

MONTHLY REPORT

Faith Formation Administrative Team
November 2017

Adult Faith Formation Dave Cushing

A. Initiation

1. **RCRA.** The RCRA fall series meeting on Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart will conclude on Nov. 9.
> Learn more about the Rites of Initiation and Reception here:

<http://waterloocatholics.org/rcia-rcra>

2. **Baptism Preparation.** 04 families attended the Baptism class in October. The next Baptism preparation class is November 11 at Blessed Sacrament.

> 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-JKRWWJSY/>

B. Evangelization

1. **Catholic Evangelization Outreach.** The next Catholic Witness Hour is Nov. 27 at St. Edward Parish.

> Learn more about the Witness Hour here:

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

2. **Friends in Faith Singles Ministry.** The next Singles Mingle is Nov. 11 at the Cedar Falls Family Restaurant.

3. **WaterlooCatholics.org.** Total daily reach for the Waterloo Catholics Facebook page for October was 4,986 (daily average: 161; daily range: 53/401).

C. Adult Formation and Enrichment

1. **The Bible Timeline.** 11 people are enrolled in The Bible Timeline video series which meets on Monday evenings at Sacred Heart. The October report incorrectly reported the number as 18.

2. **Community Forum.** 11 people attended the Community Forum on grief Oct. 4 at COR. Karen Siler will present the next Community Forum on human trafficking on Monday, Nov. 6, at COR.

> Learn more about Community Forum presentations here:

<https://waterloocatholics.org/community-forum>

3. **Busy Catholic's Guide to Catholic Living.** 07 people attended the Busy Catholic's Guide to All Saints and All Souls October 30. The Busy Catholic's Guide to Advent is scheduled for Nov. 30; the Busy Guide to Reconciliation is scheduled for Dec. 14. These programs take place at COR.

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

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

4. **Critical Choices Workshop.** The fall Critical Choices Workshop is Nov. 8 at Sacred Heart Parish.

> Learn more about Critical Choices Workshops here:

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

D. Spiritual Growth

1. **Rosary Rally.** About 200 people attended the Rosary Rally October 14 in Lincoln Park to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Mother's appearances in Fatima.

2. **Care-Givers Retreat.** The fall retreat for family care-givers is scheduled for Nov. 11 at Covenant Medical Center. The retreat helps participants recognize and deal with the spiritual challenges of caregiving.

> Learn more about the Care-Givers Retreats here:

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

3. **Healing Mass.** A healing Mass hosted by the Inter-city Charismatic Prayer group will be celebrated on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Immaculate Conception Church in Gilbertville. The Charismatic prayer group for Catholics meets on Tuesday evenings at Sacred Heart Church.

> Learn more about Charismatic Prayer and Healing Masses here:

<https://waterloocatholics.org/opportunities-for-public-prayer-and-devotions>

4. **Advent Retreat.** An Advent Retreat for adults and young adults will be held on Dec. 2 at American Martyrs Retreat House. The retreat will focus on the four weekly Advent themes in the Waterloo parishes and will include an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

5. **CEW.** Registration are now being made for the Christian Experience Weekend Feb. 2-4 at American Martyrs Retreat House. This year's retreat will be co-ed and is the first one held at the retreat house. E. Social Action and Interfaith

1. **Islamic Center.** Masjid Al-Noor Islamic Center in Waterloo will hold an open house for the public on Sunday, Nov. 5.

Children and Family Catechesis

Kelleryn Rauzi

K-8 Religious Education:

- Wednesday and Sunday RE are in full swing
- We cancelled Wed. RE on Nov. 1st in hopes families would attend mass together for the Holy Day. Info was sent home the weeks before on the importance of attending mass on a Holy Day of Obligation/Mass times in the area.
- Wed. RE Communal Penance will be on Nov. 15th. Fr. Scott will be presiding.
- Classes during Sunday RE will be taking turns each time we meet to go to confession throughout the year (this is due to Fr. Tom being the only confessor and the time crunch of trying to fit confession in b/t Sunday masses).

YDISCIPLE:

- We currently have about 31 students registered for YDISCIPLE
- We have start dates for 3 out of our 4 YDISCIPLE groups.
- We hope to "roll out" more groups in December/January.
- All facilitator's have been found.
- Facilitator training has taken place for 6 of the facilitator's. We will have our last training session the first week in November.

Intergenerational Formation Opportunities:

- Our first family night will be Nov. 19th at Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. 6-7:30pm. It will be a Movie Night with movies on the Saints. There will be a movie option for younger kids (K-4th) and Older kids (5th-8th) as well as a Spanish option. Free Dinner starting at 6pm. ALL are invited (students need to be accompanied by an adult).
- Wed. and Sunday RE parents are invited at the end of each class to join in prayer with the whole program.
- www.formed.org is a Catholic resource website for Catholics of all ages. I have been giving this out to parents and parish staffs. If you would like to sign up all you need is a parish code and an email. Once you go to the link, click on the "register" option on the bottom right hand side of the page. Parish codes below:

Blessed Sacrament: QFCYJH

St. Edward: 9Q7HGN

Sacred Heart: V9JDQC

Queen of Peace: T343JR

Spiritual/Professional Development:

- Spiritual Direction

Julie Niemeyer

Children and Family Catechesis (Grades 2-12 Sacraments)

First Sacraments

- 94 2nd graders are preparing for First Reconciliation. Includes 59 catholic schools, 35 from RE programs. By parish: BS - 22; QP - 16; SE - 33; SH - 21; IC - 1; St A - 1

- Those in school and Sun/Wed RE will take books home during week of Nov. 5 to complete and/or review with parents.
- Reconciliation Retreat for child & parent (optional) on Nov. 18 from 10 am. - Noon at Sacred Heart; Burmese retreat for child and parent on Nov. 19.
- First Reconciliations: Nov. 29 -6:30 pm @ SE; Dec. 2 - 10 am @ QP

PREP (Penance/Reconciliation & Eucharist Preparation for gr. 3-8)

- PREP classes for First Reconciliation - Oct. 18, 25, and Nov. 8; celebrate First Reconciliation on Nov. 15, Nov. 29, or Dec. 2.
- 33 students participating; 3 catechists

Confirmation

- 86 candidates are enrolled; by parish: BS - 19; QP - 10; SE - 28; SH - 23; St. Pats - 5; by program - 61 CHS, 25 public school; by ethnicity: 66 Anglo, 12 Burmese, 7 Hispanic, 1 Vietnamese
- Confirmation Class #1 is for Candidates & Sponsors. To be held at St. Ed's parish hall 12:30-2:30 on Nov. 5 OR 6:30 - 8:30 on Nov. 8. Will hold a separate class for Burmese Candidates and Sponsors on Nov. 12 with Fr. Luigi's help.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - In progress weekly at St. Ed's, twice monthly at QP, and three times a month at SH.

Burmese Liaison -

- Met with Fr. Luigi to plan Confirmation class with Burmese candidates and sponsors; will also plan Reconciliation retreat for Burmese 2nd graders and parents.

**Young Adult/COR @ 220 East
Ellen Kuchera**

COR at 220 East:

- We finally have received a lease from JSA and will now relook at the possibility of a coffee shop at COR
- Our prospective Event Scheduling & Planning intern did not come through so we offered the position to our Marketing intern, Ben Leuth. This will actually provide great consistency and so far Ben is doing a great job.
- COR welcomed approximately 450 children and their families during Main Street's downtown Halloween on October 28th.
- Hospitality Ministers training will be Saturday, November 4.
- Cornerstone Acoustic Praise will be meeting on November 12 from 5-6 pm. All are welcome to sing praise to the Lord.
- Waterloo Catholic Youth Ministry & COR are hosting an NCYC Watch Party on Thursday, November 16, for families and anyone interested in watching the opening night.
- Movie Nights occur on the third Friday of the month. This month's movie, The Wizard of Oz, is on November 17.
- Discussion Nights occur on the third Monday of the month. This month's topic, Heaven, Hell, & Purgatory, will be on November 20.
- Guiding Star Cedar Valley and COR will be hosting a panel discussion on November 28th at COR.

Young Adult Ministry:

- Get to Know Your Neighbors will now be held quarterly due to small attendance.
- Three young adult small groups are meeting this fall, one for women and one for men & women. I also host a small group for men & women that is more open to pop in and out and serves as a transitional group when there are not other small group opportunities that work for the participants.
- October's social was a Halloween Costume Party hosted by Kellern & Brett Rauzi. November's Social will be an "Enjoy Waterloo" day. This will include adoration, the holiday arts festival at the Center for the Arts, a brewery tour at Single Speed, and dinner at Cibo Street Food Bar.

Adult Faith Formation:

- Dave Cushing and I are working on an Advent Retreat at American Martyrs Retreat House for the Waterloo Parishes on December 2nd from 1-8 pm. All are invited.

RCIA:

- Companions for Mass & Breaking Open the Word are in place for our two catechumens
- Catechetical Sessions – November 2 at Bl. Sac & November 20 at COR

Promoted Events:

- Community Forum: Human Trafficking – November 6 (AFF & COR)
- Busy Catholic's Guide to Advent – November 30 (AFF & COR)

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

- Oct. 1: Confirmation retreat
- Oct. 11: Kairos 4th Night
- Oct. 18: Catholic Heart Workcamp Information Meeting
- Oct. 31: Senior breakfast
- Nov. 16-19: NCYC
- Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Dinner (location TBD)
- Weekly visits to West High (usually Tuesday mornings)
- Nov. 26: Annual decorate the youth office for Christmas party!!

NCYC:

- Oct. 2: Archdiocesan chaperone training
- Oct. 21 & 25: Chaperone meetings (just our group)
- Oct. 23 & 24: Group meetings
- Butter Braid fundraiser raised approximately \$1800: pick-up is set for Nov. 2nd
- Parish recognition masses: Sacred Heart - Oct. 28, Blessed Sacrament - Oct. 29, St. Edward and Queen of Peace - Nov. 5
- Nov. 13: Trade item work day
- Leave for NCYC at 4:30am on Nov. 16th. Return mid afternoon on the 20th
- NCYC watch party: Nov. 16th at 645pm at COR. All are invited to watch the opening session which will be livestreamed online. www.ncyc.info

Middle School:

- Oct. 11: Visited RE classes
- Oct. 20: BMAP 7th grade renewal
- Oct. 22: Game Night (47 students attended!)
- Nov. 4: Archdiocesan Youth Jam @ Blessed Maria

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.
- Preparing financial reports for Commission and Team.
- Worked on PDS and setting up the system for 2017/2018 financial year.
- Update records for RE and tracking financial information/scholarships.