

Saint John the Baptist Discipleship and Mission Commission Minutes

Date:	November 17, 2020	Chair	Melanie Dowell	Staff Liaison	Jennifer Livermont
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
<i>OPEN seat</i>		Cheryl Puffer	
Jessica Balzarini	X	Jeannene Otto	
Melanie Dowell (<i>Chair/PLC REP</i>)	X	Neil Steffl	X
Jean Koslowski	X	Jodie Wolla (<i>recorder</i>)	X
Jen Livermont (<i>Staff Liaison</i>)	X	Karl Zabinski	
Joni Metz	X	Guest:	
<i>OPEN seat</i>		Guest:	

- Opening Prayer - Melanie
- Mission Statements -Read aloud
- Topics for Discussion
 - i. Introduce visitors: No Visitors
 - ii. Time to discuss Fr. Paul's opening remarks
 - Realizing the # of people involved in operations & # of people coming is impressive
- Regular Evening Overview –
 - i. Update from previous month's PLC
 - ii. Live Reports – Jessica
 - Advent for whole parish is 1% challenge this year
 - a. No Advent book this year
 - b. 5 weeks of small groups – Virtual
 - i. Jessica/Fr. Paul/Neil/Michelle to lead
 - ii. December 1 – 30, 2020
 - iii. Hope parishioners do all 5 but do not have to
 - iv. We have 500 spots
 - v. Hope is to enter in to Advent more deeply
 - c. Reach More – 9 new leaders in training
 - d. RCIA – 6 people are taking steps: 1 with translators working through a 2-year course
 - iii. Written Report from ministries under DMC – Mikayla
 - **Youth Group** – Youth group going very well in general. There is difficulty in smaller numbers due to COVID-19 in MSYG. In addition, there may not be a culture of youth group yet, especially in the 6th grade class, and our public-school kids.
 - We had adoration this past week for both high school and middle school. Our students offered their sufferings to Jesus through lighting a candle in front of the blessed sacrament.
 - **Leadership Group** – We started a leadership group with 8 of our high school students on Friday mornings. We start with Mass at 8:30am, then talk about the leadership of the saints and have activities to help them lead middle school students. They also came to Extreme Faith Night. The students are asking for more service opportunities, possibly going to Dorothy Day Center in Minneapolis to serve the poor and homeless.

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- **Confirmation** – This past Sunday we had our first sponsor and parent large group meeting. Andrew Wagnebach gave a talk about our Church and Culture and time for prayer. In addition, we are going through the new YDisciple videos on the Holy Spirit during small group (both in person and online).
- **NET Team** – Our NET team has started D-groups, 3 currently up and running. Helping with youth group and lead confirmation small groups.
- **AYD** – SJB hosted one of the Archdiocesan Youth Day Hubs, where we had 115 students come. We heard a livestreamed talk from Fr. Mike Schmitz, had mass with Archbishop Hebda, and ended our night with Adoration and confession where 8 priests were busy hearing confessions for the full hour!
- **Extreme Faith Camp** – We have changed locations for EFC this summer to Trout Lake Camp in Pine River, MN. Our dates are July 31st – August 6th. Catholic Youth Summer Camp in Ohio is bringing missionaries help execute camp this summer which is just one step closer to fulling partnering with them.

- New Business –
 - i. Review goals from May meeting in light of new Thematic Goal for the parish: United in the Holy Spirit
 - ii. COVID Safety Procedures: changes due to new restrictions
 - iii. NET: update on progress
 - iv. Butter Braid: update on sales and distribution
 - Most braids sold in last 5 years
 - v. Thanksgiving cards for homebound parishioners – being collected now
 - vi. Calendar of Events:
 - Devoted – November 18th
 - Circle – Last Circle on November 19th until January 14th
 - Reach More – update
 - Volunteer Teaching Event & Speaker – ~~December 3rd~~ Canceled *due to Covid-19*
 - Family Advent Adoration – December 6th @ 1pm
 - Christmas Masses:
 - a. 12/24 Mass times: 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 & 10:30 pm
 - b. 12/25 Mass times: 8:30 & 10:30 am
 - Journey to the Inn – January 9th 2021
 - Extreme Faith Camp 2021 –changed to Trout Lake Camp -July 31-August 6th 2021

- Old Business –
 - i. All Saints Party: recap of event
 - ii. Archdiocesan Youth Day: at SJBC & 115 High School Students attended.
 - iii. School Advent Retreat: 7th Grade school retreat
 - iv. Additions with action items

- Ending Prayer/Adjourn
- Next Meeting: **December 15th Mass in-person or online at 5:30 p.m. followed by online meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.**