

Sacred Heart Parish Faith Formation Board Brief Report to Pastoral Council

January 13, 2019

Brief Overview of Children's Ministries

Ongoing

- Weekly faith formation classes
- Parent-led program for sacrament preparation with parish support
- Participation in children's masses

Select Highlights from 2018

- Special themes | Bible Buddies, Saints in a Jar, Feast of Epiphany (Jan 2019), *etc.*
- Special services for children | Ash Wednesday, *etc.*
- Confirmation and First Eucharist
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) | Simpson United Methodist Church in June
- Children's Christmas Mass | Expanded
- Catechist support and appreciation activities

Looking ahead

- Confirmation and First Eucharist | May 18
- VBS at Trinity Lutheran | June 24-28

Challenges

- Having enough catechists (short this year)
- Diocesan support for parish catechists and faith formation staff

Brief Overview of Youth Ministries

Ongoing

- Youth group meetings | Now on Sunday evenings
- Youth participation in children's masses

Select Highlights from 2018

- Young Neighbors in Action (YNIA) Mission Trip to Yakima, WA in July | 6 youth and 2 adult leaders
- Catholic Youth Celebration (CYC) | March 2-4
- North Idaho Youth Rally | October 27
- House of Charity, Spokane | May and Nov
- Youth assisting with children's ministries | Easter, VBS, Epiphany, childcare for events, *etc.*
- Fun events | Picnics, bowling, themed parties, *etc.*

Looking Ahead

- Lock-in | January 18
- CYC Trip | March 1-3
- YNIA mission trip to Great Falls, MT | June 23-28

Challenges

- Increasing attendance to youth group (especially among middle schoolers)
- Fundraising for mission trip (with no spring auction)

Brief Overview of Adult Ministries

Ongoing

- Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) | 11 inquiries at last count
- SHARE | Ongoing bible study and faith sharing
- Integrate and welcome new church members

Select Highlights from 2018

- *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* Adult Bible Study | 2 groups met, 8-session program
- Disciples in Dialogue | *Relating to the Lord's Prayer*, 3-part series in October
- Women's Retreat | November 9-11, with 15 participants

Looking ahead

- Disciples in Dialogue | *Holy Spirit 201*, 3-part series in January

Challenges

- Adult Bible Study and other education events | Challenging to balance content, time, location with liturgical season and other events and also make it attractive, doable, and valuable
- Growing RCIA applicants

Select Other Faith Formation Activities

Ongoing

- Assistance with parish activities | Coffee and rolls; Prayer, Bread, and Soup; FEAST, *etc.*

Select Highlights from 2018

- Assistance with PREPARES (parenting mentoring)
- Supported the Social Justice Ministry in hosting the Celebration of Oscar Romero Canonization

Looking ahead

- Support of ongoing parish activities and integration and coordination with other parish groups

Challenges

- How to welcome new families when they register | Knowing who and how to connect

Sacred Heart Parish Faith Formation Board

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