

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.

June 8, 2021, Meeting Minutes (6 P.M. meeting time this month)

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

PRESENT: John, Rita, Kristin

PRAYER: Jon

REPORT:

\*\*\*Parish Council: No Report

\*\*\*K-5 Formation – Kristin: John and Kristin are talking about reintroducing teens working with the younger kids on a scheduled basis. One activity would be with Eucharistic Adoration.

The family sessions during Life Long Faith Formation will focus on sacraments and liturgy for the 2021/22 year. It will fundamentally be a learning session for parents assist their children in learning about the Catholic faith. The plan for the December, 2022 Family Session for all Life Long Faith Formation participants would be Christmas Caroling for families if the nursing homes would permit it. Also, during Advent (December), there will probably be a follow up from last year's Parish Mission from the Archdiocese.

Another idea is being discussed with Angie is a Catholic Connection session for the whole parish. This would be an information session.

The Sacramental Program will again use the St. Augustine program and resources.

The Middle School (grades 6/7) will have a retreat focusing on Old Testament next year.

Kristin is planning to contact all participants from previous years that did not participate this year virtually or in person. Enrollment is low.

\*\*\*High School (Grades 8 – 10) - John – The schedule for next year is completed. The theme will be Liturgy and Sacraments.

\*\*\*Confirmation – John – no report

Youth Group: The participants are making a fire pit at St. John's at Clyman. The basic summer schedule: Wednesdays – service (sign up); Thursdays – fun – game time for building relationships; Sundays – regular meeting time with prayer and share.

\*\*\*Young Adult: John is meeting with Dan and about 4 to 6 participants for a Bible study on Saturdays.

\*\*\*Adult Education/Small Faith Groups: Kristin – Groups are meeting but have made little contact with Kristin. They are pretty self-sufficient. Thursday group is studying about Revelation. The Tuesday group meets every other Tuesday and is studying the four Theresa's. A suggestion was made to invite the small group leaders to our meeting to share what topics they have studied, how they determine what to study, and what their goal is. A further suggestion was to have a form made to be discussed at the small -group sessions so all participants feel a part of the discussion to be presented by their leaders.

Marriage Ministry –

Family Ministry – Summer program on Wednesdays (twice a month) with learning based on saints, Sunday readings and Catholic faith. Members from the Life Long Faith Formation classes are not attending as hoped but the classes are being used by the “catch-up” participants who need sacraments and their families.

\*\*\*\*\*Baptismal Renewal Retreat: There will be a Mission Update for the 2021/22 year.

OLD BUSINESS: Further discussion on technology needs especially a dual DVD/VHS machine and internet speed.

Brainstorm: How to get more volunteers for programs? (Talk at Mass)

NEW BUSINESS: For the August meeting have the small group leaders attend. Form needs to be completed with questions to be answered as indicated above.

OTHER BUSINESS: What does this parish want Life Long Faith Formation to look like in five years?

Submitted by Rita Nowak (6/14/2021)