

**MINUTES for PPC MEETING: May 13th, 2026**

**Members Present:** Uduak Akpan, Mary-Lou Veecken, Wally Sagansky, Bridget Kenny, Rita Sandmaier, Natalie Lavigne, Rod Randolph, Ron Ross and Helen Doyle.

**Regrets:** Father Jim, Father Michael, Aiofe Cahill, and Deacon Lynn,

**AGENDA ITEM**

**LEADER**

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<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>LEADER</u></b>	<b><u>REF#</u></b>
1. Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection	Wally	<u>1</u>
2. Review and Approval of <b>Agenda:</b> the agenda was amended by adding under New Business #8-Pastoral to #d and adding #h-Communion for shut-ins-amended agenda approved	Uduak	<u>2</u>
3. Review and approval of <b>Minutes:</b> The minutes were amended by changing Gift in #5-Ministry Liaison to GIFT in both places-approved as amended	Uduak	<u>3</u>
4. <b>Pastor's Opening Comments:</b> No comments as Father Jim was away	Uduak	<u>4</u>
5. <b>Ministry Liaison: What have you heard?</b> Bridget advised that the flowers in front of the church will be enhanced by a parishioner and the summer students will maintain them. Uduak advised that Archbishop Stephen Hero recently presided over the Confirmation ceremony here and it was a wonderful event. Natalie advised that Father Jim recently shared info with Father Robert Lee from Red Deer about our systems, Parish Pastoral Council, school meetings and Liturgy protocols-our parish can be a role model for a new priest.. a) <b>All Others:</b> N/A b) <b>Correspondence:</b> Uduak advised that a friend saw her at Mass and came here to attend Mass with her	Bridget  Uduak  Natalie  Uduak  Uduak	<u>5</u>
6. <b>Action items</b> a) What has been completed? 1 item on the list has been completed and will be deleted; b) the remaining 5 items will remain on the list, with date changes.	Uduak	<u>6</u>
7. <b>Generative Discussion: How can we increase membership in our Ministries, e.g. CWL, K of C, Greeters, Ushers, Lectors and Choir?</b> All agreed that the most effective way was to reach out to people in person, and encourage them to use their skills and abilities to further God's work, also offer to take a person to a meeting so they are aware of what's involved and revive the Ministry Drive in the fall. Our Ecumenical Mission is October 4 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> and will feature the theme of hospitality; current members should be good examples and role models for prospective members.	Uduak	<u>7</u>
8. <b>New Business:</b> a) <b>Welcome-Father Michael:</b> Father was absent due to the Priest's Assembly in Red Deer. b) <b>Catholic Education Week:</b> The week is being celebrated the week of May 9 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> ; May 14 <sup>th</sup> is World Catholic Education Day; the celebratory Mass was on May 9 <sup>th</sup> and different schools assisted with the ministries; a video of activities in the schools was shown at all Masses on the weekend; Uduak and Wally shared their experience with Catholic Education in their schools. c) <b>March for Life:</b> This event will be held on May 14 <sup>th</sup> in the downtown area, starting with Mass at the Basilica and ending with a dinner at the Polish Hall. d) <b>Pastoral Priority Sunday:</b> Uduak advised that only a few people attended adoration on the afternoon of May 10 <sup>th</sup> , mainly due to being held on Mother's Day. e) <b>Conversation Café:</b> Amanda Achtman was the guest speaker here recently and several people from other parishes also attended. f) <b>Reverse Collection:</b> Very successful results and the sea can was painted by youth, with a beautiful message for the people of Paulatuk. g) <b>Spring Tour Concert:</b> Held here on April 27 <sup>th</sup> , with an alumni group from U of A, including Father Warren Schmidt	Uduak  Natalie  Uduak  Uduak  Uduak  Natalie  Natalie	<u>8</u>

<p><b>h) Communion for shut-ins:</b> Bridget advised that she attended the recent workshop in Leduc, and we could initiate the program here; contact Bridget if you're interested in assisting.</p> <p><b>9. Standing Reports:</b></p> <p><b>a) CWL:</b> Mary-Lou advised that: the CWL hosted Masses with CWL intentions and Holy Hour on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 members and Father Jim attended the Diocesan Convention in St. Albert on April 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Strawberry Tea and Fashion Show held on May 1<sup>st</sup> was very successful, 2 thank-you cards were sent in April and 3 Masses were said.</p> <p><b>Upcoming CWL Events: May/June 2026</b></p> <p>Executive meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the General meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, with guest speaker, Denis Beaudry from Seniors United Now-we hope to have a senior's hub in Sherwood Park soon, 12 hours of prayer for Palliative Care on May 20<sup>th</sup>, will host Pastoral Priorities Sunday after the 7PM Mass on June 7<sup>th</sup>, Masses with CWL intentions and host Holy Hour on May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>, CWL ABMK Provincial Convention at Whitecourt on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, executive meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> and year-end wind-up and service awards on June 8<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Bridget</p> <p>Mary-Lou</p>	<p>9</p>
<p><b>Ministry Liaison:</b> Alpha Program-there will be a post-Easter program on "Seven Pillars" from April 23<sup>rd</sup>-May 28<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>PPC Queries:</b> Thanks to the maintenance committee for much improved lighting in the foyer stairwell</p> <p><b>b) Knights of Columbus:</b> Wally advised that: they have ordered new donation baskets for the church, April pancake breakfast broke all attendance records, and over 200 attended the Mother's Day breakfast, will donate \$50,000 over 4 years to Sherwood Care for a Hospice Palliative Care Unit, Council representatives attended the State Convention on Apr 24<sup>th</sup>, attended the Silver Rose Service in Fort Sask.on Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, and exemplification of 9 new members took place on Apr 19<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Future Events:</b> Installation of new officers on June 16<sup>th</sup>, Food Bank Drive to be held in June, year-end barbecue at the end of June, Fundraising sessions will be held to increase charitable donations, and March for Life will be attended on May 14<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Wally</p> <p>Rita</p> <p>Ron</p>	
<p><b>c) Liturgy:</b> Rita advised that: a group of ushers participated in the Cardiac Crash course through the County, a similar course is planned for future, Mass and service protocols for Holy Week were reviewed and revisions recommended for 2027, all members will consider participating in the GIFT programs, working with the Archdiocese IT support and the Grateful Gathering for all parish groups is slated for June 9<sup>th</sup>. It was recommended that ushers should be aware of the location of the AED device, and check to see if anyone is remaining in the pews after Mass.</p> <p><b>d) Finance/Parish Business Report:</b> Ron advised that: Karen Antoniuk is a new member of the council, will be hiring 2 part-time office staff soon, received approval for the Canada Summer Jobs Program and will be hiring 4 students, work on the Nave is completed, and currently getting quotes to clean the air vents, work will start soon on replacement of the controls for the mechanical system, carpet in front of the office will be replaced, options to replace the lighting in the parish hall are being investigated, the storage rooms were cleaned out and surplus items donated, and an update was presented on the Parish Sacrificial Giving Program. It was moved by Rod and seconded that OLPH continue with 2% of our ordinary receipts for 2026; Mary-Lou moved that we amend the motion by increasing the amount to 3% of ordinary receipts; amendment was defeated, and the decision was to table the motion until June when Father Jim will be present.</p> <p><b>e). Parish Team Update: Parish School Relations: 1 and 2:</b> Natalie advised that: new weekend staff have been hired, and interviews for the summer student positions are in progress, May 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> is Catholic Education Week-</p>	<p>Natalie</p>	

<p>celebration was on May 9<sup>th</sup> for all schools, EICS provided hospitality after the 5PM Mass on May 9<sup>th</sup>, Catholic Education was included in the prayers at all weekend Masses, names of EICS grade 12 graduates will be distributed in June so parishioners can pray for them; it was recommended that we be given full names,</p> <p><b>3) Sacraments:</b> Archbishop Hero presided over the Confirmation Mass on May 3<sup>rd</sup>-keep the 54 confirmed youth in your prayers, there are 55 children preparing for First Reconciliation, and they will soon be preparing for First Holy Communion.</p> <p><b>4) Youth Ministry:</b> The youth group met recently for pizza and games and were taught how to make knotted-cord rosaries-a world youth day souvenir. Youth members and ABJ students painted a mural on the sea can for our Northern project in Paulatuk; they were assisted by Felix David and his daughter. We're using flocknote to offer registration for Vacation Bible Camp.</p> <p><b>5) Other Parish Activities/Events/News:</b> Activation Week for the Hope and Dignity initiative was very successful, face-to-face ministries will be held later in the summer, and a youth leadership camp is planned for the summer.</p> <p><b>f) Pastoral Priorities Report:</b> Rita advised that: discussions continue on making OLPH the most welcoming parish in the Archdiocese, the development of a sacramental card was discussed to mark milestones in our faith journey, e.g. receipt of sacraments, the cards would feature student artwork, a biblical passage, a short message, parish info, and invitations for next steps, and would be signed by the Pastor. The growth of the Greeters Ministry was a prime area for discussion, and protocols and supports for volunteers are being considered; this could enhance the hospitality and welcome within the parish community. Also, still working on a prayer book, and hope to have it available soon.</p> <p><b>g) Other Business: N/A</b></p> <p><b>10: Wrap-up</b></p> <p><b>a) Challenges and Blessings:</b></p> <p><b>b) Next PPC Meeting: June 10th, 2026-6:30PM</b></p> <p><b>c) Closing Prayer:</b></p> <p><b>d) Adjournment-meeting adjourned at 8:45PM</b></p>	Natalie	
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**ACTION ITEMS**

Date	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Date Completed	Comments
October 8th, 2025	Review the Constitution and bring comments to PPC	Committee	June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Look for opportunities to be a Compassionate Parish	All	Continuing			
March 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Include info in the Bulletin re parishioners to drive seniors to/from Masses	Natalie	June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Check to see if the office has a diabetic kit and a menstrual kit	Mary-Lou	June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Ask other groups to assist with the Sanctuary of Peace lunch in Sept. 2026	Natalie	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026			
Feb. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Send info re garbage to Bridget Francisco in office	Mary-Lou	June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			
May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Check legality of giving full names of grade 12 grads to pray for	Natalie	June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026			

