

Saint John the Baptist Discipleship and Mission Commission Minutes

Date:	June 8, 2021	Chair	Melanie Dowell	Staff Liaison	Jennifer Livermont
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Melanie Dowell (<i>Chair/PLC REP</i>)		Cheryl Puffer	X
Jessica Balzarini	X	Wendy Stepanchak	
Jen Livermont (<i>Staff Liaison</i>)	X	Neil Steffl	X
Jodie Wolla (<i>recorder</i>)	X	Karl Zabinski	
Jean Koslowski	X	Erin Hardy	X
Joni Metz	X	Guest: Fr. Paul	X
Emily Carlberg	X	Guest: Deacon Joseph Ross Gillespie	X

- Opening Prayer – Deacon Joseph
- Mission Statements -read aloud.
- Topics for Discussion – We are happy to be back in person for this last meeting!
 - Introduce visitors – Summer Deacon Joseph and Ross Gillespie, discerning priesthood.
 - Time to discuss Fr. Paul’s opening remarks.
 - Discussion included:
 - Wow, what amazing accomplishments by our parish this last year during Covid-19, we have amazing staff and parishioners.
 - Record numbers in 1. Giving 2. Youth 365 3. Angel Tree 4. Evangelization and homebound ministry 5. All the online ministry and coordinated efforts to make that happen 6. Prayers in the parks, parking lots, communion, and blessing lines outside.....
- Regular Evening Overview –
 - Written Report - Michael
 - In person Baptism prep started back again in June
 - Holy water is back in the font.
 - **Question was raised in May: How do Baptism totals this year compare with 3, 4 and 5 years ago? Find the data below:**
 - a. Baptisms in 2016 – 21
 - b. Baptisms in 2017 – 52
 - c. Baptisms in 2018 – 43
 - d. Baptisms in 2019 – 53
 - e. Baptisms in 2020 – 45
 - f. Baptisms in 2021 – 31 (through May)
 - No Weddings in June or July 2 in August
 - Live Report - Mikayla
 - Prepping for EFC – Attended Damascus Camp the week of May 31-June 4th in prep for our EFC camp in July, Damascus is bringing 20 missionaries to our EFC camp. What an amazing experience is coming!
 - Summer Youth Group begins June 9th theme is “All Things New” light the fire with Jesus.
 - Live Report – Jen
 - Pentecost Sunday Funday: we made about 150 dental bags for the Medical & Dental Clinic, decorated cards and sun catchers for homebound parishioners.
 - Prepping for Sunday Funday on June 13th – St. Joseph theme, we will be building birdhouses.

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- Prepping for VBS July 13, 14, 15 from 9-noon- 3's is much bigger this year.
- Prepping for Totus Tuus Grade 1-6 July 12-16th, Grade 7-12 July 11-15th
 - a. Volunteers needed to help with snack and classroom supervisors.
 - i. Ross Gillespie and Deacon Joseph offered to volunteer.
- Live Report - Jessica
 - Lectio on the Lawn on Thursdays in June, July, and August from 7-8pm
 - All sacrament courses for the year coming to end.
 - We have many events planned for this summer including our Revivals.
 - Adult formation position is still open see new business below.
- New Business –
 - Calendar of Events:
 - Additional Sunday Fundays on July 11th (Totus Tuus team), August 15th (backpack blessing)
 - Lectio on the Lawn – Thursdays in June, July, and August
 - Summer Revivals: June 24th, July 28th, August 11th
 - Hospitality on the weekend of June 26th and June 27th after Masses for the Feast of SJB
 - The Evangelical Catholic small groups survey was an independent, blind survey and the results were discussed: SJBC had an overwhelming good number of responses (the most responses in fact) and it was very positive for our program here at SJBC.
 - Open Position “Coordinator of Discipleship for Adults”- The primary purpose of this position is to support the mission of St. John the Baptist by effectively forming adults as disciples of Jesus Christ within the heart of the Catholic Church. This position will focus primarily on the core value of a willingness to grow through adult catechesis and faith formation. The position will also foster prayer and a generous spirit as essential to growth in discipleship. The position will work collaboratively with the Director of Discipleship and Mission in executing a process of evangelization for adults. To view the complete job descriptions, visit the parish website <https://stjohnnb.com/contact/job-opportunities/New>
 - Fr. Paul discussed:
 - We are adding a new pre-school program this fall **“Catechesis of the Good Shephard”** – *we will start with our pre-school program. We will be training our pre-school staff, potentially adding trained staff, and look at expanding this program in the future.... more to come!*
 - a. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a catechetical program for children ages 3-12. It is a reflective-based program of religious formation that helps a child to further develop his/her relationship with God in a developmentally appropriate way. It is rooted in Sacred Scripture, the Liturgy, and the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori.
 - We will be moving and re-allocating space to accommodate our new program, staff and use our space in a different way. This includes:
 - Expanding our current pre-school classrooms downstairs.
 - Maternity closet moving upstairs to the 2nd level.
 - Our office space is being reconfigured on the 2nd floor.
 - Other – a huge “Thank You” and appreciation to Joni and Cheryl for serving and volunteering on the ODM commission for these many years. This was their last D&M commission meeting tonight.
- Adjourn: 7:35 p.m. this was the last meeting for the 2020-2021 meeting.