

St. Odilia

Parish Leadership Council (PLC)

Meeting Minutes – 4/15/25

Council: PLC			
Date:	April 15, 2025	Time:	8:00 PM
Chair:	Allison Dirksen	Location:	St. Monica Room

Meeting Participants Present

Fr. James Peterson	Karen Henningsen	Rick Storms
John Brossart	Brian McCool	Kat Coleman
Anne Rodenberg	Cathy Garvey	John Hunt
Amy Lamb	Paul Menge	Kathy Wiggin
Jean Nickman	Kelly Johnson	Maribel Camacho
Fr John Rumpza	Beth Aune	Amy Etten (Recorder)

Opening prayer	All
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- Opening prayer by Rick Storms
- March minutes approved as amended.

Pastor's Report	Fr. James
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- Lord, Renew Your Church Campaign - passed the 2 million mark. Currently at 66% of our goal. Held an initial campaign reception on April 7. Good conversations and reflection. Hosting a larger campaign reception on May 5 in the Courtyard. Will be concluding our 1:1 meetings and moving into our general, parish-wide reception on Sunday, May 18 to share campaign information and updates.
- Appointment of Trustees, effective March 1, 2025 - Jean Nickman, Treasurer, and Brian McCool, Secretary, have agreed to sign on for another two years as lay members and trustees of the Church of St. Odilia.
- Healing Mass on April 25 with Fr. Jim Livingston – opportunity for prayer, reflection and healing. Four priests will be attending, along with a prayer team. Bilingual confessions from 6-7pm. Mass at 7pm, followed by a time of healing prayer.

Finance Council	Amy L.
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- Motion: Finance Council recommends refinancing the mortgage (\$1.6M), payoff up to \$400k at a rate not to exceed 6%, 5-year balloon keeping similar payments that align with our operating budget.
- Parish Leadership Council – all in favor of motion.
- Additional Note: When available, the Finance Council will review term sheets for a final recommendation.
- February Statements were reviewed and approved by the Finance Council.

Administrative Report	Rick S.
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- Discernment of Parish Leadership – Ministry Area Councils will be hosting coffee and donuts on Sunday, May 4. Informational meeting in the courtyard after morning Masses, with MAC members available to share their knowledge and insights of being members on a council. Informal information sharing.
- Endowment Grant Requests – Reviewed and discussed endowment grant requests as presented on 2025 Endowment Grant Applications Report. All requests were previously reviewed by the Endowment Fund Committee. PLC members discussed prioritization and details of each request, honoring donor intent. Grant requests were either approved or deferred for future consideration. Total available funds: \$125,778. After

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discussion and discernment of each request, details on approvals will be shared with all councils. Funds will be used in the upcoming fiscal year; 2025-2026.

Faith Formation Council	Kat C.
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- 45 people will be receiving sacrament at the Easter Vigil.
- Need several new members to the council. Isabel has nominated several people, invite others who may be a good fit.
- Elementary Faith Formation: next year one adult per child will need to attend 4 sessions (Bible Study) or volunteer as a catechist, or assistant/helper. 2026-2027 will be increasing to 2x/month. Goals of increasing rigor, relations, and relevance.
- Youth Ministry – June 7 retreat has enough volunteers, need 30 for Aug 2-3 retreat. Looking for more kids and teens to sign up for Totus Tuus. Discussed ways of advertising, especially to teens.
- Adult Ministry – OCIA weekly group classes next cycle, possibly offering two times each week. Monthly young adult nights are going well.
- Discussed compiling documents of what each sacrament subcommittee has researched this year.

Pastoral Care Council	Karen H.
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- The knitting group made and donated 24 Baptismal Shawls and 15 Prayer Shawls.
- Discussed creating “Dignity Packages” for immigration detainees.
- Memory Care Mass had 35 attendees. We want to expand with seminars to support family and friends.
- Towels collect for Holy Thursday will be distributed to Catholic Charities first, then 5 other agencies.

Community Life Council	Paul M.
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- Hospitality by CLC after Masses on Sunday April 27, inform and promote work of the council, share mission, list of past yearly events. Information cards on tables in Courtyard.
- Rosary Walk May 18 after 9am Mass. Walking from church to Prayer Garden.

Latino Leadership Council	Maribel C.
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- Damasco Retreat for women was last month. Men’s retreat will be May 8-11, space for 36 men. Plan is to have 2 retreats for men/women each year. Next retreats: September for men, October for women.
- Will be looking for new couple to take over Rosary Prayer before Mass by July 1. Yearly rotation commitment.
- Planning on doing monthly retreat for church servants/volunteers.
- May 11 – retreat during catechesis classes for parents, opportunity to get involved.
- Other retreats: May 3 – First Communion student retreat, June 7 Confirmation retreat.

Social Justice Council	Beth A.
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- St. Peter Claver Annual Chicken Dinner Fundraiser May 18, 1:30-2:30 pm. Selling tickets in the Courtyard after 9am and 11am Mass May 11.
- REM Book Club will meet on May 19 at 7pm in Parish Conference Room. Book “*The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the present*” by Davide Treuer.
- We’re looking at new ideas under the principle of “Caring for God’s Creation”.

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Facilities Council	J. Brossart
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- Review and discussed the Endowment grant request. Approx. \$70K total.
- Update on Watershed District Project on the south side of campus. Planting and landscaping to be completed by August.
- Planning discussion – windows need to be replaced. Need to get pricing.
- Parking lot discussion – reviewed resurfacing. Discussed changing entrance/exit configuration.

(no meeting minutes from Worship and Stewardship Councils)

Next PLC Meeting: Tuesday, May 20 Evening of Discernment