

## **OLL Faith Formation & Evangelization Committee - Minutes**

February 20, 2023, 6:00 pm, Random Lake

### **Cluster Mission Statement**

*Divine Savior and Our Lady of the Lakes, under the intercession of Mary Mother of the Church, is a Christ-centered family. Nourished by the Sacraments, we aspire to grow in our discipleship, build God's Kingdom and be Christ's presence to all we encounter.*

**Present:** Mady Bemis, Matthew & Sara Boeck, Kati Dimmer, Leon Jacoby, Jim & Bonnie Steffen, Antonette Zellmer

**Absent:**, Ed Ritger, Rose Vander Velden

**Opening Prayer:** Hail Mary...

**Approve minutes** from November 14th, 2022 - Approved

### **Old Business:**

- Catholic Playgroup begins Wednesday 4/12, 8-9:30 AM for kids ages 3-5.
  - Possible suggestion from the committee is to have older kids help run it, or have open-gym for some of them available, in an attempt to get families with kids outside this range to attend.
- Knights of Columbus Brochures for in the back of church.

### **New Business:**

- A topic came up regarding a requirement for parents who send their children to the school or CCD to also attend weekly mass. It was mentioned that several other churches in the area do this by requiring the parents to sign and acknowledge something every year that a requirement of sending their child is also weekly mass. By doing this, we may increase weekly mass attendance while also furthering faith formation.
- Regarding the distribution of Bibles to students, it was also suggested to provide a Catechism. Perhaps a version of the Catechism that is small, easy to read and has pictures, like the Baltimore Catechism.
  - Terri supports this and would like to involve the committee and catechists going forward, perhaps aiming for a spring order in prep for next years classes to be handed out in the fall.

### **Reports:**

#### **1. Lenten Service Project**

- a. During the season of Lent, the Faith Formation program and DSCS will be collaborating on a project called the "Undie 500" to collect undergarments for House of Peace in Milwaukee.

#### **2. Child Formation**

- a. The second Family Faith Event went well, but wasn't well attended.

- b. Bread Day Retreat for First Communicants and their families will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at DSCS. Requesting volunteers.
- c. The 1<sup>st</sup> VBS planning meeting will be held on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> at OLL Parish Center. This year's VBS will be held at OLL the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> from 9am-noon and will be a "space" theme.

### **3. Teen Formation**

- a. The next Family Formation Days will be on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross following the 10am Mass until noon and will focused on the purpose of sacrificing and fasting during Lent.
- b. The last Family Formation Day will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and we will do another escape room style activity centering on "Escaping the tomb".
- c. Mission trip update: We have 11 students (9 boys and 2 girls) and 3 chaperones (2 female and 1 male). We do need one more male chaperone to attend. The next mission trip meeting is on March 5<sup>th</sup>- immediately following the Family Formation Day at Holy Cross. We will also be holding a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Catholic Order of Foresters on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross and a stock sale at all Masses the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **4. Adult Formation**

- a. Lenten Series is Mar. 7, 14, 21. 6 pm Mass, 6:30 pm Soup meal, 7 pm presentation. Fr. Steve Lampe will present on the Resurrection Narratives. The Parish Councils will provide the Soups and bread. Please encourage everyone to attend.
- b. In conjunction with the RL Ecumenical Group, we will once again be participating in the Wednesday night Lenten Prayer services beginning the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. Please see the bulletin for details.
- c. We have 2 adults preparing to become Catholic at the Easter Vigil and another 2 who will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil.
- d. Our Scripture study is growing. We have 2 new members in the past two months.
- e. Our cluster has received a \$9000 grant from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Faith In Our Future Fund to help educate our parishioners on the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the importance of attending Mass. We are calling this initiative "Formed by Faith, Fed by the Eucharist".

#### **Proposed next meeting:**

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 6PM.

#### **Anything else?**

**Closing Prayer:** Hail Mary...