

Lifelong Faith Formation Committee St. Katharine Drexel Parish

MISSION: Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we follow the footsteps of Jesus, through love for the Eucharist and outreach to those in need. As one Body of Christ, we are a diverse community journeying toward our common goal of the Kingdom of God.

VISION: As a community we will act through: *Living out corporal and spiritual works of mercy, *Committing to individual and communal prayer, *Growing in knowledge and faith, *Communicating for Unity.

September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members: Kristin Adsit, John Pryme, Vicki Kaul, Mike Prisk, Rita Nowak

PRESENT: Vicki, Rita, Kristin, John (via Zoom)

REPORTS:

*****GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRAYER: Kristin

Reports/Discussion:

***Parish Council: Vicki: Spoke about the issues of the present time and the challenges they add to adding Mass times.

***K-10 Formation: The first class of K-7 were families meeting. There were about 25 family groups meeting as a family with catechists for a lesson. Father Mike liked the idea of the families meeting monthly on a topic for all age levels and activities to meet the needs for various ages. The first in person class will be September 23. The sacrament class will be meeting more often than twice per month in preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Grade 8 – 10 had about 30 – 40 people attend session one. John has contact information for about 21 participants with 5 to 6 being added. Parents are in approval of the in-person (meeting covid concerns) and zoom format for this year. The first zoom meeting will be discussing the use of the web site, format for learning and questions for the class.

Youth Group Update: Not able to meet indoors. Did meet outdoors for frisbee and golfing. SKDP and Tri-Parish youth met for volleyball and brats. About 20 were in attendance.

****Young Adult update:

***Adult Education/Small Faith Group: All groups have a desire to begin. Monday A.M. Bible Study will be studying the Epic Study. Tuesday A.M. Bible Study will be doing the Wild Goose Series, Metanoia, from home. Kristin has advertised an option for adult study for a younger population from the series, Search. She has two interested. The idea of this study is to encourage those not belonging to any other group as of yet to form a new one for study and as an evangelization tool. May have to broaden this with a personal invitation. Kristin is considering a flyer to get the invitation out.

Charism Retreat: On hold due to pandemic.

Baptismal Retreat:

Marriage Ministry: They will meet in a couple of weeks. Marriage Encounter is having a virtual conference from the comfort of your own home.

Family Ministry: There will be a monthly virtual lesson for Life Long Faith Formation families. The focus of each session is to assist parents in teaching their children the Catholic faith.

Life After Divorce:

Special Education Ministry:

Spanish Ministry:

OLD BUSINESS: Navigating 2020: Rita gave a report on the session she virtually attended. The topic was: Small Groups which Resource is Next by Peter Berd of the Archdiocese. Highlights of the talk: 1) emphasis of people over resource, 2) prayer is always first to assist in discernment of where the Lord is leading us to grow in Christian discipleship and how the Holy Spirit is stretching us in Catholic mission and evangelization, cautioned the use of videos – it's a tool—need to focus on “loving Jesus”, conversion, and conversation. A summary catch phrase could be: Where is Jesus leading us to go and how is the Holy Spirit leading us to grow?

NEW BUSINESS: The archdiocese wants to bring people back to Mass. One idea is to have a Regional Mission with evangelization as a key topic to have Catholics return to Mass. On September 25, our parish will return to four Masses per weekend.

As a parish, how do we assist our faith community in returning to Mass with the pandemic challenges before us? How will we educate and evangelize? Will we need to seek more of an on-line presence? Will we need to find a committee/group of computer aces who can assist in giving the parish more of an on-line presence?

OTHER BUSINESS:

CLOSING PRAYER: Kristin

Submitted by Rita Nowak (8/30/2020)