

Adult Faith Formation Minutes from 12/10/2019 meeting

Attending- Mark Kunstman, Sharon Brabson, Jan Liss

Opening- Opened with a reading on John the Baptist, discussion and prayer

Review of last month's minutes

Prayer Partners Sharon is now aware of 6 prayer partners, and she has asked Father Dave to email her the list of partners that he has.

7 Advent Awakening small groups (Lynn P, Becky, Doug and Dixie, Mark, Heather, Andrea and Sharon) were formed, which is a record number and record number of participants.

Jan talked with Nino from FC Grill, and though he was willing to work with us, that facility would not be adequate for holding Alpha sessions.

Jan has received the **mass video from Word on Fire**, to be used at the upcoming monthly (Alpha) breakfast potlucks. Sharon now has the video.

After discussion with Fr Tom, Lorie, Kevin and Katrina Mark has ordered/received the 500 copies of **Rediscover the Saints to be gifted** on Christmas eve/day. There are ample parish "values" bookmarks to include.

After consulting with Paul Liss, Sharon has drafted a **letter regarding efforts on our value of "prayer"** and encouraging prayer at the Wednesday Holy Half Hours that will go to the Pastoral Council members after Christmas

Alpha

Linda Cummer was invited to our meeting to discuss the potential of a combined parent and older Youth FF Alpha series. She discouraged this idea based on her many, many fruitless attempts to involve parents in the FF program. Linda shared that the 8th grade will begin the Youth FF series in January. Prior to our next Alpha we will ask Linda for names of promising parents for attending Alpha. Mark suggested it may be worth exploring holding Youth FF and/or Alpha at the CYE campus.

Sharon and Jan did not attend the diocese Alpha workshop due to poor weather forecasted. Jan reviewed the outline for the workshop and also the book "Unlocking Your Parish" by Fr Mallon and Ron Huntley. Discussed the many improvements needed to the parish Alpha program (prayer teams, Alpha leadership pipeline, attracting younger participants area few). Continued to discuss the need to think outside the box with planning the next Alpha series. Agreed that we should explore changes to the current Alpha program prior to offering the next Alpha series. **Mark and Sharon will read "Unlocking Your Parish" and Jan will read "Divine Renovation" prior to our next meeting.** Decided that the Alpha Potlucks will not be promoted as Alpha events, in an attempt to pull in more participants with the thought that possibly parishioners relationship with

Jesus can be increased through one-time events, and then eventually being more receptive to the Alpha series.

Alpha Reunion Potluck's

Next potluck is Saturday morning, Jan. 11, 9-10:30am at SB. We will begin the Mass video from Word on Fire (there are six 24 minute parts to the CD). Sharon will place announcement and bulletin article Jan 4-5; this will be promoted as a general event, not an Alpha event. Jan will email the Alpha alumni group.

Christmas gift to parish

Mark will draft a Christmas greeting to be included in each **Rediscover the Saints** book and update Fr Tom and staff of the need to get books delivered to each site. Sharon, Mark and Jan will meet Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 10AM at SB to ready the books for distribution. Since the meeting we have heard from Katrina that our committee will be responsible for handing out the books at each site; we will recruit distributors at the Leadership Christmas party and from lector's and EM's at the Christmas Eve services.

Will hold this book discussions as follows: Sharon- Wed., Jan 15 at 9AM at EH; Jan- Tues. Jan. 21 at 1PM at BH; Mark- Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6PM at SB. This info will be included on the Christmas message.

Sharon will promote in the bulletin. Jan will place announcements.

Creation Care Mission has asked to wait until our next meeting to present.

Next meeting- is Tuesday, January 14 at 3PM in Sister Bay.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Liss 1/11/19