

# MONTHLY REPORT

Faith Formation Administrative Team  
April 2018

## Adult Faith Formation

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### A. Initiation

1. **RCRA.** The spring RCRA series began on April 2 and meet on Monday evenings at St. Edward Parish.

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

2. **Baptism Preparation.** 02 families attended baptism preparation in March. The next Baptism preparation class is April 9 at St. Edward Parish.

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

> Read cumulative evaluations from Baptism preparation here:

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

3. **Adult Confirmation.** We will continue advertising for adults interested in being confirmed this spring until we have a sufficient number of people for the preparation program.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/adult-confirmation>

### B. Evangelization

1. **Friends in Faith Singles Ministry.** The next Singles Mingle is April 14 at the Cedar Falls Family Restaurant.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/friends-in-faith>

2. **Waterloo Catholics on Facebook.** Total daily reach for the Waterloo Catholics Facebook page for March was 4,341 (daily average: 140; daily range: 87/343).

### C. Adult Formation and Enrichment

1. **Critical Choices Workshop.** 06 people attended the Critical Choices workshop March 19 at St. Patrick Parish. The next workshop is May 19 at Queen of Peace Parish.

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

2. **Busy Catholic's Guide to Catholic Living.** 03 people attended the Busy Catholic's Guide to Holy Week March 22, and the Guide to Easter and the Easter season is scheduled for April 4; the Busy Catholic's Guide to Raising Catholic Children is scheduled for April 26; both will be held at COR.

> Learn more: [waterloocatholics.org/busy-catholics-guide-to-catholic-life](http://waterloocatholics.org/busy-catholics-guide-to-catholic-life)

3. **Discipleship Experience Weekend.** This year's DEW is scheduled for April 27-29 at American Martyrs Retreat House. The weekend experience is designed for adults and young adults who want to learn more about the church's social teaching and how it applies to everyday life.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/dew>

#### D. Spiritual Growth

1. **Good Friday Meditations.** 07 people participated in the hourly Good Friday meditations by email; 352 people accessed the meditations on Facebook.

2. **Healing Mass.** The spring Healing Mass hosted by the Inter-City Charismatic Prayer Group will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at Immaculate Conception Church in Gilbertville. Confession begins at 5:30pm; songs of praise and worship at 6:30pm. The Mass begins at 7:00pm.

#### E. Social Action and Interfaith

1. **Homeless Presentation.** Cedar Valley Catholic Social Justice Network and Hospitality House will co-host a presentation of the documentary film "Same Kind of Different As Me" on Sunday, April 8, at COR. The video will be shown at 4:00pm; a light meal and discussion will follow.

> See the trailer for the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8MWxtpjVp8>

2. **Holocaust Memorial.** The parishes will co-host the annual Yom HaShoah commemoration of the holocaust on Wednesday, April 11, at the Hearst Center in Cedar Falls. The program sponsored by the UNI Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education will begin at 6:00pm, followed by a concert at 7:00pm.

> Learn more: [www.bit.do/yom-ha-shoah](http://www.bit.do/yom-ha-shoah)

3. **Holocaust Remembrance Lecture.** "Merely Human—Disability, Exclusion and the Origins of the Nazi Euthanasia Program" is the topic of the annual Norman Cohn Family Holocaust Remembrance Lecture April 17 at UNI. This year's speaker is Dr. Warren Rosenblum, chair of the History, Politics and International Relations department at Webster University in St. Louis.

> Learn more: [www.facebook.com/unichge](http://www.facebook.com/unichge)

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## K-12 Religious Education

### Kelleryn Rauzi

#### K-8 Religious Education:

- Progress reports have been mailed home.
- Our next family night will be April 18th @ Sacred Heart School 6-7:30pm. We will be learning how to make a family prayer space!
- Stacie Mills and I met to start planning Summer RE.
- Safe Environment curriculum will be taught.
- Registration dates for Summer RE and 18-19 religious education:
  - April 25th; (bilingual) during Wed. RE (Sacred Heart School)
  - May 6th; during (bilingual) Sunday RE (Blessed Sacrament School)
  - May 16th; 6pm (bilingual) @ St. Ed's church basement
  - June 3rd; Hispanic Registration after the noon mass @ Queen of Peace
- For those who do not need an "in person" registration, we also will have the registration paperwork available @ [waterloocatholics.org](http://waterloocatholics.org). These can be printed, filled out, and mailed or emailed into the faith formation office.

## **YDISCIPLE:**

- We have 4 groups (2 men and 2 women) off the ground and running smoothly.
- After discussing with WPL (Waterloo Pastoral Leadership), I will be contacting the parishes to give me names of parents/students in their parish that I can reach out to regarding YDISCIPLE and their interest in it.
- I will be planning on some parent meetings of current 8th graders to talk about how YDISCIPLE can help their children in their faith journey in high school. This meeting will tentatively happen on May 2nd, 6:30pm Sacred Heart School gym.

## **FORMED:**

- FORMED is an online Catholic resource website. It has many different bible studies (including YDISCIPLE), parish programs, movies, Saint stories, podcasts, books, and much much more.
- To register you just need an email and parish code (codes below):
  - Blessed Sacrament: QFCYJH
  - St. Edward: 9Q7HGN
  - Sacred Heart: V9JDQC
  - Queen of Peace: T343JR
- I am going to be receiving a call from FORMED to help us implement this program more successfully in our parishes.

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## **Gr. 2-12 Sacraments**

**Julie Niemeyer**

### **First Sacraments**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from school and RE programs now have their books at home for study and review prior to receiving First Communion
- First Communion weekends:
  - Blessed Sacrament - April 14/15 (4:30-15 children, 8:30 - 1 child, 10:30 - 12 children)
  - Queen of Peace - April 22 (9:00-6 children; Noon- 25 children)
  - St. Edward - April 28/29 (5:15 - 17 children, April 29 @ 11:00 - 21 children)
  - Sacred Heart - May 5/6 (5:30 - 10 children; 10:45 - 19 children)
- Rehearsals and photo sessions are planned for April 14 @ BS, April 21 @ QP, April 26 @ SE, and May 3 @ SH

### **PREP (Penance/Reconciliation & Eucharist Preparation for gr. 3-8) & Children's Initiation**

- 42 students in gr. 3-8 are participating in four PREP classes for First Communion. This increase includes some students who prepared last year, but parents decided to wait a year. 37 are from QP parish, 2 from SH and 3 from SE.
- Working with a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student at Sacred Heart School to prepare for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade RE students from SE will be baptized April 8; 6<sup>th</sup> grader also Confirmed; both will celebrate First Communion on April 19.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade student was fully initiated at the Easter Vigil at Blessed Sacrament.

### **Confirmation**

- Saturday, April 7 at 1 pm - Columbus High School with Archbishop Jackels presiding
- 81 young people from the metro preparation program plus 2 from Deacon Rigoberto's adult Confirmation program will be confirmed; 1 Waterloo metro candidate will celebrate at St. Patrick's on April 12.
- Evaluation survey will be sent to candidates after Confirmation.

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

**Other -**

- Attended MAC meeting on March 6 and will have another in April.
- Will attend Archdiocesan Pastoral Leadership Study Day on April 10.

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**COR & Young Adult Ministry**

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**COR AT 220 EAST:**

- Cottonwood Canyon continues to make progress. "Coming soon" signs are up, electrical work is being finalized, and it looks like a coffee shop!
- The date and location are set for the COR Golf Outing - June 3, tee times begin at 1:30 pm, and the outing will be held at Red Carpet Golf Course. Cost is \$55/individual, \$200/team, \$275/sponsor & team play. Please join us and help support this important ministry of evangelization.
- We have a new website! Thank you to Ben Leuth, our Marketing & Communications intern for developing. Check out [cor220east.com](http://cor220east.com).
- Hospitality House will be hosting a movie & meal on April 8 beginning at 4 pm. The movie is *Same Kind of Different as Me*.
- Movie Night, *Ikiru*, is on April 20.
- This month's discussion night topic, *Who is God?*, will be on April 16.
- Next board game night will be on May 2. Looking into the possibility of beginning a meetup group for board game nights.
- 3 (possibly 4) private events and 2 business meetings are happening at COR during April.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:**

- We will go back to having open tea/Scripture reflection 2-3 times per month on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Mondays. First one this month is April 9 from 5:15-6:15 pm.
- Our April Social will be open crafting at Hatchlings & Hens followed by lunch on Main Street in Cedar Falls on April 14. May Social will be a Day in Decorah on May 5. June Social will be Enjoy Waterloo Round 2 on June 9.
- The young adult women's retreat is set for April 28 at Hartman Reserve.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

- Alpha - Dave & I are continuing to get feedback from parish staffs, councils, and WCFFC on Alpha. We also visited with Nazareth Lutheran in Cedar Falls that has been running Alpha for 3 years. They had great tips and feedback. We decided to not do a metro pilot program this summer but to focus on working with each of the parishes with a rotation beginning in the fall.

**RCIA:**

- Mystagogy Period - Neophytes are asked to attend Mass each week, joining the congregation fully at the Lord's Table, continue meeting with spiritual guides, finish RCIA discussion nights as needed, and to schedule check-ins with RCIA staff
- We also will have a Sacraments Retreat on Sunday, May 6 from 10:30 – 4 pm. We will continue to reflect on experiences of the sacraments as well as look at some of the other sacraments, with a particular focus on Reconciliation and preparing to receive the sacrament
- We have 3-4 people that have inquired recently. We will be meeting with them and hope to begin the process when they are ready.

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**HS/MS Youth Ministry**  
**Annie Zeets**

**High School**

- March 7: CHS junior day of renewal
- March 14: Spring Break Movie Night "Wonder"
- March 30: Stations of the Cross at St. Eds - group of 19 youth led the noon service for the parish. We are meeting at 9:45am to practice. Ana Ortiz provided piano music during the service

**Coming Up:**

- April 3 & 17: Faith sharing at CHS
- April 4: Catholic Heart Meeting
- April 7: Confirmation mass at CHS
- April 8: Movie night at COR
- April 15: Topic Night: Forgiveness

**Summer 2018 Trips**

- **Catholic Heart Workcamp:** June 17-22. Louisville, Kentucky  
Cost is \$600/person; all inclusive. Space is limited to 9 youth currently in grades 9-11:  
*Currently have 7 students registered*  
*Chaperones are myself, Rebecca Swanson, Chris Evans and Fr. Tom*  
Fundraising efforts begin in April with a spaghetti dinner planned for April 14th at Blessed Sacrament and a pie sale set for April/May.
- **Stebenville Youth Conference:** July 13-15. Rochester, Minnesota  
Cost is \$315/person. Looking into partnering with Iowa Falls YM.  
*Currently have 5 students registered and 3 adults.*

**Middle School**

- March 6 & 20: faith sharing at BMAP
- March 9: Spring Break Movie Night: "Wonder" Had a fabulous discussion about bullying and how the words we say, bad or good, can really impact someone's life.

**Coming Up**

- April 3 & 17: faith sharing at BMAP
- April 13: 6th grade retreat
- April 22: Mass and Lunch - location TBD
- April 25 & 26: BMAP play

**Other**

- Monthly MAC meetings
- Monthly archdiocesan Youth Ministry advisory committee meetings
- Writing many scholarship recommendation letters for high school seniors
- Team member for Archdiocesan Middle School Youth Jam scheduled for Oct. 20, 2018

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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.
- Preparing financial reports for Commission and Team.
- Presented proposed budget for 2018-2019 to Commission Finance Committee.
- Update records for RE and tracking financial information/scholarships.
- Set up Square Reader so that we can take credit card payments.
- Looking at setting up a system to use for on-line registrations for programs.