

Last LFFC meeting November 1, 2022, next meeting February 7, 2023. No meeting in December or January.

January meeting was replaced with the Archdiocese Office of Evangelization and Catechesis gatherings for Formation Commissions. These “gatherings” were offered on three different dates in January as an opportunity to join with other catechetical leaders and commission members for training, networking, and sharing of best practices. Two LFFC members attended the January 12<sup>th</sup> session and three are attending the January 19<sup>th</sup> session.

**Just as a heads up to the other commissions, the Archdiocese office plans to offer gatherings for each type of commission in the coming year.**

**Elementary School – Grade K4-5<sup>th</sup>/First Reconciliation and Eucharist**

Elementary – Family program - The second (of four) instruction/dinner was held on December 19. The next meal is February 27. The lessons are working well; students are engaged and crafts are a hit.

First Communion – Kicks off with a parent meeting on Tuesday January 24. Preparation is then done at home with the provided packets. Parent/Child Retreat is March 11 and celebration of the Sacrament on May 6/7.

First Reconciliation – Parent/Child Retreat was held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Most students celebrated the Sacrament on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. A total of 15 children celebrated, including one in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Middle School and High School – Grade 6-11/Confirmation**

Youth Mass – The second (of five) Youth Mass was held on November 13. Participation was light, but improving. Some youth played instruments and other students helped the Environment Team transition from Ordinary Time to Advent. Next Youth Mass is January 28 at 5:00 pm mass.

Middle School and High School celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation – Rite of Commitment and Candidate/Sponsor Night was on December 10. Confirmation Retreat is January 20-22 at the St. Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center in Elkhorn. For the last two years, the Retreat has been held at Queen of Apostles. There are 6 (of the Queen of Apostles 8 candidates) coming, 2 from St. Dominic and 1 from St. Anthony on the Lake. The other 2 candidates from QOA will be attending the St. Anthony on the Lake retreat. Discussion to combine retreats with St Anthony on the Lake next year.

**Adult Ministry – Ages 18 and Up**

Young Adult – 25+ care packages were sent to parish college students for Advent. Another round of packages will be sent before Lent.

RCIA/Adult Confirmation – no candidates or catechumens at this time.

Baptism Preparation – No parents registered for November or January. Next session March 14. Meets every other month on the second Tuesday from 6:30-8:00pm. A couple showed interest in helping with Baptism Preparation through their Stewardship form. Liz Kuhn will contact.

Adult Bible Study – No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion will run February 8 - March 8. There will also be a Wednesday morning series on Mary after Easter.

Disciple Maker Index (DMI)/Envisioning Committee – Last met January 11. Another flyer for the “School of Discipleship” is coming out January 21/22.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Klopp

## Human Concerns Report

January 2023

The Human Concerns Commission met on Tuesday January 17.

- **Bereavement Ministry**—Starting another 6 week session later this month. Announcement was in bulletin and Nancy has received several calls about it.
- **Funeral Luncheons**—There is a need to find someone to take this over. We discussed putting something in bulletin but first Nancy will reach out to Janice who has been involved with this ministry in the past.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**— Please see attached list of *Prayer Shawl donations for 2022*. Very impressive!
- **Mercy Mats**—Continue to meet monthly on Monday nights.
- **Home Outreach**—Gerry continues to go to Arbor View weekly and visits approximately 12 people there. Another parishioner has called about receiving communion at home and/or being picked up for Mass. Nancy is contacting her to make arrangements.
- **Christian Women**—Poinsettia sale was successful and brought in about \$1000. The annual Christian Women Three Kings luncheon was held on January 5<sup>th</sup> with 25 people attending. 3 new members joined Christian Women.
- **Respect-Life**—Jennifer Mataya has joined the Respect Life committee. Next Monday is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and we may plan a Holy Hour that evening. Will be handing out Spiritual Adoption cards the last weekend in January—a bulletin article will explain this and tie it in to the parish Baby Shower (9 months later) in October. Planning the baby bottle campaign for the month of February with funds going to Life’s Connection Pregnancy Support Center. (This is similar to the Lenten Rice bowls, as the baby bottles are handed out the first weekend and people can fill them over the course of the month and return them the last weekend in February.) Will have announcements about this campaign in the bulletin.
- **The Band**— Will be going to Three Pillars today. They are still working in a “COVID atmosphere” as they are asked to do a COVID test onsite before performing. They are also planning a St. Valentine’s performance next month at the School Sisters of St. Francis.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**— Had a very successful Giving Tree program this Christmas. Donations/items collected were given to Catholic Charities and Life’s Connections. LC was very appreciative. This year we received a few more names of people to help through the Red Mailbox. Received a very nice thank you note from one of the recipients. Nancy Farmer’s middle school group made God’s Eyes that were given as gifts to 20 foster kids along with a gift card. Funds continue to be used to help people in need with rent or utility bill increases and were also used recently to help a family after a fire. (Carol expressed “many thanks” to the Bingo program!)
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society—Bingo**—Bingo continues at Gina’s Sports Dock every third Monday. On Monday night \$417 was raised. Since starting the Bingo program \$14,922 has been raised.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program**— The next St Vincent de Paul meal will be served this Thursday, 1/19. The meal program continues on the same schedule of the third Thursday, every other month. Approximately 100 – 125 people are served each time. This ministry has great participation by the parish members.
- **St. Dismas Jail Ministry**—Tom, John and Mike Heckenkamp continue to provide this ministry. Receiving hat & gloves from Prayer Shawl for the people they work with.

## Prayer Shawl Donations for 2022

### Zilber Family Hospice

92 Prayer Shawls  
39 Patriotic Shawls  
2 Lap Robes  
188 Prayer Pockets  
1 knitted blanket  
15 Prayer Hearts

### Waukesha Memorial Hospital

49 Prayer Shawls  
14 Fleece Shawls  
48 Renal Sleeves  
15 Lap Robes  
17 Quilts for the NICU  
80 Baby Hats  
145 Heart Monitor Bags  
249 Eye Glass Cases  
28 Love Hearts for the NICU  
2 paired Memory Boxes for Maternity Unit

### Angel Grace Hospice

15 Prayer Shawls

Holly - (Women's jail service)

15 bags of Yarn and Schnibbles to Women's Prison in Milwaukee  
3 boxes of books and patterns  
100 Birthday cards



1700 Children and Adult Hats  
Clothing for McCannon Brown Homeless Center

Knitables for Hope House

⑤ - Life Connections

Prayer shawls, pocket shawls for Resurrection