

CFM Committee Meeting Minutes: October 10, 2019

- Opening Prayer: St. Theresa Prayer
- In Attendance: Laurie Tanel, Pamela Feltes, Erin Kupkovits, Tammy McCormack, Cassandra Hill, Chris Waschow

- VBS was held June 17-20, 2019
 - 19 kids participated
 - We shared decorations with LifePoint Church in Mukwonago
 - Susan DRE from St. James volunteered
 - We had an ice cream social on Saturday before Mass and the kids sang at the 430
 - Next year “Rocky Railway: Jesus’ Power Pulls us through”. Please watch for sales on decorations/costumes for us!

- 2019-2020 School Year
 - 2 new teachers this year, great team
 - Up one student from last year (95 total)
 - 6 new families in family program
 - Retreats
 - MS was last weekend. 6/14 kids joined us at John Bosco Youth Day at Holy Hill. Great event
 - This Saturday 10/12 is the 9th/10th grade retreat here. 7/21 kids are signed up. Theme: Making Decisions. Retreat will run from 1-5:30 ending with Mass
 - Confirmation retreat will be Friday Oct 25-27 at Timber-Lee with St. James
 - Confirmation
 - Rehearsal Tuesday, April 21@ 5:30 at St. James
 - Confirmation will be April 22 @7pm at St. James with Bishop Schuerman. Prior to Confirmation there will be a dinner with the Bishop with the Confirmands and their sponsors.
 - MS new curriculum
 - Pflaum
 - Same curriculum St James uses
 - This enables us to send home materials when a student misses class
 - Family Program
 - Speakers are all in place
 - 2 area Deacons have each taken 2 dates (Deacon Greg Price and Deacon Rick Brown)
 - Dan Schutte Nov 24
 - Fr Dennis teaching Mass Dec 8
 - Kevin Nov 10 vocation talk
 - Brainstorming Family Component ideas: attendees were asked to help us brainstorm ideas with the following being some of the upcoming topics. Our pillowcase project for FP was suggested as something we could repeat. Please continue to send ideas to Laurie if you think of anything. 😊
 - Pumpkins: sin (next class 10/27)
 - Advent: suggestion: Jesse Tree
 - Lent
 - Beatitudes
 - Sacraments
 - 10 commandments
 - Sacraments: we have 7-2nd graders and one 4th grader this year
 - First Reconciliation Dec 7 here with St. James
 - First Communion May 3 at 10am Mass
 - Collaboration
 - New Youth Activities Coordinator has been hired for here and St. James. Julie Sostre.
 - Suggested activities? How can we use her? Many suggestions were offered!!
 - Have a “tent city”, kids stay outside in boxes feeling what it’s like to be homeless. Maybe connect it with a food pantry drop off to get community involved and support the event

- Volunteer at soup kitchen
- Volunteer at womens shelter/Hope House
- Bring back youth mission trips!
 - In the past we went to Benton Harbor and helped at the boys and girls club and we also went to a couple of different Indian reservations and helped restore homes and teach children. These were week long trips and very moving for the kids who attended. The kids did fund raising in the past to help pay.
- While the “fun outings” like the paintball event are fun and understandably community builders the people at our meeting wanted there to be a focus on service as well.
- It was also agreed that we want some events held at St. Theresa
 - Any ways you would like to see our parishes collaborate?
 - Those at the meeting felt we are already collaborating more than enough.
 - It was also expressed by several people that there is a fear of losing our own identity when we feel forced to do everything together.
 - Several of our confirmands are upset that they cannot be confirmed at their home parish.
- Other
 - We had a great suggestion for after Confirmation. Seeing Confirmation cannot be held here it was suggested that we have a “recognition Mass” where we recognize all of our newly confirmed. They could invite their sponsors and they could “host” the Mass by being involved by serving, reading, ministering, etc. We will work on putting this in place this year!
- Next meeting TBD (probably January)
- Minutes respectfully submitted by Laurie Tanel