

Saint John the Baptist Discipleship and Mission Commission Minutes

Date:	May 19, 2020	Chair	Jim Glaser	Staff Liaison	Mary Kohlhaas
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Mary Kohlhaas (<i>Staff Liaison</i>)	X	Jessica Balzarini	X
Melanie Dowell (<i>PLC Rep</i>)	X	Katie Anderson	
Jim Glaser (<i>Chair</i>)	X	Jean Koslowski	X
Joni Metz	X		
Cheryl Puffer		Jodie Wolla (<i>recorder</i>)	X
Neil Steffl	X	Guest:	
Dan Purkapile		Guest:	

- Opening Prayer - Neil
- Mission Statements – Read Aloud
- Topics for Discussion
 - a. Time to discuss if needed per Fr. Paul’s opening remarks
How can we minister to any and all who are not blessed to be connected to their pre-COVID routine, i.e. Mass, volunteering, ministries, access, etc.

Masses

1. Bring communion, scripture, prayer, music/choir to neighborhoods, patios, decks, etc. with social distancing
2. Special masses for high risk parishioners in very small numbers, keep some online options available permanently
3. Get the word out about online options, mass communications via calls, post card mailings, non-electronic methods to get the word out to all who need this information
4. Mail the bulletins to extra 100+ people to keep updated and feel connected
5. Follow routines, keep doing offered options at same times for a specified # of weeks to be consistent, vote on change(s) clear communication is a must

Volunteers

6. New ways to volunteer include food shelf, using masks & gloves, set bags on tables with 8-10 ft distance, clear marks on floors for waiting distances, clean table in between
7. Create a list of new volunteer options, publish on web/emails/bulletin/social media/etc. need more coordination, need a point person to lead volunteers and to answer questions/create schedules/start and finish of vol opportunities/implement vol. sign in & out of building for volunteering for record purposes -great electronic examples of managing this process were discussed such as using i-pad – contact Chair, Jim Gaser for examples
8. Create packets for volunteers to complete at home such as post card cutting, mailing, stamping, bulletin mailing, projects etc. so we can have more volunteers from home, but they feel connected and can be contributing members of church

Ministry/Access

9. “Honorary Alter Servers, Lectors, Choir, Guests” invite limited number of honorary guests to mass in specified sections to enhance mass. Have a schedule, coordinate dates for “Honorary Persons” maybe publish them in bulletin, help parishioner feel connected and safe
10. Keep doing online masses, special masses, events permanently for home bound, sick, compromised parishioner
11. Open cautiously, prudent, and aggressive in safe manner
12. Send out a survey (survey monkey), short four questions, to parishioners to gage their level of concern returning to church
13. CONCERNS discussed:
 - a. Surfaces need to be sanitized
 - b. People are too close together, examples communion sign-ups it happened, people in lines encroach on others much less than 6 ft.

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- c. Masks are not worn properly, faces get hot, masks get pulled around or pulled down, people touch their faces more with masks on, gaps on sides
 - d. Worry about Covid carriers, they don't know they have it, what methods will be in place? How bad would it be if someone caught Covid from SJB?
 - e. Need the highest level of safety, cleaning and accountability demonstrated
 - f. Who will be at masses for tracking numbers, masks, cleaning, supplies are available?
Example: cleaning supplies were out/unavailable for scheduled adoration attendees for over 3 weeks....some stopped going, some used paper towels and water to try and clean, discussed discouraging and how will this be prevented going forward being the building was closed and people were sheltering in place at the time? Another example: some elderly parishioners came to attend church during the >10 people at mass timeframe-wipes were used to clean the pew prior to elderly sitting down – the wipes were extremely filthy! -concerned how will pews be cleaned given the church had only limited people or was closed during this time?
 - g. Cleaning, cleaning, cleaning concerns especially between masses
 - h. This is a massive undertaking to do this well and safe – it's overwhelming and a huge responsibility
 - i. Bring the church out to neighborhoods/flocks, have massive signs for St. John the Baptist Church with "positive words" put in parishioner's yards. An organic way for neighbors to easily and openly see which parishioners are in their neighborhood and reach out to each other. Look after each other, check in on each other, have neighborhood zoom meetings, collaborative discipleship
- b. Regular Evening Overview –
- i. Update from previous month's PLC – Melanie
 - ii. Live Report – Mary Kohlhaas –
 - Family formation zoom meetings by grades, small numbers attended from 3-5 attended each, was nice to see the faces
 - iii. Written Report from ministries under DMC – no report this month
- c. New Business –
- i. Calendar of Events past and upcoming – ways to volunteer and get involved: *Any Volunteers needed from DMC others?* None
 - Review:
 - a. RCIA
 - b. Confirmation
 - c. First Communion – ~~May 2-3~~ wait and see
 - d. Online Liturgies, talks, prayers
 - e. Confirmation – ~~May 12??~~ Wait and see
 - f. Sunday School ends – April 25
 - g. Family Formation ends – May 6
 - h. Volunteer Appreciation – Done on our own
 - Upcoming:
 - a. Totus Tuus -Teens – ~~June 14-18~~ Possibly July 26-30
 - b. Totus Tuus Gr. 1-6 – ~~June 15-19~~ Possibly July 27-31
 - c. VBS – ~~June 16-18~~ Possibly July 28-30 TBD
 - d. Extreme Faith Camp – ~~June 22-26~~ TBD
- d. Old Business – Not discussed
- e. Other – Send additional call lists to Jean K and Neil. Jessica will let Rita A. know to send lists to them.

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f. Ending Prayer

g. Adjourn: 8:10 p.m.