

Adult Faith Formation Minutes from 4/21/2020 meeting

Attending- Mark Kunstman, Sharon Brabson, Heather Andersen, Mike Reisenauer, Jan Liss

Opening- Opened with prayer and discussion of how we are managing, coping, growing spiritually and reaching out during the social distancing required by the pandemic. We agreed that reaching out to those members at risk on a personal level is important

Review of Lenten Small Groups-There were 4 groups which ran for 3 weeks before the pandemic cut them short. Good feedback was received about the books. Would be helpful to get groups in place and books ordered a bit earlier next year. Heather viewed youtubes of Fr. Rich of St Joan of Arc Parish called Living Lent, which were excellent; she will check into to see if material might be available to use next year.

Online Alpha- With social distancing continuing for possibly another month, agreed to see if there is interest in running an Alpha online, targeting those who had signed up last fall when the series was cancelled due to lack of consistent weekly numbers. We could also invite pastoral council members who have not yet done alpha. By meeting twice weekly the series could be completed in 5 weeks. Recommend running Thursday and Sunday evening, viewing video at 7:00 PM followed by an online Zoom chat. Jan will draft an email invitation.

Alpha Potlucks- Future dates are May 16, June 13, July 11 and August 8. July 11 would meet at BH, others would take place at SB. Will continue viewing the Mass video from Word on Fire.

Future Alpha series- At an earlier meeting we had discussed there may be a need to increase parishioner's sense of belonging and feeling engaged in the parish before being comfortable to commit to the Alpha series. To aid in this, discussed that the krygma should be a regular item in the bulletin with very succinct, brief wording. Sharon will write a few bulletin entries. Another idea is having printed prayer cards of St Michael's prayer readily available in the pews.

New Member Welcome- Pastoral Council asked our committee to host welcome socials for new members. Will plan one for Sunday, June 28 following 10AM mass. Would have parish committees represented to speak briefly about their groups. Sharon will get names of new members in last two years.

Pandemic related Church bells/chimes should ring at 7PM each night followed by some music to support health care and front-line service workers. Mark will suggest this at Pastoral Council this afternoon.

The parish operations plan in the midst of parish closure was explained. Katrina has been doing a phenomenal work on keeping in touch with email broadcasts of homilies and services. Kevin is doing a great job updating parish website to offer many opportunities to connect.

When parish's reopen – If hand shaking at the sign of peace will not be allowed instead a person could exchange names with someone near them at the peace offering, offer to pray for them the next week and ask if there were any specific things/persons to pray for.

Also suggested coffee and social time be offered after Sunday Mass where appropriate

Banners should be placed out front to welcome all, consider the old Alpha banners, update banners or create new custom banners to include parish logo, special invite

Open the church doors 24/7 for an initial period of one month or certain hours (9AM-3PM) Monday through Friday. Consider including adoration hours, The Saint Rosalia Church, Sister Bay is designed for the chapel on the right side of the building to be secured for this purpose.

Budget- Mark will include funds for Alpha in the budget offered to Finance Committee.

Next FF meetings are: May 12 and June 9 all at 10AM

Respectfully submitted by Jan Liss 4/22/20