

Faith Formation Meeting MINUTES

February 4, 2019

Ss. Bruno and Paul

PRESENT: Jennifer Geisler (meeting leader), Mary Kral (representing both parishes) Karen Farrell, Dan Zehnpfennig, Jim Winiecki, Lori Kaari, Patrick Duemling (representing St Paul), Eileen Rudnick, Michelle Michel (representing St Bruno)

ABSENT: Lisa Bixby (St Paul)

EXCUSED: Amy Golden (St Bruno), Ann-Marie Duemling (St Paul)

Prayer: Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, You have made us for Yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in You. Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, so that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Your will, no weakness from doing it. Grant that in Your light we may see light clearly, and in Your service find our perfect freedom. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Wins *Good number of kids going to WI Catholic Youth Rally (increased attendance this year over last year); good one on one interactions noted between a few students and their catechists; volunteer helpers for Alpha*

How am I living out the mission of my parish?

Agenda:

- Lenten Opportunities
A first draft was shared with the committee, feedback obtained; will be published for all parishioners in bulletin, on website, to Faith Formation and school newsletters.
- Divine Mercy Sunday – need to reach out to the Divine Mercy Cenacle and begin planning. Divine Mercy Sunday is April 28th.
Possible video series from FORMED.org offered, begin on or near Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy Novena was suggested as well.
- High school curriculum
We viewed a sample of a video used in a 9/10th grade small group from Y Disciple series (FORMED.org) on human sexuality. Facilitator in video is Jason Evert, nationally known speaker on Theology of the Body. Discussion around Eileen Rudnick's information about using LifeTeen, successful at St Charles. Also discussion about Matthew Kelly's Decision

Point from Jim Winiecki, who has familiarity with it in a small group he is part of. Karen Farrell discussed helping our students to know Jesus, it is a slow process involving relationship and knowing Jesus. Jennifer Geisler and Karen pointed out that the catechists lead small groups and in those groups, trust is formed, a safe space can be created, and that can be very helpful in working with students on a personal relationship with Jesus. It takes time. A curriculum can provide head knowledge, but relationships within the group and with the catechist can work on hearts. Evangelization is a process, there is not a one-size-fits-all for everyone. Patrick Duemling, 7th grade boys' catechist commented that even in a small group, some students are not able to share as much as they could for whatever reason, so important for catechists to be tuned in and try to give them the opportunity as much as possible. Some of this is accomplished through one on one just as Jesus did with his disciples. There is no quick answer or magic bullet. Our goal in Faith Formation programs is that everyone (young and old) feels like they belong, that coming to church is coming "home" and through that come to have a relationship with Jesus.

Pastoral Council Updates:

St. Bruno's (Eileen Rudnick)

- St. Bruno's Council has not met since the last Faith Formation meeting.
- Have been checking out surrounding parishes regarding faith formation.
St Charles Life Teen, see above

St. Paul's (Jim Winiecki)

- St. Paul's Pastoral Council did not meet in January due to the weather.
- Still working on and gearing up for Ministry Conference.
March 25, 6:30 pm for all St Paul committees

Working On:

Karen Farrell/Child & Family Ministry/St Paul:

- Classes
- Middle School Youth Rally
- Knitting with kids (middle school) – February 10th; waiting to have families confirm

- Working with a few moms to begin working towards having more groups, etc.
- Very soon Amy and I will be working on and planning First Communion retreats

Mary Kral/Adult Ministry/both:

- Lenten and Easter season opportunities for parishioners: Alpha, The Mass, Turning Point (Gospel of John), Book Study (AMs at St. Bruno), Wild Goose (AMs at St. Paul).
- Parish Mission March 11, 12 advertising and details of the evenings at each parish
- RCIA support for facilitation team (Rite of Election, paperwork, etc.) for 1 candidate, 2 catechumens, 1 adult confirmand.

Jennifer Geisler/Youth Ministry/both:

- Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally – 28 students going (up 23 students from last year!)
- Budget
- Confirmation meeting with parents Tuesday February 5th
- Service Opportunities

Amy Golden/Child & Family Ministry/St Bruno:

- Planning Family class
- Budget
- Planning for next year
- Reorganizing the Atrium
- Trying to stay warm