts:	
5/3/2021	Social Justice & Accountability Commissions
6/7/2021	Faith Formation & Youth Commissions
July	No Meeting
8/2/2021	Prayer and Worship & Community Building Commissions
9/13/2021	Social Justice & Accountability Commissions
10/4/2021	Faith Formation & Youth Commissions
11/8/2021	Prayer and Worship & Community Building Commissions
12/6/2021	Social Justice & Accountability Commissions