

MONTHLY REPORT

Faith Formation Administrative Team July/August 2015

Adult Faith Formation

Dave Cushing

A. Initiation

1. The Rites of Christian Initiation for adults and young adults who have not been baptized or catechized will begin in October.
2. The Rite of Christian Reception for adults and young adults who have been baptized, catechized and practicing in another Christian tradition will begin in September.
3. 4 families attended the Baptism class in June; 4 families attended the Baptism class in July. The next Baptism preparation class is June 8 at Sacred Heart.
> Read cumulative evaluations from Baptism preparation here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-JKRWWJSY/>
4. 08 young adults completed the Adult Confirmation preparation in June.

B. Evangelization

1. 150 people attended the Catholic Witness Hour July 20 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Gilbertville.
2. 03 people attended the Listening Session for Inactive Catholics in June. The next listening session is August 12. Listening sessions this year will be held at 220 East.
3. 02 people attended the Discussion for gay and lesbian Catholics in July. The next discussion for gay and lesbian Catholics is August 26 at 220 East. A new brochure, "Information for and About Gay and Lesbian Catholics," outlines the status of gay and lesbians members in the church.
4. A discussion for family members of gay and lesbian Catholics is scheduled for August 19 at 220 East.
5. During August, information on how to contact Catholic campus ministry centers will be provided in Sunday bulletins for parents sending young adults to college this fall.
6. Total reach on the Waterloo Catholics Facebook page for June was 2,699 (daily average: 93; daily range: 07/192); total reach for July was 3,730 (daily average: 124; daily range: 70/239). Here are combined June-July total reach (and daily averages) for selected Facebook features: Daily Prayer 2505 (46); Daily Reading 1491 (27); Daily Examen 1156 (33); Trending Today 3296 (75); Liturgical Calendar 2223 (97); Saturday Sabbath 549 (69); Sunday's Gospel 325 (41).

C. Adult Formation and Enrichment

1. 19 people were enrolled in the Summer Bible Series in June.
> Read evaluations from the Summer Bible Series here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-VXBTJSJSY/>
 2. 12 people attended the presentation of Fr. Robert Barron's video series "Catholicism-- Journey to the Heart of the Faith" this summer.
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3. Attendance at this year's Summer at the Cellar programs to date totaled 147 (Connie May 30; Charlotte Wells 31; Charlotte Martin 17; Archbishop Jackels 69). The next and final program in the series is August 13 with Dr. Jacob Kohlhaas.

> Read evaluations from Summer at the Cellar here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-TF66WJSY/>

4. Tom Schoellen will facilitate our annual Bible Timeline video series beginning Sept. 14 at Sacred Heart.

5. Sr. Meg Gemar OSF will facilitate a five-week discussion of Pope Francis's encyclical "Laudato Si" starting Sept. 17 at Sacred Heart.

6. Dr. Massimo Faggioli will be the featured speaker at our fall Catholic Speakers Series program Nov. 1. Dr. Faggioli is associate professor of theology at St. Thomas University in St. Paul.

Young Adult Ministry
Ellen Voegele

220 East

Subcommittee - The subcommittee has met three times through the summer and is primarily discerning how to name and brand 220 East. Subcommittee members and faith formation staff have also discussed plans for Irish Fest and made the weekend happen from volunteering to clean to serving as hospitality ministers throughout the weekend.

In process: custodian hire, sustainable funding plan, parameters for usage, publicity & marketing

Summer Calendar at 220 E

Weekly:

- Mondays - EMBARC Weavers
- Tuesdays - Catholicism Discussion Series, New Catholics Small Group
- Fridays - Hospitality House Community Meal

Monthly:

- Sacred Heart Fundraising Task Force
- 220 E Subcommittee
- Listening Sessions for Inactive Catholics
- Listening Sessions for Gay & Lesbian Catholics
- Listening Sessions for Friends & Family of Gay Catholics
- Catholicism 101
- Catholic Q&A
- Movie Nights

Special Events:

- EMBARC Fundraiser - July 16 - *app 200 people attended*
- Irish Fest - August 1-2
 - Open Hours for fellowship & refreshments (Aug 1 - 10am-7pm & Aug 2 - 11 am - 6 pm) - *app. 25 people stopped in (15 "off the street" - not affiliated with the Waterloo Catholic Parishes)*
 - Scheduled Activities
 - * The Church's Role in Ireland - Saturday, 2 pm - *19 people attended*
 - Presenters: Dr. David Cochran and Dr. John Waldmeir
 - * Catholic Q & A - Saturday, 4-5 pm - *no one attended*
 - * Coffee & Donuts-Sunday, 11am (after Irish Fest Mass) - *app. 150*

people attended

* The Book of Kells - Sunday, 2 pm - 10 people attended

Presenter: Charlotte Wells

Get to Know Your Neighbors - Sunday, July 12, attended service at Church of Christ Scientist. 1 young adult attended.

Next up is Greenhill Baptist on Sunday, August 9.

Monthly Movie Nights with Fr. Bullock - We took a break during June and July and will start a new series this month on the 3rd Fridays of the month. This month is *The Social Network* on August 21 and movie nights will now be held at 220 East.

Adult Confirmation - We had a round of Adult Confirmation this summer. Sessions were held on June 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 6-8 pm at St. Edward. Chris Mitchell was the catechist. 9 candidates attended.

Small Groups - Groups are designed to be run by a facilitator and be self-sustaining. My responsibility will be to provide formation for group leaders & facilitators, offer general publicity for small groups, and plug people in to a group that fits their interests and availability. A synopsis of the groups that met over the summer is as follows.

Group Leader: Target Audience: Day: Location:

1) Jenna Feeney Young adult men & women Tuesday evenings
@220 East

* Joined in on Ralph Davis' *Catholicism* series that started on June 9 and is concluding August 5 - 6 young adults attend

2) Renae Brandle Young adult women monthly various

* YAP was on July 1 for free pie day at Village Inn. - 4 women attended
Next YAP will be August 27

3) Renae Brandle Young adult mothers Monday evenings
@group leader's home

* Started *The Bible Timeline* on July 27 - 9 women attend

4) Kelsey Kaufman Young adult women Wednesday evenings
@facilitator's home

* Met June 10-July 15 discussing *The Four Loves* by C.S. Lewis - 7 women attend

5) Lee Kersting Young adult men Thursday evenings
@group leader's home

* Met through the summer, working through *The Bible Timeline* - 8 men attend

6) Melissa Mitchell New Catholics Tuesday evenings
@220 East

* Started meeting on July 7 discussing various topics - 4 adults attend

Young Adult Ministry Communications -

- Flocknote - (flocknote.com/cvyoungadults) 84 subscribers
- Facebook - (facebook.com/cvyoungadults) 170 likes

Networking/Promoted Events:

- Fr. Robert Barron's *Catholicism* DVD discussion group - Tuesday evenings June 9-August 4 (AFF & Ralph Davis)
- Listening Session for Gay Catholics - July 22 (AFF)
- Summer at the Cellar, Archbishop Jackels - July 30 (AFF & Sacred Heart)
- Taize Prayer - July 12 @ 220 East (AFF & Sacred Heart)

Promoting:

- Listening Session for Inactive Catholics - August 12 (AFF)
- Summer at the Cellar, Jacob Kolhaas - August 13 (AFF & The Cellar)
- Discussion for Family Members of Gay Catholics - August 19 (AFF)
- Discussion for Gay & Lesbian Catholics - August 26 (AFF)

In process:

- Calendaring 2015-16
- 220 East Hospitality Minister Trainings
- Small Group Facilitator Trainings
- Adoration Hour

Spiritual Growth & Professional Development:

- Spiritual Direction
- Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola 30 Day Summer Retreat (From June 12th to July 12th)
- FFL & CSA Day - August 11

**Children & Family
Catechesis**

Kelleryn Rauzi

Wednesday and Sunday R.E. Registration/Calendar:

-After spring registration we have 18 families registered for Wed. Night R.E. and 13 families registered for Sunday R.E. so far.

-In the latter half of August registration forms and R.E. calendars will be sent out to families.

-Registration forms will also be made available in the entrances of all churches at the end of August and also will be placed on the website.

-We will also have registration for Latino families after the noon mass at QOP on Sept. 6th and Sept. 20th.

-We will be moving the start date up for Wed. R.E. to Sept. 16th. This will be a beginning of the year mass for students and families to attend/a meet and greet for the families and catechists/last minute registration before classes start.

R.E. Catechist Recruitment/Formation:

-Recruitment efforts for catechists is an ongoing process. Besides contacting names I have received from the Faith Formation Team and Cathy Mills, I have also placed articles in the parish bulletins requesting catechists. I have also placed recruitment signs in the parish entrances.

-We are still in need of **many** catechists for both programs. If you have any names or suggestions for me, please do not hesitate to pass those along.

-Catechist inservices will be held the first two weeks in September for the Wed. night catechists and TBA for the Sunday catechists.

-We have made job descriptions for Site Supervisors for C.O.R.E. and k-8 R.E.

VBS:

-VBS was cancelled in July due to lack of #'s.

-The team will be discussing options for next year's summer programming.

In Process:

-Catechist recruitment

-Parent and Catechist handbooks

-Research into next year's summer programming

-Planning catechist weekly formation/prayer services

-Planning end of class prayer services for k-8

-Hiring Site Supervisors

Spiritual and Professional Development:

-Spiritual Direction

-Mentoring with Ellen Voegele

-Archdiocesan New Faith Formation Leader day and Archdiocesan FFL&CSA day in August.

**High School Youth
Ministry**
Annie Zeets

Youth Ministry Report

June 3: End of the Year Party/Bonfire at my home. We grilled out, played games and ended the night with a fire and some karaoke. It was a great way to end a great year. *37 students attended.*

June 4: ND Vision breakfast meeting

June 8: MOB: Mass over Breakfast: morning mass at Sacred Heart and then we went for breakfast at Panera. *10 students attended*

June 15: MOB at St. Edward with breakfast at Cottonwood Canyon. *11 students attended.*

June 22-26: ND Vision. 5 students attended this called and gifted leadership camp on the campus of Notre Dame. ND Vision focuses on calling forth an individual's gifts and helping students grow those gifts for use within their parishes and schools. Brock Ulses, Noel Mills, Dylan Tracy, Jacob Haag and Patricia Patnode attended. As part of their coming home and giving back, the group has decided to spearhead small group faith sharing thru the YDisciple program this fall. We are working on the program and will be promoting it to students once school and CORE classes start in September.

July 17-24: Eagle Claw backpacking and leadership training trip to Wyoming. 11 WCYM students went on this trip that is a joint effort between us and the Boy Scouts. Thanks to Barb and Kevin Salisbury for leading this trip for the last 8 or 9 years.

Aug. 4: MOB: Mass at Blessed Sacrament. Breakfast at Panera. *6 students attended*

Coming Up:

Aug. 18: MOB at St. Edward

Sept. 2 & 9: NCYC meetings

Sept. 6: High School: Kick-off party at CHS

Sept. 11: NCYC webinar

Sept. 12: Middle School: Kick-off part at CHS

Professional Development:

Aug. 11: FFL/CSA day at Blessed Maria. Topic: Parking Lot Evangelization

Burmese Ministry
Julie Niemeyer

- Met with John Lazum to clarify roles. Plans call for Julie N. to assist John with RCIA for adults and for older public school children needing sacraments. John will handle Marriage Prep using materials developed by Pam Johnston and approved by Fr. Stecher.
 - John Lazum, Dave Cushing, Fr. Stecher, and I met with Fr. Luigi after his arrival to explain how catechesis and sacramental preparation with Burmese children and adults has been handled in the past three years. Father Luigi will consider what level of involvement he will have in the process. We explained that we are open to his suggestions, and we look forward to working with him. .
 - Scheduled 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist parent meetings for Burmese.
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Sacramental Preparation
Julie Niemeyer

- Dave Cushing and Pam Johnston had met with Catholic school principals and 2nd grader teachers in May to propose a change in the "immediate preparation" phase for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion. Last year the children used their sacrament books only at home. This made parents primarily responsible for the preparation. School teachers and RE catechists would engage students in appropriate chapters in their religion texts, but this was not in-depth instruction. Results were mixed, and several children were not very well prepared. This year the sacrament books will be used in the classroom. Teachers can supplement it with chapters from the religion text as needed. Take-home materials and activities will keep parents involved as well. I will be meeting with 2nd grade school teachers and RE catechists in late August/early September to explain more.
 - 1st Reconciliation parent meetings have been scheduled for September 27 (Spanish-speaking parents), Sept. 28 & 29 (English-speaking parents), and Sept. 30 (Burmese parents). Dates for 1st Reconciliation are 6:30 Wed., Dec. 2 at St. Ed's or 2 p.m. Sun., Dec. 6 at Queen of Peace.
 - Rosario Gonzales and John Lazum will translate information letters for parents and will assist with translating at the parent meetings.
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Confirmation
Julie Niemeyer

- To avoid weather-related problems with having Confirmation in January, we have submitted a request to have it right after Easter. We should hear by the end of August which of the 4 dates we submitted is approved.
 - Candidates and their parents can choose a Confirmation info meeting on Sept. 13 or Sept. 16. The Confirmation retreat will be Sunday, Oct. 4; it will serve as a "kick-off" for the preparation program. Annie Zeets is planning it. Three other sessions are scheduled (in November, January, and February).
 - During August I will be contacting people from each parish to be on the Confirmation planning team.
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**Children's Liturgy of
the Word**
Julie Niemeyer

- During August I will be contacting those individuals who helped with CLOW last year to see who is willing and able to continue. CLOW will begin in September. Exact dates will depend on availability of facilitators.
 - Leader materials have been received.
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