

St. Odilia

Parish Leadership Council (PLC)

Meeting Minutes – 1/20/26

Council: PLC			
Date:	January 20, 2026	Time:	8:00 PM
Chair:	John Hunt	Location:	St. Monica Room

Meeting Participants Present

Beth Aune	Karen Henningsen	Fr. Michael Panka
John Brossart	John Hunt	Fr. Rask
Eileen Cardwell	Katie Kelly	Rick Storms
Eliezer De Jesus	Amy Lamb	Fr. Touchard
Cathy Garvey	Brian McCool	Kathy Wiggin
Jeff Gorzek	Jean Nickman	Amy Etten (Recorder)

Opening Prayer	All
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- Prayer led by John Brossart.
- November 18, 2025 meeting minutes approved (no meeting in December).

Pastor Report	Fr. Rask
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- Impressed as always with the leadership of the parish.
- Catholic Service Appeal yearly fundraising campaign will be kicking off again this month. St. Odilia met its CSA goal last year. Funds support parishes, schools and many Catholic ministries.

Administrative Update	Rick S.
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- Endowment grant requests: review and discussion of last year’s endowment grant request. The memo (handout from last year) includes numbers that are expected to be similar to this year’s for each council. The largest portion is always the undesignated amount, which is intentional.
- Capital Campaign update: preliminary projects include work on the chapel and enhancing the reconciliation room. Work within the church would be problematic, since we have weddings scheduled throughout the summer months. Church enhancements and work on the cafeteria will be looked at for summer of 2027.
- Critical Support Fund – the response for food and monetary donations has been great. Update from John B (met with Latino Ministry) people are living in fear, not leaving their homes, great need for prayer & emotional support in addition to food. We’re mobilizing volunteers to deliver food, household items, and volunteers trained to bring Communion.
- Discussion on whether we should host another Ministry Fair in the Courtyard: this approach may not be the best use of our time, as it has not proven effective in obtaining new members. Instead, a suggestion was made for each ministry council to sign up to host coffee & donuts on a particular Sunday. That Sunday would serve as a great opportunity to promote their own council.

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Ministry Area Council Updates

Facilities Council	John B.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed endowment grant request and possible suggestions. • Boiler Update: the burner (which is an important component of the boiler) needs to be replaced. Focused on the energy efficiency of the boilers. • Re-keying the facility may be an endowment request. Dovetails well with the current security concern. • Building assessment will allow us to get an organized look at the facility and determine area(s) of biggest risk. 	
Community Life Council	Karen H.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Adult Night scheduled for January 31, expecting 20 participants. • Lenten Service Event – March 8. Theme “Blessings”. • Hosting coffee and donuts on February 22 with the help of the Girl Scouts. 	
Pastoral Care	Eileen C.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trio of activities last week: Sarah’s Table, Memory Care Mass, and Brain Health & Dementia series. Turnout was great for all of them. Large number of online viewers for dementia series. • Sharing Tree received approx.\$20K in gift cards and an additional \$8K in cash contributions. • People involved in delivering food to immigrant/Latino families, exploring ways to ensure safety for the families. 	
School Advisory council	Katie K.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition update: increase in fees by \$25 = \$325 per family. 4.25% increase in tuition, now at \$7,220 per year. • Safety and Security survey had 50% response rate. Overwhelmingly positive feedback and helpful ideas. • Discussed ways to increase marketing, volunteerism and removing barriers to welcoming families from our Latino community. • Catholic School week begins Sunday, January 25 with Men’s Club Pancake Breakfast. 	
Social Justice Council	Beth A.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration 101 presentation March 3, 6-8:00 PM in the Courtyard. Immigration attorney (and school parent) on the council will facilitate the discussion. Purpose is to provide a clear, non-political overview of U.S. immigration law. • Racial Justice Ministry (RJM) book club will hold its 1st meeting of the new year in February. Theme for 2026: “The Church and Racism”. Current book is <i>Racial Justice and the Catholic Church</i> by Bryan N. Massingale. 	

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- Online course sponsored by the JustFaith called “*Faith and Immigration Justice*” has begun (January through early March) Five St. Odilia participants and six to seven people from other parishes.
- Racial Justice Ministry (RJM) will co-host a free presentation “*Community Conversations: Understanding Racism’s Past to Shape a Better Future*” February 12, in Lindstrom, presented by David Williard, Assoc Professor of History, University of St. Thomas.

Faith Formation	Jeff G.
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- Lenten Day of Reflection February 21. The Latino community will be hosting an event on the same day. Planning a combined/shared lunch in the Courtyard.
- Faith Formation increasing to twice a month for K-6th grade, matching the Confirmation program. Looking for catechists and speakers for the concurrent adult formation on additional nights. Other councils could take advantage of a captive audience (of parents) on Wednesday nights, if they host an event (on Wednesday evenings).
- Fundraising: Three-pronged plan to promote fundraising for 2026 projects; Totus Tuus and Youth Ministry Retreats. Spoke with Adel, Development Director. Will do direct asks of major donors, an envelope fundraiser and send letters.

Finance Council	Amy L.
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- Met in December to review school tuition increase.
- Met with Mike Fox, Facilities Manager, to learn about facility needs, approved a building assessment.
- Reviews and accepted the November financials.

Stewardship Council	Cathy G.
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- Discussed results of Stewardship Campaign.
- Discussed possible projects to prepare for Endowment grant requests.
- Year-end contribution statements were sent out today.
- Finalized 2026 Goals.

Worship Council	Kathy W.
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- Discussed grant money ideas. Last year we were too specific on our grant request, resulting in the money going back to the Endowment Fund.

Latino Leadership Council	
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Not present

Closing prayer by Fr. Michael Panka

Opening prayer for February PLC meeting: Jeff Gorzek