

# MONTHLY REPORT

Faith Formation Administrative Team  
June 2018

## Adult Faith Formation

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June 2018

Total on-site participation this month: 71.

Total on-line participation this month: 4,074

### A. Initiation

1. **RCRA.** The spring RCRA series will conclude on June 6.

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

2. **Baptism Preparation.** 02 families participated in Baptism preparation in May. The next Baptism preparation class is June 11 at Sacred Heart Parish.

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

> Read cumulative evaluations from Baptism preparation here:

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

### B. Evangelization

1. **Friends in Faith Singles Ministry.** The next Singles Mingle is June 9 at the Cedar Falls Family Restaurant. The existing group has asked if they can go there own way and we could start a new group.

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

2. **Catholic Evangelization Outreach.** 30 people attended the May Catholic Witness Hour May 21 at Queen of Peace Parish. The next Witness Hour is July 23 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Gilbertville.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/catholic-witness-hour>

3. **Waterloo Catholics on Facebook.** Total daily reach for the Waterloo Catholics Facebook page for May was 3,732 (daily average: 120; daily range: 307/61).

### C. Adult Formation and Enrichment

1. **Community Forum.** 10 people attended the Community Forum on mental illness May 10; 04 people attended the Forum on grief May 22. The next Community Forum is on Restorative Justice and the Archdiocese's Jail/Prison Ministry June 4 at COR.

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

2. **Critical Choices Workshop.** 03 people attended the spring Critical Choices Workshop May 19 at Queen of Peace Parish.

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

3. **Summer Bible Series.** 10 people are registered for the Summer Bible Series with Dr. Bill Mulcahey. The series starts June 4 and meets for four Monday evenings in June.

> Learn more: <https://waterloocatholics.org/summer-bible-study>

4. **Summer Forum Series.** This annual series addresses various current issues in the church and society.

> The list of topics and presenters is available online here:

<https://waterloocatholics.org/summer-forum-series>

#### D. Spiritual Growth

1. **Online Pentecost Novena.** 37 participated in the May online Pentecost Novena by email; another 305 (daily average of 38) participated on our Facebook page.

#### E. Social Action and Interfaith

1. **Catholics & Islam.** We passed out information about the Catholic Church's relationship to Islam at the Patriots for Christ presentation May 28. Additional information is being posted on the Waterloo Catholics facebook page.

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### **K-12 Religious Education** **Kelleryn Rauzi**

#### K-8 Religious Education:

- We finished Wednesday RE on May 9th with our end of year mass.
- We will finished Sunday RE on May 6th (we went to mass together at Blessed Sacrament on April 29th)
- Parents have been given the opportunity via survey to share their opinions on K-8 RE. See results here: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/suR1\\_2BH8dLFR1RVTbj78\\_2BRBPxE63iu8rb9KVA4d\\_2F1zy730OA5fbnG8MkxbjuQh8vH](https://www.surveymonkey.com/analyze/suR1_2BH8dLFR1RVTbj78_2BRBPxE63iu8rb9KVA4d_2F1zy730OA5fbnG8MkxbjuQh8vH)
- Registration dates for Summer RE and 18-19 religious education:
  - 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. These can be printed, filled out, and mailed or emailed into the faith formation office.
- We had our annual Catechist "thank you dinner" at Olive Garden on May 29th. Those who weren't able to attend will receive gift cards.
- Catechist surveys will be sent out this month.
- Summer RE will be held from June 18-29th 9am-12pm @ St. Edward Catholic Schools
- We have about 40 students registered so far and are expecting more to come in the next few weeks.
- Stacie Mills is the coordinator for Summer RE.

#### YDISCIPLINE:

- We have 4 groups (2 men and 2 women) off the ground and running smoothly.
- I held two parent meetings regarding YDISCIPLINE we had three families attend.
- From the parent meetings/emails, I am compiling a list of interested students and contact info for my successor.

#### FORMED:

- FORMED is an online Catholic resource website. It has many different bible studies (including YDISCIPLINE), 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

#### TOTUS TUUS:

- Since I will be leaving my position at the end of June, we have hired coordinator's to help run Totus Tuus in July. They are: William and Renae Brandle
- I will be doing most of the prep work; William and Renae will take over in July.
- Totus Tuus will be held at St. Edward Catholic School from July 22-27th.
- Grades 7-12 will be held in the evenings from 7-9:15pm Sunday-Thurs. Night
- Grades 1-6 will be held during the day from 9am-2:30pm
- Registration forms will be sent to schools to send home to families. They will also be going home to religious education families.
- I am working on doing much of the prep work so I can hand over the program in July to the Brandle's

#### Leaving Position Preparation:

- I am currently doing book inventories, catechist/potential catechist lists, etc. to prep my successor.
- I will be doing a month by month guide on the year for whoever is hired and a detailed outline of my job description/helpful hints, etc. for the new person.
- My last day is June 29th; it has been an honor working with you all to bring people closer to Jesus and His Church.

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### Gr. 2-12 Sacraments

Julie Niemeyer

#### First Sacraments

- Parish secretaries have received records info spreadsheets for Eucharist and Confirmation. I helped fill out registries at Sacred Heart while they were without a parish secretary.
- 15 parents completed an evaluation of the First Communion Prep process. Ratings and comments were positive. I can provide a more detailed analysis if requested.

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

- Will follow up with 9<sup>th</sup> grader who was fully initiated at Easter Vigil and now needs Reconciliation.
- May be working this summer with two Hispanic high school students needing First Sacraments.
- Will be meeting this summer with a young woman who is preparing for First Communion and Confirmation. I had begun working with her earlier in the year.

#### Confirmation

- 12 candidates completed the evaluation survey for Confirmation. The team reviewed the results at their May 10 wrap-up meeting.
- Have submitted our Confirmation date request to the Archbishop's office. We won't learn which day we get until mid-August. Dates submitted (in order of preference): Sun., March 31, Sat., March 30, Sun. March 10, Sat., March 9, Wed. March 27, Wed., April 3. (Considerations:
- We could choose a Sat., Sun, Tues., Wed., or Thurs.
  - Spring Break is March 16-24.
  - CVCS Ultimate Auction is at Columbus on April 6, Palm Sunday weekend is April 13/14; Easter is April 21.
  - At least two of our requested dates needed to be weekdays

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Continues in the summer: weekly at BS, 2x per month at QP; 3x per month at SH; non at SE

**Other -**

- Re-did 2018-19 calendaring for sacraments - parent meetings, retreats, celebrations due to some conflicts with parish calendars.
  - Still on the search committee looking for Kelleryn's replacement.
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**Ellen Kuchera**

**COR & Young Adult Ministry**

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- Signage is up and Cottonwood Canyon will hopefully be opening this month.
- Hospitality House community meals will no longer be offered at COR due to issues with leadership. The last meal will be on June 1. We hope to eventually offer other opportunities for meals in the future.
- COR Golf Outing - June 3 @ Red Carpet Golf Course, 6 teams are registered.
- COR welcomed Virginia Pillars and poet Andrea Berns to discuss mental illness. This was a great evening with moving discussion and testimony.
- Movie Night, The African Queen, is on June 15.
- This month's discussion night topic on Sacraments, will be on June 18.
- We are currently looking for a summer intern for COR. Ben Leuth our previous intern gathered a group to form an "art committee" at COR. This group will be responsible for expanding the presence of the visual arts at COR. 4 people have committed to meeting once a month and the next meeting will be on June 21.
- Summer Forum series will begin on June 28 with Dr. Harold Wohl discussing the myths surrounding religious freedom.
- 2 private events and 2 business meetings are happening at COR during June.

**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:**

- Open Tea will be on June 11 & 25 from 5:15-6:15 pm.
- Our summer socials will follow an "Enjoy Waterloo" theme and will include a night on the river enjoying the live music, lighted boat parade, and fireworks for My Waterloo Days on June 9, morning at the market on July 14, and picnic at the Arboretum on August 18. All socials are family-friendly.
- Also scheduled is a mini-retreat on June 24 at Hartman Reserve following the Enjoy Waterloo theme. The retreat will be primarily individual reflection with a common opening prayer and time of sharing at the end. Families are welcome to attend.
- Planning for Light the Night at Queen of Peace on August 3 is moving along. Team leaders are being recruited as well as volunteers for the evening of.
- Considering offering a young adult-specific Summer Forum topic as part of the Adult Faith Formation Summer Forum. Stay tuned for more info.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

- Alpha - Dave and I are working on recruiting leadership from Sacred Heart and Queen of Peace and plan to have an intro to Alpha meeting with them on June 26.
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**HS/MS Youth Ministry**

**Annie Zeets**

**High School**

- May 6: Senior Night: Keeping the faith in college
- May 20: CHS graduation
- May 27: Cedar Falls graduation
- May 30: Pie making night at Blessed Sacrament
- May 31: East graduation
- June 1: West graduation
- June 2 & 3: Pie sales weekend

### Coming Up

- Summer youth ministry looks a little different. We will meet on Tuesday mornings to attend morning mass at one of the parishes then go out for breakfast. Mass and Breakfast begins June 5th and runs all of June and July (except for the week of Catholic Heart Workcamp)
- Working on 2018-2019 YM calendar

### Summer 2018 Trips

- **Catholic Heart Workcamp:** June 17-22. Louisville, Kentucky  
Cost is \$600/person; all inclusive.  
*9 students registered*  
*Chaperones are myself, Rebecca Swanson, Chris Evans and Fr. Tom*  
*Pie sale set for June 2-3 at Blessed Sacrament and June 9-10 at St. Eds*
- **Steubenville Youth Conference:** July 13-15. Rochester, Minnesota  
Cost is \$315/person.  
*Currently have 7 students registered and 3 adults.*

### Middle School

- May 1 & 15: Faith sharing at BMAP
- May 11: Game night
- May 24: BMAP 8th grade celebration mass

### Coming Up

- Plans are underway for our annual “Serve ‘N Slide” overnight for middle school students. This is a collaborative effort with St. Pats and St. Mary’s in Waverly. Dates in early August are being explored.
- I am once again on the Archdiocesan planning team for the Middle School Youth Jam that will be hosted at Blessed Maria on Oct. 20th. Our planning team meets once a month.
- Working on 2018-2019 YM calendar
- Working on recruiting/training high school juniors and seniors to be a “Peer Ministry Leader Team” to help plan and lead middle school youth nights. Goal is to have the team in place by August 1st with training completed before the school year begins August 23.

### Other

- Monthly MAC meetings
- Monthly archdiocesan Youth Ministry advisory committee meetings
- Attended Archdiocesan FFL retreat on May 3-4 in Strawberry Point
- Working on retreat for next year, much like a Kairos retreat, for high school students attending public school. This will be joint effort with several youth ministers in the diocese.
- Attended Youth Mental Health First Aid training workshop on April 28. The 8 hour training was very well done. I am now a Youth Mental Health First Aid responder. Certification is good for 3 years.
- I was invited to more than 50 graduation open houses. I try to attend as many as possible. Those I cannot attend receive a card from me with a Pope Francis sticker for their college laptops - hopefully to remind them to keep the faith in college.
- Still on search committee for Kelleryn’s replacement

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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.
- Update records for RE and tracking financial information/scholarships.
- Looking at setting up a system to use for on-line registrations for programs.