

St. Gabriel Faith Formation Commission

Thursday September 22, 2022

Present: Bob Kreuser, Don Berghammer, Larry Bannister, Lea Rosenberg, Bonnie Schoofs, & Gerry Wolf

Next Meeting: November 30th @ 6:30pm

Please read Chapter 3-5 of the book Made for Mission

- I. Bonnie began with opening prayer
- II. Parish Council Information shared by Larry
 - a. Larry plans to invite the Parish Council members personally to consider joining a Reach More training beginning in January. He cannot make the next Council meeting on Nov. 8th, so Gerry will represent the Commission.
- III. Child Ministry Update
 - a. Bonnie greeted and met with the father of a new family in our CF program last week. They have 3 children, aged K, 2nd grade & 4th grade all of whom will be in our program.
 - i. The 2nd grader and 4th grader are both preparing for 1st Communion.
 - b. We now have about 115 students in CGS.
 - i. Level 2/ Level 3 prep development is ongoing, but Bonnie is going to need more help to facilitate effectively.
 - c. There are no classes on the weekend of Oct. 29th/30th, but Bonnie encouraged all of the children and families to attend Mass for All Saints Day.
- IV. Youth Ministry Update
 - a. Classes are in full swing. Current enrollment is below:
 - i. Middle School – 25
 - ii. High School – 36
 - iii. Confirmation - 31
 - b. Confirmation
 - i. Spent time talking about necessary changes in the Confirmation program. We have a lot of students who register only for Confirmation. It is clear that they are not formed or well prepared to receive the Sacrament.
 - ii. Action Item for Lea – Created standards for St. Gabriel parish for our Confirmation candidates.
 - c. Nativity Walk
 - i. Will be offered to all Parish members on December 3rd
 - d. Mom's Group Update
 - i. The group as a whole is on a break. Plan to revisit in December/January
 - ii. Was approached by a mom to offer Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Gabriel. We are planning to do so in summer of 2022.
- V. Adult Ministry Update

- a. RCIA – one catechumen at this time, Adrianna Purvis, participating in Youth Confirmation and RCIA simultaneously. Will have Rite of Welcoming at the 4:30 Mass on Nov. 12th, with Confirmation class present. Fr. Tim has approved reception of sacraments, Baptism and 1st Eucharist at Easter, Confirmation with her class in May, not the usual order, but a pastoral alternative.
- b. Men’s Ministry/TMIY – TMIY ongoing with a few new members in the morning session, average attendance for both groups 20-25 men.
 - i. Men of Christ Conference scheduled for Saturday, March 11th. Fr. Tim has agreed to celebrate 8 am Mass to start the day.
- c. FORMED
 - i. 230 people from the parish logged onto FORMED
 - ii. Planning to lead a session via ZOOM for members of our parish – hoping to catch more people.
 - 1. This session will use The Search.
- d. Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help
 - i. Had 44 people in attendance. This includes people from neighboring parishes – St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Kilian, & St. Peter
 - ii. This will be offered every year in October and May.
 - iii. Next one scheduled for May 13th
- e. Parish Mission scheduled for March 19th, 20th, 21st, & 22nd
 - i. Kick off with Exalt on the 19th
 - ii. 20th & 21st: Catholic Ecology Center to be the presenters: How to live life that cares for all of creation with fasting, almsgiving & prayer.
 - iii. Conclude with Reconciliation on March 22nd

VI. Small Groups

- a. EC Small Groups Huddle
 - i. 6 Active Groups – Steve & Christ Wright, Larry Bannister, Jill Sheehan, Bonnie Schoofs, Tina Strub, & Mary Pat Jacoby
 - ii. Would like to see a more active interface from Fr. Tim. Inviting him to visit small groups possibly give a blessing.
 - iii. Need supplies and updated materials
 - iv. The group expressed the need for more huddles.
 - v. Plan to get the word out in the bulletin with the current groups being listed. Let people know there is room in the groups.
 - vi. There is a need for expectant and young mother small groups – this was brought up a few times.
- b. Reach More Program
 - i. Packaged program by Evangelical Catholic
 - ii. Focuses on reaching more people through intimacy & faith
 - iii. Start with their program with added inserts about Eucharistic Revival
 - iv. Training to be launched in January
- c. Thoughtful Thursdays: consistent group & is going well

- VII. Discussion on Made for Mission by Tim Glemkowski
- VIII. Closed in Prayer