

Wisdom of Our Faith Commission MINUTES

January 26, 2015 Parish Library

The mission of the Wisdom of our Faith Commission: *In Jesus Christ we will grow and flourish through wisdom of our Catholic faith. We will provide opportunities for faith development to inspire everyone to participate and share a lifelong commitment to learning and spiritual growth*

Present: Dave Braun, Jon Monroe, John Andrews, John Brodarick, Nick Begley, Bridget Chaney, Teresa Chiappone, Eileen Glynn-Tucker

Meeting Opening Prayer (general business)

Lord Jesus Christ, we believe that you are the one Mediator,
and that you have established and continually sustain, here on earth,
your holy Church.

Continue to be present with your Church, gathered together today for this meeting.

Guide us by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and help us to always work towards the building up of your Church here on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, whose lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

- Amen

This prayer was written for the 1st year of our parish-wide formation plan and incorporates teaching of Lumen Gentium and Sacrosanctum Concilium.

Announcements:

- 2000 DVDs distributed at Christmas and subsequent weeks, initial 1500 ran out by the end of 10:45 Mass. Ordered an additional 500. Low response to e newsletter and raffle; rather than creating a new email list for a few individuals, we will add new names to News and Notes.
- Budgeting is taking place within the parish now. Ministries that receive a budget within WOOF should be working on them. Contact Teresa with questions.
- Vicariate Mass February 5th at 7PM, St. Mary of Vernon, Arch Bishop Cupich All are welcome.
- Rev. Dr. Phil Horrigan, Archdiocesan Liturgical Consultant and renowned Liturgist. Fr. Phil will be speaking on: "What in God's name are we doing?!!" as a way to invite us all into deeper awareness and reflection on the liturgical seasons and the "what and why" of what we do with environment in our worship space. RSVP at St. Joseph Church. Feb 3rd 7-9PM

Plan and Procedure for Calendaring (Scheduling Rooms for July 1, 2015 to June 20, 2016)

SJCS has completed school year calendaring and the parish is entering the liturgical schedule. RE will begin entering now. Beginning in mid-February, all ministries will begin scheduling

with higher priority to retreat weekends, parish mission, etc. Please remember to complete the facility request form and send it to Barbara Bonier as soon as possible so your ministry receives the space it desires. She will book the rooms for WOOF. Please complete the facilities set up request form and follow the policies for the use of parish facilities. All are on the parish website.

Parish Communication: Main parish-wide communication tools are the Carpenter, News and Notes eletter, facebook and the new Parish One App that has recently been introduced. Distribution lists to specific groups or ministries are utilized regularly. Within WOOF it is imperative that we communicate with each other. Please follow the parish procedure and submit all Carpenter and News and Notes articles to Teresa Chiappone, our Staff Lead, before publication. She can communicate with other commissions, evaluate for conflicts, etc. If you send to Eileen Glynn-Tucker, they are forwarded to Teresa for approval. Please be aware of how far in advance you are communicating. A gradual lead up to your event could be more effective than a large section repeated for many consecutive weeks. Announcing a date early for a week or two can be effective. People tend to ignore things that appear the same week after week and we simply don't have space.

Update on New Initiative: Responding to the Call to the New Evangelization: One parishioner responded as interested in helping Scott Guziac start this ministry. Our Formation Team will look at it to see who evangelization can be integrated into formation and other parish efforts.

Annulment Ministry- Informational Session Planned-Kevin Sullivan is working with the Arch Family Ministry office to plan the session. A date has not been set.

Parish Wide 3 Year Faith Formation Plan: What have we done and where are we going?

Year 1 The Church and Sacraments

Year 2 Scripture and Tradition

Year 3 Human Person

What has God Revealed to us?

How does this deepen our relationship with God?

How does God call us to behave in the world?

We have made progress in offering programs, adding the gospel reflection to the Carpenter, adding audio of prayer program to parish website, distributing the meeting prayers and Christmas DVD, integrating the theme into our parish mission, etc. but the formation plan isn't central to our parish. We will strategize on ways to make it more central to our mission. Please send information on how your ministries have implemented it to Eileen Glynn-Tucker so we can compile a list of its impact.

Ministry Reports

Men's Council: Tending the Fire Mass and Reception with 100 men attending was great. SML will be four sessions. Annual retreat focus is Forgiveness in end of June.

SAC and SJCS: CSW kicked off with a Mass, pancake breakfast and book fair. Anne Phoenix is on board FT as principal and doing great. Knight Fund is ending soon and is likely to meet goal. There is an initiative to increase engagement in the school that sets the expectation to volunteer time, to contribute to the Knight Fund and to support the parish financially.

SPRED: Attended a Seminary Mass for Vicariate 1. They are journeying to the SPRED Center the 1st Sunday of May. A new helper catechist has joined the team.

YAM: Theology on Ice and Winter with Wine Series are meeting, and are sustaining the momentum of our summer Theology on tap with Yam Lake County. Bishop Rassas is leading a group to Peru this summer. St. Joseph is making plans to host a full Theology on Tap this summer

REC: Parish Book / Gift sale and bake sale take place in March same weekend as the RE registration. Family Stations of the Cross and fish fry are March 20th. New Communion banner workshop is being planned April 11th for all (SJCS and RE) First Communicants and their parents (no siblings).

RCIA and CIC: Feb 22 is the Rite of Election. 10 Adults and 8 children are participating.

Marriage Ministry: hosted a successful Soup, Supper and Substance with over 30 couples. Feb 7/8 is World Marriage Day and 35-40 couples have already responded to attend a wedding-like reception recognizing couples with significant anniversaries in the KC. Making plans for upcoming marriage anniversary celebration dinner and Marriage Retreat Weekend, Living in Love.

Closing Prayer: We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meetings:

March 12, 2015 Switched to off site.

May 14th Loughry Room

OUR PLAN - Vital Few Priorities: Formation, Evangelization, Integration

Formation: Implement a Parish Formation Plan whereby all parish ministries utilize a common theme consistent with the major Vatican II Council documents as they form parishioners in our faith.

Evangelization: Engaged members of our faith community look upon life activities as faith experiences to help celebrate how being Catholic influences our perception of and approach to our daily lives. Intentional evangelization ensues as parishioners live in our community as Catholics.

Integration: Intentional integration of St. Joseph Catholic School and Religious Education Program into the larger St. Joseph Parish Community.