

Lifelong Faith Formation Commission Update for Pastoral Council 1/19/2022

Last LFFC meeting December 7, 2021 and January 4, 2022. Next scheduled meeting February 1, 2022

All Religious Education families – each K-5th grade family and each 6th-12th grade teen received a Christmas card from his/her small group leader. Thanks to Prayer Shawl Ministry for providing St Nicholas coloring books/stockings for the Elementary families and headbands for the middle-high school teens.

The Monday Elementary families had their 2nd of 4 evenings at QOA on December 20 with instruction and supper. The Monday group (15 families/30+people) usually have RE instruction through Zoom, but also get together 4x/school year for instruction/supper. Evening went well with positive feedback from the families. Last 2 meals are Feb 28 and April 25.

First Reconciliation was celebrated on December 11. Bob Meyer assisted. 14 children participated and 2 remain. A 6th grader celebrated his First Reconciliation at the MS/HS Service on December 19.

First Communion's initial event is a Parent Meeting on January 25. Lydia Heinen will be working with a 6th grader and his family to prepare him for First Communion.

Safeguarding is required for each RE child/teen from the Circle of Grace curriculum. Gerise Grezesczak did the lesson on January 9/10 for Liz.

Confirmation had a Candidate/Sponsor Night on December 11, Tim Dondlinger helped with it. The Saint Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center has closed from Jan-Aug due to COVID and personnel issues. Therefore, the Confirmation Retreat will be the same as last year... at QOA with sleeping at home. Confirmation Retreat is January 21-23. There are 12 Queen of Apostles teens and possibly 1 or 2 from St. Anthony on the Lake. Tim Dondlinger and Lydia Heinen are assisting Liz with the Confirmation Retreat. Dr Sobczak (parish member) recommended retreat participants either show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test prior to the event.

26 College Care packages were sent out for Advent. Personal notes were included for each recipient.

Baptism Preparation had a session on January 11. The group meets every other month on the second Tuesday from 6:30-8:00pm. Meeting with parents through Zoom has been helpful for the busy young families. At the last LFFC meeting, there was still a need for a new team member/couple.

Adult Bible Study has started the next study "The Activated Disciple" (9 sessions) from Jan 12/13-March 9/10. 21 people are registered. This study is more of a journey of developing discipleship in oneself. Heather Druley and Craig Golembiewski run the sessions. Exploring the possibility of running "The Chosen-Season 1" (8 episodes) afterwards.

Waukesha Deanery Catechist Enrichment Night – January 20 6:00-8:15pm at St. John Neumann in Waukesha. Speaker is Seminarian Joseph Heit on "The Heart of Catechesis: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." Free to all QOA catechists/interested adults.

Summer activities – looking to form a core team to explore the possibility of Vacation Bible School at Queen of Apostles. Also investigating family service opportunities for the summer. As for mission trips: Service with a Purpose (SWAP) for high school and Love Begins Here for middle and high school.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Korn and Cindy Klopp

December Month End
John Schueller

Balance Sheet

- Cash increased \$57,694 for the month of December. As last month, this was the result of increased revenue and controlled expenses.
- Current Liabilities increased \$17,261. The largest item was property taxes of \$22,398.

Income Statement

- Revenue for December was favorable to the budget by \$17,301. The largest increase was in envelope revenue \$13,160. Y-T-D revenue is also favorable by \$41,164.
- Expenses were favorable to the budget for December by \$323. The largest item over budget was the full year property taxes \$22,394.. Y-T-D expenses are in control and favorable to the budget by \$41,067.
- Net Income for December came in at \$41,711 and \$17,624 favorable to the budget. Y-T-D net income is favorable to the budget by \$82,231.

November Month End
John Schueller

Balance Sheet

- Cash increased \$32,559 for the month of November. This was the result of increased revenue and controlled expenses.
- Current Liabilities increased \$7,851. The largest item of \$3,000 was a down payment for the bathroom flush valves.

Income Statement

- Revenue for November was favorable to the budget by \$21,923. The increase was due to one time IRA required minimum distributions. Y-T-D revenue is also favorable to the budget by \$23,863.
- Expenses were favorable to the budget for November by \$8,450. Y-T-D expenses are in control and favorable to the budget by \$39,914.
- Net income for November came in at \$26,208 and \$30,373 favorable to the budget. Y-T-D net income is favorable to the budget by \$63,776.

Prayer and Worship

We are going over the Lector Roster be sure it is current. Instead of assigning lectors and Eucharistic ministers we are asking for volunteers through the MSP app and it is working well.

We are looking into promoting these ministries in the bulletin in a similar way that Prayer Shawl Ministry does.

There was positive feedback on the Christmas masses. Attendance for all masses was 1162. 4:00 had the most attendance although many who signed up ahead of time did not actually attend that mass. The rest of the masses had attendance similar to a normal Sunday attendance.

We announced at all the masses on the 8th and 9th of January that anyone who wished to take home a poinsettia could do so. That was well received and by the end of the 10:30 mass a very few plants were left.

We are looking at a time in the future (possibly after a Sunday 10:30 mass) to train and add new members to various ministries. No date has been set as yet.

We have started to get parishioners to volunteer to take the Pilgrim Crucifix home to pray for priests. Stephanie has taken this on.

We will continue to use bulletin space for the Prayer and Worship column. A good resource to keep people informed of what is happening in the parish.

As of this date there are no changes in Covid Protocol from the archdiocese. We will continue our masked section of church and the ropes separating the pews are changed after every mass.

Stewardship Update

- We met briefly last week.
- New parishioner brunch is set for 3/27/22
- We started to brainstorm for upcoming projects: Parish info card for hotels; a “welcome” video by Father for the website and a “welcome” video by Father to be emailed to new parishioners.
- We discussed possibly doing a weekly Family Highlight Feature in the bulletin – such as “Get to know the Smiths”
- Quarterly QOA newsletter

Fish Fry Update

- Next fish fry is 2/18 and Tom secured fish
- Tom raised fish prices so we are looking to increase prices as well: \$12 for shrimp and 2 piece and \$15 for 3 piece (will be larger pieces of fish)
- We are planning on dine-in and drive thru; however it might be drive thru only depending on the virus
- Catholic Financial asked if we would display a banner and use their napkins during fish fry – they’ll give us a check for \$500 at the end of the season. They (Skitch and Dorothy Bennett) also asked to help out at an upcoming fry in March.
- Total earned to date: \$1775

Census Update

- 709 responses – 113 families have left the parish and 81 do not want their information in a directory.
- We concluded our call effort and are going to send out a reminder postcard to those families we have been unable to reach by telephone, text message and/or email.
- If a family hasn’t provided a response, they will marked as “inactive” in the system and no longer receive parish mailings.
- Huge thanks to Dale S., Cindy K., and Mic P. for making calls, sending text messages and emails

Other

- Blue mass for law enforcement – can we set a date in May and start planning the event?

Opening prayer:

Gracious Father, we thank you for the opportunity to meet together today. May your love surround us, your Spirit guide us, your voice cheer us, your peace calm us, your shield protect us, and your wisdom arm us, wherever you may lead us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Closing prayer:

Father, may your name be praised greatly for giving us good health to gather here. May your praise be continually in our mouths. Bless everyone that is here for they have left their busy schedules to gather for this meeting. Bless their families and their jobs and let your face shine upon them. Be gracious to them and give them peace throughout the day and week. In Jesus’ name, Amen.