

Adult Faith Formation Minutes from 5/11/2020 meeting

Attending- Mark Kunstman, Sharon Brabson, Jan Liss

Opening- Opened with prayer by Henry Nouwan

Online Alpha- Sessions have been going well with 8 participants. Due to Safer at Home guidelines still in place, uncertain how to plan for the day away session. Agreed it may be best to get a feel from the group on their comfort level for meeting together in early June, if groups of 10 are able to gather.

Alpha Potlucks- Due to Safer at Home guidelines still in place the May 16 gathering will be cancelled. Jan will email the group.

Future Alpha series- Mark will reach out to the Evangelical group holding an upcoming Alpha series to compare notes, potential collaboration etc. Unsure if we would hold a fall Alpha, but Mark will place a line item in the budget to allow for meals in a restaurant (Chop has a basement room that might work for us). Mark will also speak with Linda C about a joint youth/parent Alpha series.

New Member Welcome- Sunday, June 28 following 10AM mass is the date for a Coffee Hour New Member Welcome. There are about 40 new family units during the last two years. Would have parish committees represented to speak briefly about their groups. Sharon will email committee leaders a Save the date by June 1. Jan will email a Save the Date/invitation to the new members

While churches are closed- Stand alone signs could be placed at each site mentioning that churches are closed but for the time being church continues in homes. Mark will share this idea with Katrina

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. Mark will share this idea with Katrina.

Will suggest Welcome Banners be placed at all sites. Mark will share this idea with Katrina

St Joseph book read- Might consider in September hosting a book discussion of the book "Joseph the Silent" by Michal Gasnier.

Communication – Linda Cumber is our committee's liaison to the staff. As such we will send her our minutes and keep her abreast of our activities.

Christmas gift to the parish- will consider a gift (book, cross in the pocket, ornament) for parishioners. Decide this by September

Budget- Mark will include funds for Alpha, Digital technology, Advent/Lent small groups, Christmas gift, and signs/banners in the budget offered to Finance Committee.

Next FF meeting is June 9 at 10AM

Respectfully submitted by Jan Liss 5/11/20