

**MINUTES for PPC MEETING: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Members Present:** Bridget Kenny, Mary-Lou Veeken, Sue Szojka, Aoife Cahill, Ron Ross, Rod Randolph, Allan Piedra, Wally Sagansky, and Helen Doyle. **Regrets:** Father Jim, Deacon Lynn, Uduak Akpan, Natalie Lavigne and Lindsay Lott

<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>LEADER</u></b>	<b><u>REF#</u></b>
1. Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection	Rod	<u>1</u>
2. Review and Approval of <b>Agenda</b> : the agenda was approved as distributed	Bridget	<u>2</u>
3. Review and approval of <b>Minutes</b> : The minutes were approved as distributed	Bridget	<u>3</u>
4. <b>Pastor's Opening Comments</b> : Nil report as Father Jim was away	Bridget	<u>4</u>
<p>5. <b>Ministry Liaison: What have you heard?</b>                      Bridget advised that she contacted the Jets and they have no concerns; Mary-Lou contacted the Alpha Program-and was advised that Jerry Heck is planning a video presentation of the book-The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are expanding and they need more space and there are no issues with the Clothing Nook.</p> <p>A) <b>All Others: N/A</b>                      B) <b>Correspondence:</b> E-mail from Natalie advising that there will be no evening Mass on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the installation of Archbishop Stephen Hero at the Basilica on that date; OLPH will host a livestream of the event here and all parishioners are welcome to attend.</p>	Bridget Mary-Lou  Bridget	<u>5</u>
<p>6. <b>Action items</b>                      a) What has been completed? 1 item on the list has been completed and will be deleted; the remaining 3 items will remain on the list.</p>	Bridget	<u>6</u>
<p>7. <b>Generative Discussion: What actions can we take as a Parish community to assist elderly parishioners who have mobility challenges to participate in Masses and other OLPH activities?</b>                      Bridget advised that Strathcona County Transit operates a Mobility Bus for a fee during the week and on weekends; rides must be booked in advance and further info is available at the Bethel Transit Station and/or online; financial assistance may be available from the county. It was recommended that we determine the need at OLPH and formulate a plan, in consultation with Father Jim.                      Bridget also checked into parishioners receiving Communion at home if they are not able to attend Masses; there is a course for Eucharistic Ministers-next one is in Leduc in April; more information will be available at the next meeting; we need to ensure that the Bulletin is available at Seniors' homes so they can indicate if they need a ride and/or Communion at the residence. It was pointed out that residents of care homes already receive Communion if they are not able to attend Masses, and a high level of security is required for taking Communion to seniors. Maybe sign-up genius could be used to recruit volunteers for this initiative, and for the transportation to/from Masses. Give any ideas you have re this to Father Jim, Uduak and Bridget.</p>	Bridget	<u>7</u>
<p>8. <b>New Business:</b>                      a) <b>Simbang Gabi:</b> Allan advised that attendance at those Masses doubled from last year, with 200-400 attending every day; some attendees indicated an interest in joining ministries and attending Couples for Christ.                      b) <b>Christmas Masses:</b> Sue advised that all Masses were well-attended, and most ministries were filled; give any feedback you have to Sue.</p>	Allan  Sue	<u>8</u>

<p><b>c) Archbishop Hero's Installation Mass:</b> Will be at the Basilica on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and by invitation only; parishioners can watch here on live-stream, if they wish; there will also be a Solemn Vespers service at Santa Maria Goretti church on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5PM, and attendance is welcome.</p> <p><b>d) Church Renovations:</b> Ron advised that progress is on schedule, and adjustments are made to accommodate weekday Masses downstairs.</p> <p><b>e) Parish Census:</b> Nil report</p> <p><b>f) OLPH Youth:</b> Sue advised that the group meets once a month after the Friday evening Mass and this week will have information on vocations to the Religious life, followed by pizza; approximately 25-30 youth attend; it was recommended that OLPH could pay for the pizza for those evenings, as it can be costly for the organizers; this will be discussed with Father Jim.</p>	<p>Bridget</p> <p>Ron</p> <p>Bridget</p> <p>Sue</p>	
<p><b>9. Standing Reports:</b></p> <p><b>a) CWL:</b> Mary-Lou advised that: the annual general meeting was held on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, with budget and elections for 2026/27-Anita Volk is the new President, Masses with CWL intentions and Holy Hour will be on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, with intentions for Dolly Isinger and Francis Bohme-honor guards were provided for both funerals, 12 greeting cards were sent to members in Nov. for events of note, plus 35 Christmas cards and 3 Masses were offered.</p> <p><b>Upcoming CWL Events:</b></p> <p>CWL and K of C will provide lunch for the Elevate Youth Conference on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, will provide hospitality at Pastoral Priorities Sunday-at 7PM on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, Midwinter workshops at St. Vital in Beaumont on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, and a Lenten Retreat on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, with Sandra Prather-Called to be a s Saint-I don't think so!</p> <p><b>PPC Queries:</b></p> <p>Can OLPH work on some garbage reduction initiatives? e.g.clear garbage bags, smaller garbage cans with smaller bags, and work on recycling and composting; it was recommended that CWL do some research on the cost of recycling and what items can be composted. The office could also help with this.</p> <p>Main bathroom downstairs is not accessible for a wheelchair and/or a walker: it was recommended that this issue be reported to the maintenance committee; Bridget will call the office to see what can be done.</p> <p><b>b) Knights of Columbus:</b> Wally advised that: K of C sold raffle tickets in Nov. and Dec. with donations made to a band trip for a school, and to Catholic Social Services, Valentine's dinner and dance on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, Pancake breakfast on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, a free throw basketball event in the spring, and a membership drive on the weekend of Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. Wally suggested that K of C could assist with the cost of pizza for the youth nights.</p> <p><b>c) Liturgy:</b> Sue advised that: Liturgical Ministers shared their ministry updates at the recent meeting, including new albs for senior altar servers and new crosses for junior altar servers, ideas for updated emergency procedures and digital ways of training volunteers, Liturgical Ministry Protocol Documents will be added to the OLPH website for ease of reference, recruitment information was included in the Christmas Bulletin, and feedback is welcomed from the Christmas and New year's Masses.</p> <p><b>d) Finance/Parish Business Report:</b> Ron advised that: \$19,680 of the PSG funds has been allocated, Together We Serve total at the end of Nov. was \$124,750, our income numbers continue to exceed expenses, Bridget Francisco is our new business coordinator, work on the nave project is going well, work is continuing on the replacement of the control system, and the year-end report should be available in March.</p>	<p>Mary-Lou</p> <p>Wally</p> <p>Sue</p> <p>Ron</p>	<p>2</p>

<p><b>e). Parish Team Update: Parish School Relations: 1 and 2:</b> Natalie advised that: Father Jim is away for the month of Jan, we have visiting priests for daily Masses, Deacon Lynn has visited 2 schools and is covering the care homes, school Advent celebrations went smoothly in Dec., and working on plans for Ash Wednesday Masses to ensure that all schools are accommodated.</p>	Natalie	
<p><b>3) Sacraments and Funerals:</b> 35 children are registered for First Reconciliation-Feb. 7th and First Holy Communion-March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Confirmation preparation classes will start on Feb., with 35 youth registered, and Confirmation Mass scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 107 children were baptized in 2025, 42 couples were supported preparing for marriage/con-validation, 28 weddings were held, and 62 funerals.</p>	Natalie	
<p><b>4) Youth Ministry:</b> The youth group served in Mass ministries on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and had a social downstairs after, need volunteers for the Teen zone at the potluck on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, and at the Elevate Conference on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>; it was recommended that parents of participating youth be approached to assist, and to ensure that the sign-up for assistance is available via sign-up genius.</p>	Natalie	
<p><b>5) Other Parish Activities/Events/News:</b> Construction in the Nave will be paused the week of Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> due to Ash Wednesday Masses and funerals.</p>	Bridget	
<p><b>f) Pastoral Priorities Plan:</b> Nil Report</p>	Bridget	
<p><b>g) Other Business:</b> N/A</p>	Bridget	
<p><b>10. Wrap-up:</b></p>	All	<u>10</u>
<p><b>a) Challenges and Blessings:</b></p>	Bridget	
<p><b>b) Next PPC Meeting: February 11th, 2026-6:30PM</b></p>	Allan	
<p><b>c) Closing Prayer:</b></p>	Bridget	
<p><b>d) Adjournment-meeting adjourned at 8:30PM</b></p>		

### ACTION ITEMS

Date	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Date Completed	Comments
October 8th, 2025	Review the Constitution and bring comments to PPC	All	April, 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Look for opportunities to be a Compassionate Parish	All	Continuing			
January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Do some research into cost of recycling and opportunities for composting	Mary-Lou and CWL	February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Include discussion re Legion of Mary in Feb. agenda	Uduak	Feb. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Check with Father Jim re cost of pizza on youth nights	Bridget	February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Put a note in the Bulletin re need for transportation to/from weekend Masses and Communion to homes	Natalie	February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
January 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Ask volunteers to bring food for Hospitality Sun.	Liturgy Committee	February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Call office re accessibility of ladies' washroom downstairs	Bridget	February 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			

