

St. Bruno and St. Paul's Pastoral Council Notes

April 24, 2018

Faith Formation Committee Members:

Cindy Beauchamp	SP	Pastoral Council
Lisa Bixby	SP	
Ann-Marie Duemling	SP	
Patrick Duemling	SP	
Karen Farrell	SP	Child & Family Minister
Amy Golden	SB	Child & Family Minister
Mary Kral	SB/P	Adult Minister
Marya McGrath	SB	
Jan Schienebeck	SP	
Bill Snyder	SB/P	Youth Minister
Jean Warren	SB	Chair
Kelly Wiza	SB	Pastoral Council
Dan Zehnpfennig	SP	Pastoral Council

Overall Successes

- Very successful combined committee of both parishes
- Very hard working, cohesive staff!
- Many collaborations have taken place – very successfully
- New programs continue to be offered – “old ones” revised

Struggles

- More “people” needed – on committee, in classrooms, with events
- Resistance to change by parishioners

Where You Can Help

- Support of programs; special events
- “Spread the word” about programs and all we have to offer

Adult Formation - Mary Kral (Ss. Bruno and Paul) July 2017 – May 2018

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: 15 celebrated at St. Bruno, 24 celebrated at St. Paul

RCIA (8): THREE baptized, THREE received into the Catholic Church, TWO adults confirmed at Easter Vigil

WINS/SUCCESSSES

NEW: ALPHA launched at both parishes in fall (95 guests), spring (40 guests)

Lent: Walk the Labyrinth, Good Friday, St. Bruno

Small groups: Divine Mercy Cenacle (Wednesday afternoons, St Paul), Discovery (Monday mornings St Bruno), Catholicism (Tuesday evenings St Paul), Holy Spirit (Easter Season Monday mornings St Bruno, Wednesday evenings St Paul)

ONGOING: St. Paul Family Program, adult portion: faith sharing, guest speakers, increase in feeling of community in this group; St. Bruno second year for something for the parents during their child's class time: faith sharing, guest speakers;

Dynamic Men's Groups led by Tim Weske (St. Paul) and Jerry Strand (St. Bruno) 30+ in each; Life in the Spirit (prayer group) Lucille Contorno; Promotion of silent preached retreats at Redemptorist Retreat Center; Promotion of FORMED.org as a resource; Promotion of Women of Christ, Men of Christ conferences.

FUTURE: 2018-2019: Alpha; Speaker planned in November for families, grandparents and others with children in their lives; Parish mission planned for Lent 2019; promote/form additional small groups

Special thanks to Counsel for making dinner for Alpha. Your help and support is so appreciated!

*Mary Kral Adult Faith Formation schedule is 30 hours/ week, shared between St Paul and St Bruno. (Additional 6 hours/week at St Paul is scheduled for Human Concerns.)

John 10 Youth Ministry - Bill Snyder (Ss. Bruno and Paul) 2017 - 2018

Program Highlights:

- 152 teens served in the joint program (9-11)
- 68 Confirmation Students to be confirmed May 2, 2018
- Two Summer Mission Opportunities (Alive in You - July 17-22nd and Steubenville, July 27-29th)
- Youth Group Meeting Weekly on Wednesdays since December 2017

Behind the Scenes Highlights:

- After experimenting with a large group vs. small group format for the first semester - we returned to the traditional way of small groups for the entire class period
- Kelly Weske and I have been working hard to engage students outside of the mandatory classes and started a Youth Night on Wednesday evenings from 7-9p - kids need an environment. Overall it has been going well.
- Living Stations of the Cross - Lenten Presentation very well received, planning on making it an annual joint parish event.

In to the future:

- Looking to build a more action-oriented youth community: Grow a Youth Group Core to serve our faith community, demonstrate active public prayer to help foster private devotion that leads to conversion and living a sacramental lifestyle that witnesses the faith

Child and Family Ministry – Karen Farrell (St. Paul's Parish) 2017-2018

Program Highlights:

- Served 161 children and their families
- 33 children made their First Reconciliation and First Communion – one was also Baptized
- 54 people have gone to the RiverWest Food Pantry to volunteer (this doesn't include if they liked it so much they went a second or third time)
- 11 kids and parents helped to make cookies for Reformation Lutheran
- 21 adults volunteered to help bring the Gospel to kids
- Strengthened sense of community in the Family Program

Behind the Scenes Highlights:

- Renewed energy on my part as to WHY I do this... why I come to work each day
- Attendance in Missionary Discipleship Institute (as well as other Archdiocesan endeavors) has created opportunities to grow and further my skills to help evangelize myself (on-going conversion) as well as assist other's on their journey
- Middle School journals have been AMAZING! They have been shared in the bulletin a while ago

Into the Future:

- The area of growth I continue to pursue is two-fold: growth in leadership AND always growing in why we do this... in other words, what is vision I work towards... and what is the vision our parish works towards?
- In other words, why should people be disciples of Jesus Christ?

Child and Family Ministry – Amy Golden (St. Bruno's) 2017- 2018

Win/Successes:

- 16 Students will receive First Communion in May
- Preparing 3 school age children to receive the sacrament of Baptism
- Collaborative Reconciliation and Eucharist retreats with St. Paul's have proven to be a positive experience
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is up and running, serving both our Sunday Faith Formation students in grades K & 1, as well as the school children aged 3-7. This has been VERY well received by the children, teachers, and parents
- Will extend an invitation to the school families to join our Sunday Family Faith Sessions, which is a part of our K-8 formation program. I would ask for school families to RSVP for each session they plan to attend so I can prepare enough materials.

Where You Can Help:

- Please be supportive of our programs. Tell people about how great the new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is, and encourage them to enroll their children. Also encourage school families to attend the once a month Family Faith Sessions.