

Lifelong Faith Formation Update for Parish Council 3/17/2021

Last LFFC meeting 2/22/2021, next meeting 3/29/2021

LFFC will be updating Parish Council on the commission at the next Parish Council meeting, April 21, 2021 at 6:30

We continue to have Mary Dondlinger as Acting Chair of LFFC if Paul DeBruyne is unable to attend the LFFC meetings or fulfill his role as Chairperson.

Faith Formation

-Evaluating how to move forward next year (virtual, family, in-person, etc.) Challenges when trying to do in-person and virtual at the same time.

- First Communion: Retreat on March 20. First Communion Mass May 1/2 and May 15/16.

- MS/HS: Remaining retreat options are Archdiocesan Lenten Mission and the Easter Vigil Encounter. High School unit on Racial Justice has prompted conversations with families and the larger parish community. In general, systemic racism and social sin are areas of Catholic Social Teaching that most people are unfamiliar with. High School students plan to go to MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary (MBHS) for a day of service and fellowship in April.

- National Catholic Youth Conference: QOA hopes to send a few youths to this conference in Indianapolis this November. Ticket fee is \$585.00 and needs to be purchased by May 1. Participants will do fundraising and each participant from QOA has to pay \$250.00 on their own. In the past, Queen of Apostles participated in the Positively Pewaukee Cars and Cookout Event and raised \$1000 from brat sales in June 2019 for this trip.

- Adult Bible Study: Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life, 10 session class continues through April 21/22. Heather Druley and Debbie Olla continue to assist Paul DeBruyne with the 32 participants.

- Donation drop off to MBHS of hygiene items, random donations and our 45th Mercy Mat! The hard work of taking plastic bags and making mats out of them has resulted in 45 mats being made by our parish.

- Analyzing the current program/budget with regards to Faith Formation and identifying any changes or improvements needed for the 2021/2022 year with regards to budget.

- Need to develop a job description for Liz Kuhn's role as Director of Faith Formation.

- Mass Board created for our Parish and Faith Formation students. It is in the gathering space. One side is "The Word – What is God saying to us today?" This side contains visuals connecting the Liturgical Year to the Books of the Bible and the Bible Timeline. The other side is "The Eucharist – For what are we thankful today?" This side addresses the meaning of Eucharist which is Thanksgiving. Parishioners are able to post and share notes about what thanks they are bringing to Mass that day.

Submitted on 3/15/2021 by Stephanie Fong and Cindy Klopp

Cemetery Update – February, 2021

Metrics:

Break down of Number of burials (or interments) by month:

	TOTALS	St. Mary's	Sts P&P
[2018 Totals]	[14]	[13]	[1]
[2019 Totals]	[13]	[12]	[1]
[2020 Totals]	[7]	[5]	[2]
January, 2021	0	0	0
February, 2021	0	0	0
2021 Totals	0	0	0

Number of Cemetery Plots (and ½ Plots) Purchased:

	Running Totals (full & ½ Plots)
[2018 Totals]	[26]
[2019 Totals]	[17]
[2020 Totals]	[12]
January, 2021	2
February, 2021	0
2021 Totals	2

Updates:

Did you know?

Public holidays and traditions in relation to cemeteries

- All Souls' Day (Nov 2)
- [Bon Festival](#) - **Obon** or just **Bon** is a Japanese Buddhist custom to honor the spirits of one's ancestors.
- [Day of the Dead](#) - The **Day of the Dead** is a Mexican holiday celebrated in Mexico and elsewhere- associated with the Catholic celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and is held on November 1 and 2.

- [Decoration Day](#) (no longer called “Decoration Day”) – Now “Memorial Day”- the last Monday of May
- [National day of mourning](#) – A **national day of mourning** is a day or days marked by mourning and memorial activities observed among the majority of a country's populace. They are designated by the national government. Such days include those marking the death or funeral of a renowned individual or individuals from that country or elsewhere or the anniversary of such a death or deaths, the anniversaries of a significant natural or man-made disaster occurring either in the country or another country, wartime commemorations or in memory of the victims of a terrorist attack. Flying a national or military flag of that country at half-staff is a common symbol.
- [Qingming Festival](#) - also known as **Tomb-Sweeping Day** in English (sometimes also called **Chinese Memorial Day** or **Ancestors' Day**), is a traditional Chinese festival observed by the [Han Chinese](#) of mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand and by the [Chitty](#) of Malaysia and Singapore. It falls on the first day of the fifth solar term of the traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar. This makes it the 15th day after the Spring Equinox, either 4, 5 or 6 April in a given year
- [Saturday of Souls](#) -or **Soul Saturday** is a day set aside for the commemoration of the dead within the liturgical year of the Eastern Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Churches. Saturday is a traditional day of prayer for the dead, because Christ lay dead in the Tomb on Saturday.
- [Patriot Day](#) - occurs on September 11 in memory of the people killed in the September 11 attacks of the year 2001.