

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.

March 9, 2021 Zoom Meeting (6 P.M.)

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

PRESENT: Kristin, John, Rita, Vicki

PRAYER: John

Reports/Discussion:

*** Parish Council: Vicki: Invitation to the LLFF Committee to present at the April 6 meeting. After reporting members may leave. Oral report on goals, detailed outline of what is going on especially coming off of Covid 19, summary and recap of what is going on in each area (past activities present programming and future concerns); and answer any questions the council may have. Secondly reported that 3 new council members are needed. The process will begin in April/May. Also reported that the new priest from Guatemala cannot leave the country as of yet. There is to be a September meeting at the consulate to determine his status of leaving the country. Hopefully, Father Sergio can stay on. As of 3/2/21 no priest has been assigned to this parish. Question from Kristin: Are there any plans for a farewell for Father Mike?

***K-10 Formation:

Grades K – 5: On- line classes. Technology working with challenges and glitches. Catechist issues from having zoom from home. Families are zooming in for classes and family sessions. Teachers are posting lessons on weeks not in session. Next family session will be in person (virtual option). It will be a station format focusing on St. Joseph (Table), courage and witness (Holy Spirit influence).

Middle School (6-7): Retreat went well. They sue google classroom for class sessions with about 11 in attendance.

Sacrament Formation: Good session with Father Mike speaking on the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There will be two Sundays for First Holy Communion. There will be four retreat so each session will have a small group of Communicants and parents attending.

Grade 8 – 10: John: Going well. On March 10, Deacon Ed will have a zoom session on the organization of the church. The next week is spring break so there is no class. March 24 is in person with Tanya presenting on the Importance of Reconciliation. April 7 will also be in person.

Confirmation: March 7. We need to review the ceremony with the guidelines from the Archdiocese. The Confirmandi received a letter from the Bishop. There has been good discussion and questions being asked.

Youth Group: covid – on hold – Thinking of planning for summer. There is a desire to gather but covid issues still around.

****Young Adult update:

***Adult Education/Small Faith Group: Men's Group emphasis on the Men's Retreat. Ignatian group will meet again in April.

Parish Mission: March 3: Had about 60 families (in person and virtual). Mission groups developing after the presentation, but it was the same people attending these as in other small groups. Father Sergio had a Spanish Group. Hopefully during the Easter Season, the Reflection on the Eucharist from the Archbishop will be given to parish members.

Baptismal Retreat:

Marriage Ministry: Still meeting.

Family Ministry: Meeting in person on March 10. See above in K-5 formation.

Life After Divorce:

Special Education Ministry:

Spanish Ministry: See Parish Mission.

OLD BUSINESS: Kristin will look into information and programs from Rich Harter about leadership with missionary focus.

John and Kristin worked on the budget and it was submitted to the Finance Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Book Store will be open on April 10/11 between Masses, before the First Communion retreats and by appointment. There was a donation of 4 boxes of items.

Confirmation for next year will be during Lent on March 23, 2022. Confirmation retreat will be the second Saturday/Sunday in November 2021.

Summer session: Angela Davis and Kristin are planning to have some fun activities for Faith Formation.

Calendar planning will be on the June agenda when we will be in person. (hopefully)

OTHER BUSINESS: Rich Harder -Missionary Planning and Leader. –Leading according to God's will.

***** Next Meeting will be April 13. 2021.

CLOSING PRAYER: Kristin

Submitted by Rita Nowak (3/312021)