

OLL Faith Formation & Evangelization Committee - Agenda

August 22, 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: Matthew Boeck, Kati Dimmer, Leon Jacoby, Amy Schmitt, Jim Steffen

Opening Prayer: Hail Mary...

Approve minutes from May 15th, 2023

Old Business:

1. There was no outstanding business from the May 15th meeting.

New Business:

1. Welcome Amy Schmit as Pastoral Council Liaison.
2. Update on "Jesus and the Eucharist" from the National Eucharistic Revival - Kati
 - a. The Eucharistic Revival Committee is seeking more members.
 - b. There is a 7 part video series with printouts, the first part was just released (more info to come). All 7 are scheduled to be released by the end of October.
 - c. The Family of Faith group will not go through this material so as to avoid redundant material among multiple committees.
3. Proposed prayer card and brochure distribution area, across from bathrooms in the center foyer, proposed by Madelene, everybody supports the idea.
4. Leon suggested lining up a priest for when Father Pat retires, who can visit the classrooms with the students.
 - a. Leon also suggested lining up VBS volunteers for future VBS events.
5. Faith Formation & Evangelization Chairperson
 - a. We are seeking a new Chairperson of the FFEv Committee. One suggestion discussed was to make the meeting more centered around catechists, as it was in the past. In lieu of not having a volunteer Chairperson, Matt will have conversations with Deb, Terri and Peter to discuss proper form of this committee and how to get more actionable items to Terri specifically, perhaps more heavily integrated with catechists. As a result, a future committee meeting date will not be set at this time but will likely be around the January timeframe after consulting with the pastoral council.
6. Discussion around reading and discussing *A Biblical Walk Through The Mass*.
 - a. Suggestion is to begin reading the book and look for ways to incorporate elements into our committee mission.
 - b. Further information will be released regarding targeted timeline of completion.
 - c. Terri plans to incorporate elements of The Eucharistic Revival into some of the Faith Formation classes. Further information will be coming on this.

Reports:

1. Faith Formation

- a. Classes begin on September 13th for 7th-Confirmation. First class is a parent/child class, and there will be two others like this in the future (11/8 and 3/20). Tim Van Vooren will come to talk at the second class about how to balance faith life with busy schedules.
- b. K5-6th classes start on September 20th. This will also be a parent/child class, and there will be two more in the future. The second parent/child will be combined with the older students to listen to Tim's presentation. There will be thanksgiving activities for the younger students. The third parent/child class will be 3/13.
- c. Terri is seeking an aide to help out in the K5-1st grade CCD class.
- d. The theme for Faith Formation is "walking through Christ's life through the eyes of Mary". Each prayer service will highlight one of Jesus' life events that are a focus on a decade of the rosary and how it applies to our life today.
- e. The NET Retreat is 10/22 and will start with the 8:15 Mass, then retreat at 9:30am until 4pm for grades 7-10.
- f. Deacon Al will come 3 times (10/4, 1/10, 4/10) to do exposition of the Eucharist for the older students, and then the last 15 minutes will return to the chapel for benediction. This will also happen on 11/15 and 2/21 for the younger students.
- g. Confession dates are TBD for all students.
- h. First reconciliation is December 9th at 3pm at Holy Cross.
- i. The bibles purchased last year for the middle and high school students will be handed out the 2nd day of classes, 9/20.

2. Adult Formation / Other Updates

- a. **Baptism Prep:** Several Baptisms in the past three months.
- b. **Formed in Faith, Fed by the Eucharist:** This is the \$9,000 grant that covers FORMED and *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* by Dr. Edward Sri. Goal of this is to educate parishioners on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and try to get more folks to return to Mass. Asking committee members to read the book in the next year and then return to the Parish Office when complete.
 - i. We will also have video sessions and discussion groups based on the book offered in our cluster parishes.
 - ii. There will be a number of speakers throughout the year on the topics relating to the Eucharist. This includes the Random Lake Ecumenical Fall Workshop in October.
 1. Dr. Dan Scholz (former president of Cardinal Stritch) - 10/5 and 10/19 (topic: bread in the Old Testament) at OLL.

Proposed next meeting:

To be determined, pending volunteer Chairperson and conversation with Deb/Terri/Peter.

Anything else?

Closing Prayer: Hail Mary...