

**Saint John the Baptist  
Faith Formation Commission  
DECEMBER 2016 Minutes  
Room St. Joseph's Hall**

<b>Date:</b>	December 13, 2016	<b>Chair</b>	Stephanie Waite	<b>Staff Liaison</b>	Jessica Balzarini
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Jessica B (Staff Liaison)	X	Jackie S.	X
Leslie B.	X	Michelle Scherer	X
Mary K ( <i>Staff</i> )	X	Michelle Stori	X
Mary Beth L.		Tom P.	
Joni M.	X	Stephanie Waite (Chair)	X
Cheryl P.	X	Jodie W. ( <i>recorder</i> )	X
		<i>Adam Rooble- Guest</i>	X

**Minutes**

- **Opening Prayer – Jackie**
- **Focus Statements – Read aloud**
- **Approval of November Minutes - approved**
  
- **Items for discussion:**
  - a. Reporting
    - 1. Updates from Ministry Leaders
      - Live Presentation – Adam Rooble –Confirmation and Youth Ministry
      - Confirmation Program Overview
        - Confirmation 1 & 2 programs run simultaneously
        - Confirmation 1 is using Chosen materials
        - Confirmation 2 is using Why Disciple materials
        - C2 road map technique reviewed for placing youth in small groups. See handout.
        - New day this year, Sunday nights for C1 & C2 with 5:30 mass mandatory prior to class. Food is also provided.
        - Integrated retreats with SJB and Non-SJB youth, positive feedback received and 100% attendance for confession
        - New this year, service hours are now aligned with Parish events, youth will be able to choose from a minimum of 7 parish events. Youth pick 3 events to commit to and year 2 youth commit to a ministry such as Fall fest, Sunday school, families moving forward etc.
      - Youth Ministry is back
        - Father Paul & Adam Rooble Co-Lead
      - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Alpha overview
        - 10-12 youth
        - Faithful group this year
      - Youth 365
        - The big fundraiser kicks off at Lent
        - Funds toward 1. Extreme Faith Camp scholarships 2. Youth Trip to Green Bay
      - World Youth Day
        - Adam brought 8 to Poland for world youth day
        - A presentation on their trip is being planned, date TBD
        - 2019 World Youth Day is in Panama.

2. Written Reports -

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a. General Office of Discipleship and Mission

- Butterbraids - Depending on Christmas Wish list we will be purchasing additional carts and possibly some upgraded technology.
- Journey to the Inn:
  - We had just over 100 people attend the event.
  - Some came for dinner and did not walk and some came just to walk
  - Children's Choir sang at each house
  - Very positive responses
  - Will continue the event
  - Next year plan calendar around this event so Youth Group and Alpha adults can participate
  - Father Skluzacek appreciated the event and truly helping children connect with the true meaning of Advent and Christmas
- Alpha for Catholics:
  - Alpha fall session ends on December 21, 2016
  - Next session is Monday evenings starting January 30<sup>th</sup>
  - This session will be focused on bringing the unchurch and unbelievers
- Family Formation (Gr. 1-6):
  - December's Topic was the Incarnation and Father Skluzacek presented. He introduced the Divine Mercy to the parents.
  - Lessons focused on Advent and Christmas activities to help families enter into these 2 Liturgical Seasons.
  - Attendance was lighter than the previous months. Mary K. calls families who have missed to touch base with them
  - January's parent and child session will include adoration with the families
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sacraments (Gr. 2):
  - 1st Reconciliation Retreat took place 1 week prior to the reception of the Sacrament
  - Would like to do more hands on activities and more parent child together activities
  - Thank you to all who helped with the retreat
  - 40 2<sup>nd</sup> graders made their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>
  - We had 10 priests available for confessions
  - Parent and family members were highly encouraged to attend the sacrament and it seemed like more people took advantage of the opportunity this year
  - Added 2 new families recently. They will be doing their prep now and receiving the sacrament before 1<sup>st</sup> Communion prep begins in February
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Prep begins in February with a Kick-off
- Catechist/Small Group Leader Training:
  - January 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-noon.
  - First time ever bringing all of our leaders together for a ministry training
  - Fr. Paul will do mass at 11 am
  - RCIA, Adulted, Baptism Prep, Youth Group, Confirmation, Catechists/Teachers SS-gr. 7
- RCIA
  - It's official we have 1 Catechumen and 2 Candidates from our parish and 1 Catechumen from Epiphany journey towards the sacraments.
  - We have officially entered into the catechumenate, a more specific time of in depth catechesis.
  - Next big event is January 14<sup>th</sup> mass and a tour of the Cathedral

3. Calendar of Events

- Upcoming Events:
- **December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday School mini presentation for Christmas
- **January 7<sup>th</sup>** – Small Group Leader/Catechist Training *from 8:30-noon* (all of Commission members are invited to attend)
  - *Could use help with serving food in the morning and set up on Friday.*

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- **January 13** – Charismata *from 8:00-10:00 pm*: Encountering Christ in Adoration, Praise, and Prayer Teams
- **January 14<sup>th</sup>** – Pilgrimage to the Cathedral and tour with Fr. Skluzacek
- ii. Review events:
  1. Journey to Inn event reviewed by Mary K.
  2. All Parish Adoration reviewed by Jessica B.
  3. 1st Reconciliation Retreat reviewed by Mary K

**b. Ongoing goals for this year:**

1. Baptism Preparation Discussion follow-up
  - i. Jessica asked what is next step(s) in moving forward and connecting with families. The Idea list was reviewed and each are asked to think about the posed question.
2. Discuss how to reach out to families not registered in parish programming: school or faith formation (ongoing brainstorming)
  - i. ODM is struggling for ideas to reach out.
  - ii. The following suggestions were made:
    - i. Make becoming a member mandatory for program registrations
    - ii. Discussion by the group on privacy issues with reaching out
    - iii. Fallfest event discussed.
    - iv. Past practice of post cards, letters etc. were discussed.
    - v. More discussion and brainstorming needed.
3. Policy Handbook - Tabled
4. No additional items brought up

**c. Updates:**

- a. Bulletin Board Move completed
- b. New Advent Theme – Journey to Inn to be yearly event
- c. New Evangelization Bulletin over Christmas -ODM adding who are we & what we offer
- d. Youth Room Carpet – Bid submitted for consideration for \$9000.00

**d. Old Business:**

1. Communication - tabled
2. Other – no other discussion

➤ **Action Items:**

- a. **Specific Item:** Volunteers needed Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> to set up and Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> to serve food in morning  
**Who to accomplish: ?**

✚ **Prayer Assignment January 2017 – Opening Prayer** -Michelle Scherer

✚ **Next Meeting, January 17, 2017**

➤ Closing Prayer: Stephanie

*The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*

**2016-2017 meeting dates:**

~~Aug 30, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 13~~, Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 6