

# Saint John the Baptist Discipleship and Mission Commission Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	March 23, 2021	<b>Chair</b>	Melanie Dowell	<b>Staff Liaison</b>	Jennifer Livermont
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
<i>OPEN seat</i>		Cheryl Puffer	
Jessica Balzarini		<i>OPEN seat</i>	
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	X
Joni Metz	X	<b>Guest:</b> Wendy Stepanchak	X
Emily Carlberg	X	<b>Guest:</b>	

- Opening Prayer – Prayer to St. Joseph – Jen L.
- Mission Statements -read aloud
  
- Topics for Discussion
  - Introduce visitors: Welcome to our visitor Wendy Stepanchak. Wendy was invited by Neil S. she is a member of Neil's small group for about a year now.
  - Time to discuss Fr. Paul's survey on returning to mass.
  
  - Regular Evening Overview –
    - Update from previous month's PLC
    - Written Report from Jessica
      - Lenten Sm. Groups
        - a. Lent Small Group is almost complete.
        - b. Next Sm. Groups potential content: EC's *Amazed and Afraid*; Jacques Philippe's book *School of the Holy Spirit* and podcast from Abiding Together, *The Wild Goose* video series, etc.
        - c. ODM will also be hosting a Celebration for our Lenten 2021 Season on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.,
          - It is an opportunity for those who have been in Small Group to meet one another, a formal thanks you to leaders, and to hear some inspiring testimonies and talks.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Sacraments
      - a. All 33 of our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have received their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation.
      - b. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Kick-off was that same week. Parents and children attend together in to begin the process.
        - i. There was some concern about the lateness of the evening and bedtime for children.
        - ii. We had about 1/3 of the school families did not attend. Thinking of moving the evening sessions to the weekend.
        - iii. Better attendance so far on the weekend events.
        - iv. Discussion points:
          1. Yes, it went too late as it ran into bedtimes and some children get up very early like 5:30-6:00 am and it is an extremely long day for all.
          2. Feedback was a Saturday morning would be best day.
  - RCIA

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- a. Please pray for our Catechumen and 5 Candidates as they discern entering the Church at Easter Vigil. They have just celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and will be part of our Triduum masses and services. We plan to host a small reception for the candidates after Easter Vigil.
  
- Prep for Holy Week
  - a. **Volunteer Needs: Would like help for set up for the Easter Vigil on Friday, April 2 at 4:30 pm after the 3 pm service. And set up for the Small Group Reception on Saturday, April 17. Will need to set up after 4:30 pm mass at 5:30 pm.**
  
- Written Report from Mikayla
  - Confirmation Retreat: February 27<sup>th</sup>
    - a. All but one student attended in person. Very positive feedback for kids!
  - Youth 365 Kickoff: March 6/7
    - a. Huge success! Raised ~\$15,000 for our scholarship fund this year.
  - EFC registrations
    - a. 22/45 camper slots filled.
    - b. 10/15 Extreme team slots filled.
    - c. 4/6 Prayer team slots filled.
    - d. 1/5 Adult spots filled.
  - Holy Week retreat for school put on by Net and Mikayla
  - Holy Week retreat for families
  
- Live Reports – Jen
  - Recap: Family Formation – March Confession
  - April Family Formation: April 7<sup>th</sup> Adoration
  - Sunday School updates
  - VBS and Totus Tuus registrations out
- New Business –
  - Calendar of Events:
    - Egg Hunt: April 3<sup>rd</sup>
      - a. Volunteers needed: contact Jen or Mikayla
    - Holy Week
  
- Old Business – No discussion
  
- Upcoming Events:
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> will be a “*Morning of Reflection*” for the parish. We will welcome Kenna Millea, she is a Marriage and Family therapist. Our goal is to be practical and spiritual about how to emerge from this year with hope and tools to keep moving forward.
  - “*Blessed is She*” will be hosting their Revival Event here at SJB on June 10 and 11 from 7-9 pm each night
  
- Ending Prayer/Adjourn: 8:03pm
  
- Next Meetings: **April 20**, May 18, June 8