

Evangelization and Catechesis Committee

August 14, 2018 Meeting Notes

We welcomed Karla Brooks to the group and passed congratulations on to Katie Phernetton who is moving for a new job. Also present were Fr. Bob Kabat, Rosie Pavek, Bill and Roseann Dichraff, Kara Phernetton, John and Amy Weiss and Mike Westenberg.

Fall Alpha Discussion and decisions

- Monday evenings
 - Begins Monday September 17
 - Amy Weiss will be overall leader, need to find assistant
 - Need to begin recruiting table leaders
 - Meals - recruiting committees, groups to take a date to provide
- Thursday afternoons
 - Begins Thursday, September 20 1 pm - 2:45 pm
 - Rosie Pavek will help lead, need to find other helper
- Promo materials and weekends
 - Mike will see to it sign ups and help sheets are created. Website sign up already active. Will continue with bulletin and Facebook ads
 - Pushed first "live commercial" and invite to August 25,26. Amy will solicit people to do a 90 second invite. Gathering Space table display will be created.
 - Karla will work with Mike to do a post card campaign to all registered parishioners. Card to go out soon after Labor Day. Will also look to see what a zip code mailing would cost for future outreach. Need to go beyond normal parish communication tools to reach out.
- GOF - teens and adults
 - Alpha will be part of the GOF curriculum this year. High school students will be using the Alpha Youth Series. Adults will be using the Alpha Film Series. Will adapt normal Alpha calendar to incorporate the weekend videos on the Holy Spirit into regular GOF sessions. We could also offer this option to the general parish as well via GOF.

Fall Scripture Study -

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

- Mondays will be busy this fall. Our Scripture study will be held on Mondays beginning September 17. Study will meet in parish center. see bulletin announcement for more info on study. As we promote fall programming we

want to push the positive of having a choice of programs to choose from. We may also have the wonderful difficulty of limited space to work through. Will have study materials and info available on Alpha table as well to promote both.

Young Adult Gatherings

Planning meeting being scheduled to outline fall schedule. Mike working to develop a leadership group to hand off more of the planning and gathering duties to.

Diocesan Discipleship Seminars

Schedule and registration handed out. Please attend one if you can.

Christmas Book

New book by Kelly ordered. \$1 per copy which included shipping. Cost for this outreach was included in the budget this year but donations still welcome. Advent wine and wrapping gathering yet to be scheduled.

Also discussed possibility of book discussion groups being scheduled post- Christmas to encourage readership and as a way to gather people, build relationships, and encourage lived discipleship. Great idea - need to revisit as a main discussion item in future mtgs.

Other/Parish News

Travis Vanden Huevel info received by parish discussed. Consensus was fall is full but interested in scheduling something for January if it works out. Easy way to do and offering with little effort and expense during a time of year we don't have a lot going on. See info on speaker included. Mike will contact regarding booking. Also discussed how this might lead to other similar type programming we might be able to offer.

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer – he wants you to be his disciple and friend.

Please join us for *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*, featuring an 8 part video series by Dr. Edward Sri guiding us through the Gospel of John. Dr. Sri will explain how Christ's encounters with others in the Gospel are examples of how he lovingly and persistently calls each of us to a more intimate and life-changing relationship with him.

Follow Me will be offered at **St Matthew Parish** beginning **Monday, September 17th** from **7 to 8:30 p.m.**, continuing Monday, September 24 and then every other Monday for a total of 8 sessions. The cost of the study guide is \$19.95 plus shipping and can be ordered online at AscensionPress.com. For more information or to register for the study, visit AscensionPress.com, or contact Roseann Dichraff at 432-6665 or via email: busiraff@hotmail.com