



Faith Formation Commission Meeting Minutes: *August 10, 2023, 2:30-6:30pm, Youth Center*

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
Call to order and opening prayer	Offered by Mark	
Previous meeting minutes	Reviewed and approved	
Reports	<p>Pastoral Council Conversations continue with the City Council regarding the newly-acquired property. Have diagrams and letters of support from surrounding companies to bring to them to see if the city is willing to grant an exemption from some of the traditional codes.</p> <p>Adult Faith Formation <i>Baptism class</i> Classes have been scheduled for the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● September 18 ● November 20 ● January 15 ● March 18 ● May 20 <p><i>CFFA</i> Schedule for 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January 7, 21, 28 ● February 4, 18, 25 ● March 3, 24 <p>Meet in the Lower-Level gym after 9:30 Mass until noon.</p>	

Available for those interested in joining the church and long-time Catholics can refresh and renew their faith.

Those wanting to join the church can do so at the Easter Vigil.

Two signed up so far, 3 others have expressed interest

Eucharistic Revival

USCCB leading a nation-wide effort of Eucharistic Revival to renew the belief in the real/true presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Eucharistic Revival Timeline:

- Diocesan Revival: June 19, 2022 - June 11, 2023.
- Parish Revival: June 11, 2023 - July 17, 2024.
- National Eucharistic Congress: July 17, 2024 in Indianapolis
- Year of Going out on Mission: July 21, 2024 until Pentecost

Mark Meier, Suzy Lueke, and Al Weber attended a Pastoral Leadership Study Day in April on Eucharistic Revival. Since then, we have met to look at how to bring Eucharistic Revival to St. Pat's. Got input from Fr. Ivan. 2 events are scheduled with more to come!

Bible Study

The bible study "A Biblical Walk through the Mass" from Ascension Press will be offered over 5 sessions starting October 10.

Each session will be offered 3x per week - Tuesdays at 10AM, Tuesdays at 6:30PM, Thursdays at 1:30PM. Multiple options to hopefully draw more people - advertising to start in August.

- Dates: October 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31; November 1, 7, 9

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition will be loaned out to St. Pats from Iowa Catholic Radio starting November 2nd - 30th.

Link to more info on the exhibit: <http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html>

Exhibition is free - there will be a donation box. Anticipate it will draw people within a 40-mile radius.

Proposed times to have the exhibition open: Sundays 11am-3 or 4pm; before daily Mass; before nightly adoration. Also looking at times that work for the school, CGS, Religious Ed, etc.

Ideas for volunteers - Knights of Columbus, CDA, youth ministry kids and their parents, confirmation candidates and their parents/sponsor, eucharistic ministers, lectors. There is a "job description" to help volunteers know what their responsibilities are.

Informational Sessions

Informational Sessions to help our Parish better understand the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist are being developed. They will be live-streamed and recorded to be posted on the website and/or Facebook. Questions will be encouraged.

Several topics that have been brainstormed include: Lectio Divina, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, Imaginative (Ignatian), challenges to prayer, explaining adoration, the parts of the church. Fr. Ivan suggested we get speakers from outside the Parish stating, "A prophet isn't accepted in his hometown." Hoping to have the sessions once per month on a Sunday evening in the church.

Beautiful Eucharist by Matthew Kelly

Book by Matthew Kelly will be offered at the Christmas Masses this year - it fits into the Eucharistic Revival theme. Each chapter has a different author.

Recommended Resources

A list of recommended resources is being compiled to help parishioners better understand the Mass and the Eucharist on their own. This includes books, articles, websites, and podcasts.

Not the end, just the beginning.

A larger group of people were called together to help with ideas, planning, and organizing. The offerings and activities will go on after Pentecost 2025 to continually help people understand and live their faith. Other future ideas include another study that is being developed by the USCCB, focused on Eucharistic Revival.

Religious Education

CGS

Hoping to keep the momentum going.

- Adding toddler room (20-months-3years) - Liz Koenigsfeld taking the lead
- Level 1 & 2 are stable - would like more pre-school kids; registration is going well
- Level 3 will have a soft launch due to limited catechists and limited children that have been through the program - goal is to not have any traditional 3rd grade RE class
- 4-6th grade will be traditional RE but hope to offer more contemplative activities to help structure the classroom a bit more and support catechists
- We have the people that we need for all sessions that will be offered
- Parent meeting scheduled
- Traditional program will be Wednesday evenings.
- Hoping to include some parent formation in collaboration with Deacon Al.

Needs of the program:

- Building community and helping develop catechists for traditional RE
- Goal to have 1:6 ratio of catechists to children
- Need help finding catechists - reassure the catechists that they will be supported, educated

Junior High Youth Ministry

Currently Junior High Youth Ministry is largest gap that needs addressed.

High School Youth Ministry and Confirmation

In the absence of a Youth Minister, Diane Flaherty has offered to create content and help gather volunteers for the remaining Confirmation sessions and High School Youth Ministry.

Current work revolves around scheduling and gathering catechists to bring excited energy to the program.

	Overall, catechist support and development is a recurrent need that is mentioned from previous catechists. That will be a goal of all Faith Formation.	
Old business	Youth Minister Search Continues Capital campaign/CGS component Still have some money to raise for the campaign	
New business	See reports above	
Next meeting	September 14, 5:30-6:30pm, Youth Center	

Present for the meeting:

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X Kate Mauss		