

MONTHLY REPORT

Faith Formation Administrative Team

June 2015

**Adult Faith
Formation**
Dave Cushing

A. Initiation

1. Four candidates concluded the Spring Rite of Christian Reception May 25.
2. 5 families attended the Baptism class in May. The next Baptism preparation class is June 8 at Sacred Heart.

B. Evangelization

1. 20 people attended the Catholic Witness Hour May 18 at Queen of Peace Parish. Archbishop Jackels will be the speaker for the witness talk July 20 at Immaculate Conception in Gilbertville.

C. Adult Formation and Enrichment

1. 51 people are registered for the September bus trip to see Pope Francis. We have cancelled the second bus.
 2. 5 people attended the Critical Choices Workshop on May 16 at Sacred Heart Parish.
 3. Our annual Summer Bible Series will be held on Monday evenings, June 8, 15, 22, 29 at Sacred Heart. Dr. Bill Mulcahey from Mount Mercy University will lead a study of the Book of Revelation.
 4. Ralph Davies will facilitate a ten-week presentation of Fr. Robert Barron's video series "Catholicism--Journey to the Heart of the Faith" this summer. The sessions will meet on Tuesday evenings at 220 East starting June 8.
 5. I am in the process of recruiting speakers for this year's Summer at The Cellar series which will be held in June, July and August. Because the audience is generally an older group and because drinks and food are readily available, we will continue to hold this series at The Cellar.
- > Learn more here:

D. Spiritual Growth

1. 12 people attended the Spring Care-Givers retreat May 30, at Covenant Medical Center.

E. Social Justice and Interfaith

1. The Taize prayer service scheduled for May was cancelled because it fell on the Memorial Day weekend. The monthly series which we alternate with First Baptist Church will resume in September.
2. 22 people registered to receive the Pentecost Novena by email, May 27-23; and additional 294 (a daily average of 42) people read the Novena on our Facebook page.
3. The parishes will be co-sponsors of a LifeLong Learning class on religions and violence which will be held at UNI this fall.

F. Administration

1. Total reach on our Facebook page for May 3,341 (daily average: 113; daily range: 68/270).
2. Details and live links for this report are available online at:

www.waterlooparishes.org/afreport.htm

**Young Adult
Ministry**
Ellen Voegele

Community Meal at Catholic Worker – On Thursday, April 30, we prepared and served the community meal at the Catholic Worker House in Waterloo. We had a great experience serving with each other and interacting with the community. *7 young adults attended, including one who went through Adult Confirmation this spring.*

YAP (Young Adult People) – YAP was on May 21. It was hosted by Jamie Rathjen and held at her house. *4 young adult women attended.*
Next YAP will be June 18.

Diaconate Ordination – On May 21, we attended Aaron Junge’s diaconate ordination at St. Jude in Cedar Rapids. *4 young adults attended.*

Get to Know Your Neighbors – On Saturday, May 9 we attended a service with the Seventh Day Adventists. *2 young adults attended.*
Get to Know Your Neighbors in June is cancelled due to unavailability of our three core people. Next up is Church of Christ Scientist on Sunday, July 12.

Monthly Movie Nights with Fr. Bullock – May’s movie night was *Gran Torino*. Great movie and great discussion. *7 young adults attended.*
Next up is *Babette’s Feast* on June 26. We will break during July and start a new series in August on the third Fridays of the month. We will start having the movie nights at 220 East in August.

Encounter Conference – We have postponed the Encounter Conference on May 30-June 1, 2015 and will plan on attending in November 14 in Milwaukee.

Waterloo Unity “Jericho” Peace Marches – A group of pastors and area churches have put together peace marches in response to the wave of violence in Waterloo through April and the beginning of May. We have attended the marches on May 17, 24, and May 31 and will attend on June 7. These have been incredible times of prayer and great reminders of unity and love amidst diversity. At one of the marches, they had all ministers introduce themselves. It was good to have a Catholic presence there. *3 young adults have been attending.*

Adult Confirmation - The Faith Formation team has decided that we are going to offer two rounds of Adult Confirmation per year as long as there is a minimum of three candidates per round. We have a round coming up this summer. Sessions will be June 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 6-8 pm at St. Edward. Chris Mitchell has agreed to be the catechist. After the candidates complete the sessions they will contact their parishes to schedule a time to be confirmed. *9 candidates have been attending.*

220 East – We have secured 220 East for the 2015-16 year. A subcommittee will convene on June 8 to work on a long term plan. I am looking forward to working out of 220 East and shifting our focus to evangelization.

Small Groups – I have been working with facilitators to get small groups going.

I have created a Google Spreadsheet with group information so I know who is meeting and when. This is also a tool for group leaders to use when they recruit to avoid doubling membership. Groups are designed to be self sustaining and 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. I have created ministry descriptions for group leaders, facilitators, and the young adult minister. A synopsis of the groups that will be meeting is as follows.

Group Leader:	Target Audience:	Day:	
Location: Jenna Adams East	Young adult men & women	Tuesday evenings	220
Renaë Brandle various	Young adult women	3 rd Thursday	
Renaë Brandle home	Young adult mothers	TBD	group
Kelsey Kaufman home	Young adult women	Wednesday evenings	facilitator
Lee Kersting leader's home	Young adult men	Thursday evenings	group
* Melissa Mitchell	New Catholics	Tuesday evenings	220 E
* Juli Rowell	New Catholics	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays	220 E

* These two groups will serve as a community to plug our newly initiated adult Catholics into. We have invited those who went through Adult Confirmation, RCIA, and RCRA in the past three years.

Young Adult Ministry Communications –

- Flocknote – (flocknote.com/cvyoungadults) *79 subscribers*
- Facebook – (facebook.com/cvyoungadults) *130 likes*
 - I have recruited 4 young adults to help maintain the facebook page. Each are responsible for one day per week to post.

Networking/Promoted Events:

Promoting:

- Fr. Robert Barron's *Catholicism* DVD discussion group – Tuesday evenings June 9-July 21 (AFF & Ralph Davis)
- Taize Prayer – July 12 @ 220 East (AFF & Sacred Heart)

In process:

- Calendaring 2015-16
- 220 East Subcommittee
- Adoration Hour

Spiritual Growth & Professional Development:

- Spiritual Direction
 - Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola 30 Day Summer Retreat (June 12-July 12)
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**Children & Family
Catechesis**
Cathy Mills

**High School Youth
Ministry/Middle
School Youth
Ministry**
Annie Zeets

Youth Ministry

High School:

May 6 & May 13: Bible study and Upperclassmen faith sharing: 4 students are attending bible study which will resume in August. 13-16 upperclassmen regularly attended faith sharing. This will continue in the fall.

NCYC: lots of planning this month for NCYC. All paperwork has been collected and the process of registering 90 people online begins. All paperwork has also been verified and sent to the archdiocese for their approval. Background check paperwork has been submitted as well for adult chaperones. June will focus on t-shirts and trade items, with meetings to be planned in July and August for trade item making and preparing ourselves spiritually for this journey. Adult chaperones will also meet in August to be assigned small groups and go over their responsibilities.

Also with NCYC – I have been asked to host one of the archdiocesan chaperone meetings that will happen in October. All adults must attend one of these arch meetings. Kevin Feyen is working on a date for us. I am hoping we can have the meeting at CHS or BMAP. Will coordinate with them once I have a date.

Coming Up:

June 3: End of the Year Party/Bonfire at my home

June 4: ND Vision breakfast meeting

June 8: MOB: Mass over Breakfast: Meet for morning mass at St. Edward, then out for breakfast

June 15: MOB with mass at Sacred Heart

June 22-26: ND Vision. 5 students will be travelling to Indiana for this 5 day leadership camp. ND Vision focuses on calling forth an individual's gifts and helping students grow those gifts for use within their parishes and schools. We will meet throughout the summer to figure out ways to get these young people plugged into their parishes this fall.

Dates TBD: Guys night out and girls night out.

Dates TBD: Metro service experience in August in collaboration with WAYM.

Professional Development:

May 8-9: Attended Archdiocesan Youth Ministers Retreat at Camp Ewalu in Strawberry Point. It was a great few days of talking, listening and meeting with youth ministers from all over the archdiocese.

Middle School:

August 12-13: serve 'n slide. This is an overnight service experience in collaboration with WAYM. Students will do a day of service, spend this night at location TBD and spend day 2 at Lost Island. Cost is \$40 per student.

BIG NEWS: I have been approached by the archdiocese to be the director for a potential middle school youth rally sometime this next year. We did a MS rally last fall with MUCH success and so we are hoping to do it again on a bigger scale. I will be assembling a team of people from the diocese to help me with this event. I am also looking for national talent to come lead this day. I am very humbled to have been asked to take a leadership role within our diocese. An email went out June 1st to YM's asking for their input on the best time of year for this event.

Note: Being asked to host an NCYC chaperone meeting and to direct a MS arch rally shows me that Waterloo is back on the map with our youth ministry program. When I first started with WCYM 8 years ago, the diocese looked to Waterloo as a leader in YM. That changed somewhere along the way, so I am very pleased that we are once again being recognized for the good things happening here!
