

Last LFFC meeting November 1, 2022. Next scheduled meeting January 3, 2022. No December meeting.

Registration - 51 families are registered (65 families were registered last year). A detailed breakdown by grade is provided separately. Much of the turnover is families leaving after First Reconciliation/Eucharist.

Faith Formation Intern Ellie Shaw will be introduced at all the Masses on November 19/20.

K4/K5 started on November 13 during the 10:30 Mass. Delayed start was due to the instructor being unavailable (medical reason) until then. Only 1 family is registered for K4/K5.

Elementary Monday dinner and class was held on October 17. It went well. Next meal is Monday December 19. Other class time is done per zoom. "Monday" consists of 12 families, 15 students and 1 catechist. The more interactive lesson plans are working well for the Monday elementary group. Positive comments from participants and families.

First Reconciliation kicked off with a parent meeting on Tuesday October 25. A retreat for parents and children was held on Saturday November 12. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday December 10. Preparation is done at home with provided packets.

The first of five Youth Masses was on Saturday October 8. Only 1 participant. Second Youth Mass was on Sunday November 13. Youth volunteer numbers are low even though Grades 6-10 youth are asked to sign up for 3 out of 5 Youth Masses.

First retreat for High School students was held on October 1 at Holy Hill. It was Saint John Bosco Youth Day. Only 3 High School students attended. High School students get a choice of 4 retreats and must attend one.

Confirmation had a group service activity at MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary (MBHS) on October 9. Day was spent sorting clothes and enjoying fellowship. Only 2 out of the 8 Confirmation youth were able to attend. Those that missed will have an alternate activity. Probably making 100 bag lunches for MBHS to distribute at their Tuesday door ministry. On Friday October 21, a small group (6 people-3 were RE students) from QOA served a meal for MBHS at their Lutheran Church location. With fewer than 15 Confirmands, QOA will celebrate with St. Anthony on the Lake. Retreat facilities may not be economical.

QOA is planning on holding a winter clothing and bedding drive for MBHS in January. Prayer Shawl ministry kicked off this drive on November 14 with their members.

Will Hoff (RE student) helped Ed Pulvermacher install a new rail in the church to help people climb the steps to the Reconciliation Chapel. There is a need for an easel to be made for the new Divine Mercy image and doors to be made to seal off the Reconciliation Chapel.

RCIA/Adult Confirmation- no candidates at this time.

Adult Bible Study is up and running on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings. What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith (9/14-11/16), Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Advent (11/30-12/21), No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion (2/8-3/8) and a possible series on Mary after Easter.

Disciple Maker Index (DMI) – Planning on another flyer for January with the "School of Discipleship" offerings for Spring. Eucharistic Revival had a day of preparation at the Arch on October 22. Next major events in the Arch are the Pallium Lecture on Tuesday February 21 and the Eucharistic Congress on Saturday June 10.

Rosary Path – Pat and Traci Bero donated their time to make a concrete base to hold the Fatima statues. Father Chuck blessed it on November 4. Pictures were taken and a nice write up in the bulletin November 12/13. Beros plan to maintain the area with replacement of the plastic landscape barrier with a more permanent metal one and replace the mulch next spring.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Klopp

FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT

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Year	First Communion and Reconciliation (2nd Grade)	Continue to 3rd Grade	Total K4-5th	Total 6-8	Confirmation (Formation)	Confirmation (Catholic Schools)	Total 9-11	Total Enrolled (not incl Catholic High School)	% Enrolled in Christian Formation Who Are Receiving A Sacrament	Total Enrolled Change Each Year
2011 / 2012	54		-	-	-	-	-	322	-	
2012 / 2013	49		-	-	-	-	-	296	-	-26
2013 / 2014	52		142	54	33	2	65	259	33.59%	-37
2014 / 2015	58		129	56	22	5	67	247	34.41%	-12
2015 / 2016	26		123	44	26	3	55	219	25.11%	-28
2016 / 2017	31		124	49	15	5	53	221	23.08%	2
2017 / 2018	40	18	124	37	19	4	54	211	29.86%	-10
2018 / 2019	15	16	82	34	16	6	51	161	22.98%	-50
2019 / 2020	26	7	87	27	18	3	44	155	30.32%	-6
2020 / 2021	21	8	49	21	19	2	38	106	39.62%	-49
2021 / 2022	14	11	53	20	11	1	26	98	26.53%	-8
2022 / 2023	13	9	51	13	8	0	21	85	24.71%	-13

Covid

Breakdown by Grade Level

Year	K4	K5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Cath HS
2016 / 2017	6	5	28	31	19	23	12	17	16	16	15	18	15	5
2017 / 2018	7	11	12	40	18	17	19	9	14	14	16	15	19	4
2018 / 2019	5	10	14	15	16	13	9	14	8	12	12	17	16	6
2019 / 2020	6	7	19	26	7	11	11	8	12	7	12	11	18	3
2020 / 2021	1	4	5	21	8	2	8	5	5	11	7	10	19	2
2021 / 2022	3	5	10	14	11	7	3	9	5	6	7	7	11	1
2022 / 2023	2	6	7	13	9	9	5	0	10	3	8	5	8	0

Prayer and Worship Update

The Memorial for Unborn Children was displayed during the month of October and was very well received. Before and after mass people stopped to look at it and take information from the display table.

We have received some quotes regarding putting glass doors on the Bell Tower confessional. We are looking at a few options to present. One is to use Stain Glass similar to the rendering that we shared with you. This would be the most expensive. Next we will be getting quotes on having etchings on the glass panels which would be less expensive. If we still have any of the stained glass from St. Mary's we would like to see if we could incorporate them in some way.

Ed Pulmacher is ready to install a railing at the stairs going into the bell tower to assist people going to confession.

We received the Divine Mercy print and it is hanging on southeast wall. There are lights from the ceiling shining down on it and is really beautiful. We would like to situate the two sets of vigil lights we have on either side of the picture. We are checking to make sure we have enough space on the area in front of it to adhere to fire code.

As was announced at mass this past weekend we will be adjusting the seating for our masked area. The area next to the bell tower will be for masked or unmasked parishioners with the east side closest to the door being mandatory masked pews. Also reminding people that they can wear masks in any part of the church.

We are looking at redesigning the format for the emails we are using when we ask for volunteers for Lectors and Greeters. We would like to come up with a small token of appreciation for all of the people who have continued to volunteer for these ministries. Still thinking what it might be.

The Prayer Line number is once again listed on the front of the bulletin.

The E Team is preparing to change the Liturgical decor for Advent the Friday after Thanksgiving. The question came up as to whether we will be hanging our Advent banners or whether we will continue to have the Anniversary Banners hanging up. We are assessing our supplies such as bows and candles to see if they need to be replaced this year.

Human Concerns Report

November 2022

The Human Concerns Commission meeting was scheduled for 11/15 but cancelled due to weather.

- **Bereavement Ministry**—On hold until January.
- **Funeral Luncheons**—Preparing and making calls to volunteers but haven't started back up yet. Have a few more calls to make. Considering plastic tablecloths rather than linen.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**—Prayer Shawl ministry put together 3 layettes for Life's Connection and 4 for Hope House. Life's Connection is coming to pick up their giving tree donations on Tues. Dec. 13th. I'll be taking the layettes to Life's Connection later this week. Prayer Shawl displayed the layette during the last two weeks of October and many people stopped to view. Very impressive.
- **Mercy Mats**—Continue to meet monthly on Monday nights. Many volunteers make the mats at home and bring in.
- **Home Outreach**—Gerry continues to go to Arbor View weekly and visits approximately 10 people there.
- **(Not in Human Concerns) Christian Women**—Selling Poinsettias and handing out books at Christmas this year.
- **Respect-Life**—The sculpture has been removed and is now at another church, St. Theresa of Calcutta in North Lake. If you know of other parishes that may be interested Debbie can provide a contact. The movie, *October Baby* was shown on Sunday, October 23. We had about 9 people and received positive comments. We had small but consistent numbers at the Wednesday Holy Hours in October. There was discussion about exploring the idea of a monthly Holy Hour for Respect Life. Planning to do a baby bottle campaign early in the year with funds going to Life's Connection Pregnancy Support Center.
- **The Band**—The October sing-a-long was canceled due to Covid. Rescheduled to Jan. 18. There's a chance of Dec. date at another senior community, not yet confirmed.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society**—St. Vincent de Paul is in Christmas mode. The trees are up and one tree already had all the tags taken. (More have been added) The charities are Life's Connection, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul, as well as the requests by parishioners for help to neighbors, family or friends from the red mailbox. Gifts for foster care kids are being worked on by Nancy Farmer and her Christian Formation classes. People in need who are coming to SVDP ministry have had rent increases or power bill increases and they have been able to assist those in need. The funds that come from Bingo continue to be a big help.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society—Bingo**—Bingo continues at Gina's Sports Dock. Bingo is now every third Monday due to the Knights of Columbus joining the rotation until Spring. Since January 2022, bingo has raised \$8,364 for St. Vincent de Paul at Queen of Apostles. Total of \$13,797 since it started in 2021. The need for assistance in the Queen of Apostles area remains high. Thanks to Gail Gaffney and Carol Fitzpatrick for their work in interviewing and assisting people in need. Thanks to Mic Pietrykowski,

Marcey Vescio, Kate Hauser and Judy Huschka for their help raising the money by working each bingo event.

- **St. Vincent de Paul Meal Program**— The next St Vincent de Paul meal will be served on November 17. The meal program continues on the same schedule of the third Thursday, every other month. Online sign-up is going well, but calls are still made to those you don't use the online sign-up or prefer a call vs an email. This ministry has great participation by the parish members.
- **St. Dismas Jail Ministry**—Tom and John continue to provide this ministry. Mike Heckenkamp is helping.