

# MONTHLY REPORT

Faith Formation Administrative Team  
May 2017

## Adult Faith Formation Dave Cushing

### A. Initiation

1. **RCRA.** Four people are participating in the Spring RCRA series which meets on Monday evenings at Blessed Sacrament. I am meeting privately with a fifth person.

> Learn more about RCRA here:

<https://waterloocatholics.org/rcra>

2. **Baptism Preparation.** 04 families attended the Baptism class in April. The next Baptism preparation class is May 13 at Queen of Peace.

> Learn more about baptism preparation here:

<http://waterloocatholics.org/baptizing-infants-and-children>

> Read cumulative evaluations from Baptism preparation here:

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

### B. Evangelization

1. **Catholic Evangelization Outreach.** The next Witness Hour will be May 22 at Queen of Peace Parish. Jim Goerend, the seminarian at Blessed Sacrament Parish, will be the witness speaker.

> Learn more about the Witness Hour here:

<http://waterloocatholics.org/catholic-witness-hour>

2. **Friends in Faith Singles Ministry.** The next Singles Mingle is May 13 at Cedar Falls Family Restaurant.

3. **Inactive Catholics.** A discussion session for inactive and alienated Catholics meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month at COR.

> Learn more about Inactive Catholics here:

<http://waterloocatholics.org/information-for-inactive-and-alienated-catholics>

4. **Gay and Lesbian Catholics.** A discussion session for gay and lesbian Catholics meets on the fourth Wednesday evening of the month at COR; a discussion session for family members of gay and lesbian Catholics meets on the fifth Wednesday evening of the month at COR.

> Learn more about Gay and Lesbian Catholics here:

<http://waterloocatholics.org/information-for-gay-lesbian-catholics>

#### C. Adult Formation and Enrichment

1. **Busy Catholics Guide to Catholic Living.** The Busy Catholic's Guide to Sharing Faith is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, at COR.

> Learn more about the Busy Catholic's Guide to Catholic Living here:

<https://waterloocatholics.org/busy-catholics-guide-to-catholic-life>

2. **Critical Choices Workshop.** The next Critical Choices Workshop is scheduled for May 20 at Queen of Peace Parish. Material used in the workshop has been updated according to new Archdiocesan guidelines. Participants will learn how to contact a local Catholic Advanced Medical Consultant for assistance in creating advanced medical directives.

> Learn more about Critical Choices Workshops here:

<https://waterloocatholics.org/critical-choices-workshops>

5. **Care-Givers Retreat.** The Spring Care-Givers retreat is scheduled for June 3 at Covenant Medical Center.

> Learn more about the Care-Givers Retreat here:

<https://waterloocatholics.org/care-givers-retreats>

#### D. Spiritual Growth

1. **Good Friday Reflections.** 34 people registered to receive the hourly reflections on the Lord's passion on Good Friday by email. 343 people accessed the reflections on our Facebook page.

#### E. Social Action/Interfaith Relations

1. **Yom Hashoah Commemoration.** About 75 people attended the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration co-hosted by the Catholic parishes April 24 at the Grout Museum.

> Learn more about the commemoration here:

<https://waterloocatholics.org/jewish-catholic-relations>

#### F. Administration

1. **Waterloo Catholics on Facebook.** Total daily reach for the Waterloo Catholics Facebook page for April was 3,543 (daily average: 118; daily range: 53/195).

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Young Adult/COR at 220 East  
Ellen Voegele

**COR at 220 East**

**Administration:**

**COR Golf Outing - May 25, 2017**

Work with Jeff Lappe on securing hole sponsors and teams for this fundraiser.

**COR Internships - Spring & Fall**

Working on recruiting an intern for event scheduling at COR and developing a ministry description for a marketing intern.

**Faith Formation-Sponsored Events:**

**Monthly Offerings:**

**Catholic Q&A - Thursday, April 6 - 4 people attended (1 RCIA inquirer, 1 hospitality minister served the event)**

Next up: Thursday, May 4, 7 pm

**Discussion Night - Monday, April 17 Topic: Feed My Sheep: Why Faith AND Works? - 0 attended**

Next up - Sunday, May 21 Topic: Forgiveness - Yourself. Others. God.

**Monthly Movie Night with Fr. Bullock - Friday, April 21**

April Movie: Babette's Feast - 13 people attended, 1 from Meetup group (social networking site), 1 hospitality minister served the event

Next Up: May 19, Monsieur Vincent

**One-time Events:**

**Mike Mangione & the Kin Concert - April 22 - 26 people attended, 2 hospitality ministers served the event**

**Private Events:**

**Bridal Shower - Saturday, April 8, 2 pm - 1 hospitality minister served the event**

**Bridal Shower - Saturday, April 8, 6 pm**

**Young Adult Ministry:**

**Get to Know Your Neighbors - April 2 - Cedar Valley Quakers - 2 people attended**

Next up - May 14 - Antioch Baptist Church, Waterloo

**Seven Churches Visitation - April 13 - 5 young adults attended**

**Passion of the Christ Movie - April 14 - 3 young adults attended**

**Waterloo Spring Clean Up Service Project - May 8**

This city-wide event is sponsored by the Public Works Sanitation Department of Waterloo during the spring to help pick up litter and beautify Waterloo. The Sanitation department provides trash bags,

reflective vests, and everything else we need. I am working on forming a Catholic Young Adults team to participate.

#### **RCIA -**

**Scrutinies** - April 2

**Retreat** - April 9 @ St. Stephen the Witness - *cancelled by St. Stephen*

**Easter Vigil** - April 15 @ St. Edward - *2 adults initiated at St. Edward*

**Mystagogy** - continuing on Sundays at St. Edward through June 4, 11 am Mass & sacramental catechesis following

#### **Young Adult Ministry Communications -**

- Flocknote - ([flocknote.com/wcff](http://flocknote.com/wcff)) 334 subscribers
- Facebook - Young Adults ([facebook.com/cvyoungadults](https://facebook.com/cvyoungadults)) 194 likes
- Facebook - COR - 119 likes

#### **Networking/Promoted Events:**

- First Tuesday - April 4 (AFF & COR)
- Busy Catholics Guide to Holy Week - April 5 (AFF & SE)
- Community Meals - April 7, 14, 21, 28 (Hospitality House & COR)
- Listening Session for Inactive Catholics - April 19 (AFF & COR)
- Discussion for Gay & Lesbian Catholics - April 26 (AFF & COR)

#### **Networking/Promoting:**

- Clarke Concert - May 1 (Liturgy & BS)
- First Tuesday - May 2 (AFF & COR)
- Community Meals - May 5, 12, 19, 26 (Hospitality House & COR)
- Busy Catholics Guide to Sharing Faith - May 16 (AFF & COR)
- Listening Session for Inactive Catholics - May 17 (AFF & COR)
- Taize Prayer - May 21 (Liturgy & COR)
- Discussion for Gay & Lesbian Catholics - May 24 (AFF & COR)
- Listening Session for Friends & Family Members of Gay & Lesbian Catholics - May 31 (AFF & COR)

#### **In process:**

- COR Summer Calendaring
- COR Administration
  - COR Subcommittee - May 15
  - COR Networking Friends
  - Updating COR Promotional Materials
  - Publicity - create a meet up group for discussion nights

#### **Spiritual Growth & Professional Development:**

- Spiritual Gifts Liturgy Retreat - April 1
- Archdiocesan Faith Formation Commission - April 29
- Spiritual Direction

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## Children and Family Catechesis

### Kelleryn Rauzi

1. **Family Night.** 176 persons attended the Family Night April 19 at Sacred Heart.
2. **Wednesday Evening RE.** May 3 is the last night of classes for Wednesday evening Religious Education; the year will conclude with a Mass on Wednesday, May 10. Jessica Hert is acting coordinator for Wednesday RE; Dave Cushing is the Team supervisor.
3. **Sunday Morning RE.** May 21 is the last day of classes for Sunday morning Religious Education. Becky McElroy is acting coordinator for Sunday RE, Dave Cushing is the Team supervisor.
4. **Registrations for Summer and Fall.** Registration information has been mailed to families currently enrolled in religious education and families with children who are not enrolled in either RE or Catholic School. Families with children currently enrolled in Religious Education may register by mail or phone; new families are invited to register in person May 17 at Sacred Heart or May 21 at Blessed Sacrament. Spanish-speaking families are invited to register in person May 14 and June 4 at Queen of Peace.
5. **Summer Religious Education.** The summer religious education program will be held June 19-30 at St. Edward School. Stacie Mills is the coordinator; Dave Cushing is the team supervisor.
6. **Totus Tuus.** This year's Totus Tuus week is July 24-28 at St. Edward School. Julie Novotney is the coordinator for the day time program; Annie Zeets is the coordinator for the evening program; Dave Cushing is the team supervisor.
7. **High School RE.** The summer CORE session has been cancelled and families have been notified that CORE will be replaced this fall with the Y-Disciple program. Information meetings for families of youth not enrolled in a Catholic high school will be held in August.
8. **Baby Elizabeth Rauzi** was born on April 23rd. Mom, dad and baby are doing well; Abe the cat is not so sure.

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## High School/Middle School Youth Ministry

### Annie Zeets

#### High School

- April 11: Planned and led ecological stations of the cross at Blessed Maria. This was a collaboration with the 11<sup>th</sup> grade theology classes from Columbus. We met and practiced the day before. Then we led the stations 2 times at BMAP for the students. Thanks to Pat Wiss for allowing her classes to be part of this activity. (*Catechesis, Prayer*)
- April 14: Good Friday Stations of the Cross at St. Eds: 14 students helped lead the Stations for the parish noon service. Many thanks to Deacon Ray Larsen for being part of our group. (*Prayer, Evangelization, Advocacy*)
- April 23: Grub and Gospel: This is a change to the original movie night plan as the veteran's event was taking place at CHS that evening. We met at Culvers for food and discussed Sunday's gospel. 14 students attended (*Prayer, Catechesis, Evangelization*)

#### Coming Up

- April 30: Topic Night: "Why do bad things happen?"
- May 2: Faith Sharing at CHS

- May 3: Lectio Divina
- May 7: Tough Topic Night
- May 10: Lectio Divina

#### **NCYC Update**

- NCYC 2017 is Nov. 16-20, 2017 in Indianapolis.
- *141 students and 25 adults are registered. We will have 3 buses and will be the largest group in the archdiocese - our group is 10% of the diocesan group!*
- Fundraising Update
  - April 17: Chick-Fil-A (earned \$124)
  - April 23: Pancake Breakfast at St. Eds (still waiting on a total)
  - May 1: Panera Bread
  - May 11: Panda Express
  - May 14: Pancake breakfast at Blessed Sacrament
  - TBD: Bake sale at Queen of Peace
- Payment #4 of \$100 is due May 15th

#### **Middle School**

- April 12: Blessed Maria 6<sup>th</sup> grade day of renewal. I am going along and helping lead icebreakers and a small group. Day was planned and will be led by CHS senior leadership team and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. I stepped in to help lead a station for a teacher who was gone that day. I also planned and led the icebreaker games. (*Prayer, Community, Catechesis*)
- April 14: Movie Night at CHS youth office: Watched *The Ultimate Gift*: 12 students attended (*Community, Prayer*)

#### **Coming Up**

- April 30: Mass. Lunch, CHS musical
- May 12: Girls Night In
- June 2: Guys Night In

#### **Professional Development**

- Attended Archdiocesan Staff Study Day
- Monthly NCYC webinars
- Webinar: Fundraising for Youth Ministry hosted by Project YM
- Bi-Monthly MAC meetings (Waterloo hosted the April meeting at COR)

### **Children and Family Catechesis**

**Julie Niemeyer**

#### **First Sacraments -**

- First Communion weekends: In some cases the children celebrate at a parish other than their own. Numbers below represent how many First Communicants in grades 2-8 are at each site.
  - Blessed Sacrament -- April 22 - 4:30 pm (16); April 23 - 10:30 am (7) Total: 23
  - St. Edward -- April 29 - 5:15 pm (12); April 30 - 11:00 am (23); 2 at later date Total: 37
  - Sacred Heart -- May 6 - 5:30 pm (3); May 7 - 10:45 am (20) Total: 23
  - Queen of Peace -- May 7 - Noon (31); 3 at later date; Total 34
- SH and QP First Communions are on the same day. Annie Zeets & Dave Cushing will help.

#### **Children's Initiation**

- Children's Initiation classes concluded on April 12. 29 students in grades 3-8 participated.

- Personally held individual or small group lessons with children and youth for whom C.I. classes wasn't the best option:
  - First Communion lessons (3 meetings/lessons): 3 third graders from SH School, 1 fourth grader from SE School; special needs student from QP parish; 8<sup>th</sup> grader from BMAP.
  - Sacrament of Initiation lessons (minimum of 8 meetings/lessons during the school year) -- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader from BleSac School, 7<sup>th</sup> grader from BMAP, 10<sup>th</sup> grader from Columbus;
  - Baptism lessons (1 meeting each) for a kindergarten student at BleSac School and a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Sacred Heart School;
- Three children (grades K, 3 & 5) were baptized at the Easter Vigil at Blessed Sacrament; the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader were fully initiated.
- Five children (grades PK4, K, 2, 7, 10) were baptized at the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart; the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grader were fully initiated.

### **Confirmation**

- Will have "wrap-up" meeting with Confirmation Team during May.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

- Continuing 2x per month at QP and SH; weekly at St. Ed's. CLOW at St. Ed's will end on May 21; it will continue through the summer at QP and SH. Someone from Blessed Sacrament has expressed interest

### **Professional Development**

- Participated in April 10 "Digital Open House" with Archdiocesan Faith Formation Staff and will participate on May 10 as well.
- Attended Pastoral Leadership Study Day - *Rebuilt: Making Church Matter* on April 10.
- Will attend Ministry-Affiliated-Cohort (MAC) meeting on May 10.

### **Other**

Worked with Annie Zeets to coordinate the April 19 Family Night that was held at Sacred Heart. 178 parents and children attended along with about 12 catechists.

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### **Office Manager**

**Becky McElroy**

### **Meetings**

- Preparing agenda's, updating information, and sending out meeting agenda's and minutes from the FFAT meetings.

### **Staff/Office**

- Support staff with ongoing needs.
- Daily office duties.
- Put in survey monkey surveys for Dave..
- Invoiced for CORE, Sunday and Wednesday RE.

- Preparing month end financial reports for Commission and Team. Send out individual monthly income statements to team members.
- Mailed out Summer/Fall Registration packets, letters for new Formed program in the fall.
- Prepared First Communion Certificates for Julie for all parishes.
- Mailed out information cards to all RE families for Family Night on April 19th.