

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.

July 13, 2021, Meeting Minutes

Committee Members: Kristin Adsit, John Pryme, Rita Nowak

PRESENT: Vicki, Rita, Kristin

PRAYER: John

REPORT:

***Parish Council: No report – a representative has not been assigned yet

***** Small group representatives were invited. No one attended in person, but a couple responded to Kristin's email about their activities. See below.

***K-5 Formation – Kristin: Kristin is working on the weekly curriculum and family sessions for the 2021/22 year. She spoke with Father Will about the Pflaum curriculum. It will be used this year. Father Will suggested that the committee look into the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The committee will explore and focus on the goals of money and resources for a change especially in materials and trained volunteers needed. A curriculum change may occur the following year.

Two more teachers are needed for K-5. The thought is to possibly combine grades 4/5 and use the 4th grade curriculum. Last year the 5th was used.

Kristin will send out a special mailing for incoming grades 1 and 2 that have not attended Faith Formation in the last year but are on the parish roster of students of that age and do not attend the parish school.

Middle School: Kristin: A new Old Testament teacher is needed in Grades 6/7. There are 14 students. John, one of the present teachers, has taken on other volunteer responsibilities with the parish. The other two teachers added support and creative aspects with weekly lessons.

*** High School – John: John is in the process of preparing lessons, schedules and special activities for Advent and Lent. On the calendar, he is adding diocese retreats that will be beneficial for high school aged individuals. He met with Kristin to talk about dates that the high school students could work with the grade/middle school aged students on the theme of the year (Liturgy and Sacraments). Also in calendar discussion are the Rally Days for Middle/High School.

The schedule for families will be sent out the first week of August.

There will be registration for Faith Formation after Masses the third week of August.

***Confirmation: John: The date is set, March 30. A separate mailing will be sent for these students and their families.

Youth Group Update: John: Attended a Mission Trip to Waterford. They had to leave early due to illness. John did get positive reviews about the experience.

On Thursday, July 15, eight students are going to the Franciscan Monastery for a service experience from 8:30 to 3.

Also planned is a trip to the Catholic Ecology Center in Neshkoro from 10 – 2.

John has spoke with Karen from Waupun about the program, Love Begins Here. He is considering assisting her with this.

***Young Adult update: Two individuals are consistently attending. Others are coming as well but inconsistently. Are interested but other commitments this summer. Attendees are asked to bring a friend. Dan assists John with this group. Metanoia is the theme. Numbers are small but the groups need time to evolve. Off to a good start.

***Adult Education/Small Faith Groups: Kristin

Marriage Ministry –

Adult Education/Small Faith groups: Kristin reported from the two groups responding. Some have met for more than 20 years. They choose topics that interest and agreed upon by the group. At present one group (retired ladies (Patty)) are studying Revelation. The Ignatian group is a core group.

OLD BUSINESS: Tabled- discussion of What will Life Long Faith Formation look like in 5 years?

Submitted by Rita Nowak (7/27/2021)