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# Leadership Night Report

## Our Sacred Purpose

*Our Lady of the Black Hills exists to proclaim the Joy of the Gospel to all creation and to transform lives with the Father's mercy.*

## Vision

*Build with the Mercy of the Father*

### Pastoral Council (5.16.2019)

**Present:** Cathleen Denekamp, Deacon Greg Sass, Erik Haakedahl, Audrey Montileaux, Nikki Dyczek, Brad Blauvelt, Jane Abernathy, Katie Harwood

The meeting opened with a prayer. There was a share out from each commission representative which are captured in the summaries below. An important note is that the Social Justice commission will now be known as the Catholic Outreach Commission. The building committee provided an update and noted they are working toward crack sealing the parking lot which they have determined is too much for our abilities. Once the cracks are filled, they will work toward striping the parking lot. They will also continue to update the master facility plan. The St. Joseph's Hall addition is on track. The playground will be installed in early June. There was a discussion Pastoral Ministry Days which included the need for all commissions and committees to watch the videos from PMD and have further discussions on best practices. It was noted that in the upcoming budget (discussed at the June Pastoral Council meeting) there will be resources for a security system as well as monies for updates to the sound system. The meeting closed with a prayer.

### Evangelization Commission (5.9.2019)

**Present:** Eileen Desmond, Stacy Tate, Audra West and Jane

Visiting potential members: Sheila Keeler, Eleanor Moriarty, Estella Haakedahl and Debra Jensen.

After Evening Prayer and a light dinner, Pastoral Council Chair Cathleen Denekamp asked the commissions to review their goals and give feedback on the Ministry Fair and the Pastoral Ministry Days after the breakout sessions. The Evangelization Commission retired to another room to visit with the guests and to describe what the commission does. Eileen gave a handout of the commission's goals and contact information for the Chair, Joni Osnes. She reviewed the activities of the commission and then turned the floor over to Jane Abernathy, who showed a short YouTube video called "Why ChristLife." Stacy, Eileen and Jane gave more verbal information about the series. Eileen concluded by asking if there were any questions and then the group discussed the Ministry Fair. In the large group, several comments about the Ministry Fair were positive (great attendance and enthusiasm, they liked being able to talk to members of the different ministries) but several comments were made that they did not like the resemblance to gambling and some thought the game was confusing, distracting and not necessary. Regarding Pastoral Ministry Days, one attendee did not appreciate having the sessions held in the church; some liked the content and others not as much. Cathleen said that the Pastoral Council members may be asked to view the talks. The evening concluded with a prayer and an invitation to the visitors to pray about joining the Evangelization Commission.

### Worship Commission (5.9.2019)

**Present:** Jim Landers and Brad Blauvelt

Discussion of the Stewardship Fair concluded that it was too gambling focused, but a great turnout. No other notes submitted.

### Administration Commission (5.9.19)

**Present:** Audrey Montileaux (VP), LaChel McCollar.

Discussion and thoughts on the Stewardship Fair were shared. It was felt the turnout was exceptional and the booths had several forms of brochures available and the representatives at each table were very informed and able to answer questions. Discussion of the playground commenced. It was noted the old playground equipment was disassembled and removed. There was a brief discussion of next year's goals.

## **Our Lady of the Black Hills Discipleship Commission Meeting May 29, 2019**

Members present: Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek, Deacon Greg Sass (Chair), Deacon John Osnes, Rhonda Gehlsen, Joni Osnes, Brenda Czmowski, Stacy Tate, Brad Blauvelt

Members Absent: LaChel McCollar and Teresa Thompson

Meeting opened with prayer led by Deacon Greg Sass. Agenda and minutes from January 7, 2019 meeting were approved and seconded.

Rhonda Gehlsen reported on resources, registration and attendance for PreK-High School. A report is attached. She will be setting up another CGS Level I atrium this summer and the traditional classroom for PreK-1 will be eliminated. She is working on training for a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd teacher. The percentages for attendance were up this year.

Rhonda says she has been in contact with Blessed Sacrament and they are using LifeTeen and Edge for their middle school and high school faith formation. The group discussed the challenge of keeping young people in faith formation classes after they have received Confirmation. Rhonda will continue using the Y Disciple program and will arrange for some social events. She has included these social events in her budget request for next year. Deacon Greg stressed the need to keep tracking faith formation participation numbers to be able to determine if we are reaching more families.

Fr. Andrzej described First Communion Mass in Poland. Parents were instructed to come to the front of the community and made statement that they understood their responsibility to teach their children about Eucharist. Discussion followed and the commission members thought this would be a nice addition for our church. This would also be a nice addition to our Confirmation Mass.

Rhonda stated she is looking ahead for the Year of the Eucharist and is waiting for the materials from the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation to come.

Joni Osnes reported on resources, registration and attendance for the adults. See attached report. The number of adults attending the Sunday morning faith formation class has not increased but the adults who attend have attended for a number of years. The number of participants for Wisdom Wednesdays is larger this year. There were many topics suggested for these once-a-month gatherings at the Stewardship Fair. Wisdom Wednesdays will continue through the summer. OLBH has 111 registrants on the FORMED platform. Deacon John will get additional statistics on the use of the platform for the next meeting.

The Evangelization process (ChristLife) began in the Fall of 2018 and the 21 sessions were completed this spring. Plans are to begin again in the Fall of 2019 with an invitation to parents of children who attend faith formation classes and another session for the general membership in January 2020.

Joni reported she is trying to arrange a Financial Peace series. She has a facilitator team consisting of Bob and Pam Wentz and has been in contact with Todd Tobin at the Financial Development office.

Brad Blauvelt and Stacy Tate reported on RCIA. The class consisted of three adults. Symbolon was the main study. There is has been one inquiry for the next class. The group discussed having prayer warriors for this ministry, developing a brochure to hand out, and ways to use social media to advertise this ministry.

Brenda Czmowski's term on the Discipleship Commission expired at the end of this meeting. She agreed to remain on the Commission for another term of 3 years.

This commission will meet again on Monday, October 7, at 6:00 pm and again in February 2020 to set goals and in May of 2020 to evaluate formation programs and goals.

Deacon John Osnes reported that the Stewardship committee is working on the next phase of the Stewardship Parish which is Lively Faith. He has received input from Fr. Andrzej and will send the questionnaire to Joni and Rhonda for information pertaining to faith formation programs. He requested information be sent to him before the Leadership Night on June 13, 2019.

Deacon John led the group in prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joni Osnes  
Recording secretary

## Faith Formation Numbers As of 4/172019

SUNDAY	Class Size	AVG Attendance	Days w/ 100% attendance	WEDNESDAY	Class Size	AVG Attendance	Days w/ 100% attendance
CGS I	13	78%	0	CGS I	12	83%	1
CGS II	13	76%	1	CGS II	8	86%	8
CGS III	5	73%	6	CGS III	10	75%	2
Trad PreK	7	67%	0	Trad 1-3	9	86%	9
Trad 1-3	7	60%	2	Trad 4-5	4	92%	16
Trad 1-3	7	57%	2	Conf.	13	89%	5
Trad 4-5	7	70%	0	YDG I	2	100%	23
Trad 6	12	69%	2	YDG II	1	100%	23
				YDB I	4	82%	12
				YDB II	4	71%	?
Overall Average:	71	69%			67	86%	

\*\*No Stats on YDB II At The Moment

### Curriculums In Use:

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels I, II, III

\*\* I will begin changing St. Patrick into a 2nd CGS I Classroom after Duc In Altum is finished.

I already have a significant amount of the items needed for the classroom, with the exception of a few bookshelves, and tables.

I want to schedule a GCS I training in late summer or early fall.

I will be sitting down with Jenny, Suzanne, Megan, and Cathleen to discuss this.

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Bishop Gruss wants to devote the next year to the Eucharist. The diocese is putting together a curriculum, I plan to use this as much as possible and supplement other lessons when necessary. This will affect the following classes for the 2019/2020 school year: Traditional Classes 1-6, and kids who have been confirmed (7th and Up)

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**We will not be changing the curriculum for Sacramental preparation at this time.**

#### 1st Reconciliation/Eucharist : Blessed by Dynamic Catholic

\*\* We started with 14 children in the First Reconciliation/Communion Class.

\*\* On May 5th, 12 children received the Sacrament of Holy Communion (1 did not complete at Parent's decision, and 1 received Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter Vigil)

\*\* We received positive reviews for Sacramental Prep for Eucharist. Parents enjoyed using Blessed with their children. The recommended that we continue to use it for the next class to prepare.

We also received positive feedback regarding the Adult side with Presence, and Forgiven.

I recommend we continue with this approach to Parent Prep.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

\*\* There were 9-1st graders registered for class this year. I am expecting the class size for 1st Rec/Comm Prep to be approximately the same size for 19/20 year.

#### Confirmation: Chosen by Ascension Press

\*\* 13 children were confirmed on May 18th

\*\* I hope to meet with the catechists in July to discuss if they want to continue with Chosen, or use a different curriculum.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

\*\* This year I had 16-6th graders registered for class, so the the class size for Confirmation will most likely be larger next year.

## Adult Faith Formation & Evangelization 2018-19

### Sunday Morning Adult Formation

- 24 Sessions—most led by Pat Schubauer
  - *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* (Formed; 4 sessions)
  - *The Mass* (Word on Fire; 6 sessions)
  - *Lectio: Peter* (Formed; 10 sessions)
  - *Sharing Christ* (ChristLife; 3 sessions)
- Average attendance = 13.2
  - Average number of sessions attended by each adult = 10.6
  - 30 Adults attended at least one session

### Wednesdays of Wisdom

- Sep 12: Catechist Workshop (25 attendees)
- Sep 19: Reverence for the Eucharist (Fr. Mark McCormick; 22 attendees)
- Oct 17: Internet Safety (Holly Strand; 30 attendees)
- Nov 14: Angels & Saints (Fr. Andrzej Wyrostek; 25 attendees)
- Jan 16: Suicide Prevention (Jim Kinyon; 40 attendees)
- Feb 20: Permanent Diaconate (Dcn. Greg Sass; 15 attendees)
- Mar 20: Indulgences (Fr. Michel Mulloy; 30 attendees)
- Apr 24: Stewardship of the Earth (20 attendees)
- Jun 19: Healing & Deliverance Ministry (Fr. Michel Mulloy)

### Lenten Small Group Study

- *Around the Lenten Circle*
- 4 Small groups with 30 attendees
  - Dave Allardyce (10 members)
  - Mary Coffin (10 members)
  - Phil & Teresa Thompson (8 members)
  - Jonathon & Chloe Allen (12 members)

### Weekly Bible Studies

- Tuesday morning Mothers' Group led by Shawna Hanson (12 participants)
- Wednesday morning Early Bird Group (6-12 participants)
- Thursday morning Mens' Group led by Dave Allardyce (8-10 participants)

### Independent Study via FORMED

- 111 OLBH registrants

### Senior Brunch & Retreat

- *The Winter of Our Senior Years*
- 58 Attendees (age 70 & over)

### Baptism Follow-up & Reunions

- 30 Families receive follow-up materials
- January reunion: 9 families invited; 1 family attended
- June 12 reunion: 8 families invited

### ChristLife Evangelization Process

- Three 7-week courses
- Day retreat in each course
- *Discovering Christ*: 57 attendees
- *Following Christ*: 42 attendees
- *Sharing Christ*: 31 attendees (27 attended 4 or more sessions)

### Diocesan Formation Events

- The Summit: 36 adults+9 children
- REFUEL: 13 adults
- Pastoral Ministry Days: 20 adults