

## Faith Formation Board Meeting –

August 4, 2020 @ 7pm

Attended by: Rev. Steven Dublinski, Linda Heidenreich, Jane Hommel, Dan Jinguji, Linea Johnson, Betty Moore, Jon Parrish, Penny Zimmerman, Theresa Paul, Anna Park

I. Call to prayer: Linda & Opening prayer: Theresa

II. Discussion about Fall 2020 Faith Formation (FF)

A. Discussion about what Pullman Public Schools (PPS) will do for the fall semester. Penny shared the options that the district has sent out. Jon said that if we are in person for FF, and PPS goes online, we will have to follow suit. We will need to have hallway procedures and determine a safe number of kids per classroom. Dan suggested classes be formed using family groups as that helps with not having to distance. PreK could use a classroom or another space when masses are going on. The larger classes would have to be divided up. Dan suggested we contact families directly as surveys have a very low response rate. Penny suggested a Flocknote and then a follow up with those that haven't responded. Father said the return rate on surveys will be low. The numbers are critical for us in regard to planning. People with children haven't been encouraged to come to church, so will need to keep this in mind in regard to Faith Formation.

B. Father shared that the Safety Committee said we will need to start having mass somewhere else (Gladish, Schweitzer, etc.) or that we go back to full online. Father is hoping to avoid that. Can put 30 in main body and maybe 18 in annex, but Safety Committee doesn't think this is safe due to lack of air flow. Dan suggested classroom at these other locations for FF. Theresa asked if there would be RCIA, confirmation, etc. Father says that the Bishop has reserved confirmation. We should prepare another group of kids for First Communion and can do it any time after prep under our current plan. Nic, a scout and youth parishioner, made Advent wreaths for First Communicants as a scout and parish project.

C. Father suggested we do a survey and then contact parents who don't answer. We can use the parish hall and rooms like Holy Family to socially distance. Linda suggested it might be good to meet in person possibly outdoors to make bonds before having to go online. Father also reminded us about the tent outside that can be used as long as the weather is good.

D. Theresa wants to hear from the families before continuing on with plans. She doesn't want to wait too long because people will get out of contact with the parish. She wants to make sure they are still feeling a part of the parish community. She is definitely missing them all.

Survey questions:

A: We prefer distance learning using the internet.

B: We prefer distance learning using physical materials (books and handouts etc.), but not the internet.

C: We prefer a hybrid approach. This approach will use internet, physical materials and possibly occasional face to face sessions.

D: We prefer traditional face to face instruction.

III. Linea shared the youth group report. They have continued to meet on Sundays. They watch a video, discuss, and then play a game. She is looking for a way to hybrid the meetings. Father suggested using the tent and there is a TV available. Linea is hoping for once a month in person meeting. She is hoping to have a parent Zoom to get feedback/buy in on a new format of topic, meeting, discussion online and then once a month in person. Linea mentioned the movie night in June. Youth have a harder time distancing.

Closing Prayer: Theresa