

**Saint John the Baptist
Discipleship and Mission Commission
Minutes**

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| Date: | May 18, 2021 | Chair | Melanie Dowell | Staff Liaison | Jennifer Livermont |
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| Member/Attendee | Present | Member/Attendee | Present |
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| <i>OPEN seat</i> | | Cheryl Puffer | X |
| Jessica Balzarini | | Wendy Stepanchak | |
| 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 | Guest: Erin Hardy | X |
| Emily Carlberg | X | Guest: | |



Opening Prayer - Jean

Mission Statements- Read aloud

Topics for Discussion

- Introduce visitor: Erin Hardy.
 - Discussion on the following questions which the PLC Representatives took to the PLC meeting.
 1. What are some things that happened in our Parish during Covid that would like to keep?
 - Kneeling for communion – allows us to focus on Jesus, add a couple of stations to kneel for communion.
 - Outreach at parks: rosary, others...
 - “We miss you” ministry of calling homebound, elderly, many people would continue to volunteer.
 - Continue live streaming in the church: masses, funerals, weddings, Baptisms, adoration, etc.
 - Continue live streaming events such as talks, devoted, Watchmen, religious education, etc.
 - Adoration in the chapel Wednesdays & Fridays – makes such a difference keeping adoration in front of people’s minds. Bigger space is more welcoming and open.
 2. What are some things that went away during Covid that you are ok with not returning?
 - Simpler liturgy for some masses, not all different music, singers, etc.
 - No more hand shaking!!
 3. What are some things that went away during Covid that you are looking forward to returning?
 - Holy water in font
 - Hospitality
 - Moving around at events, visiting in general again
- Goals and Accomplishments for the year – discussion included the thoughts below:
 - i. See the final spreadsheet.
 - Maintaining masses and formation throughout Covid-19
 - Providing a very inclusive environment and providing to people from other churches.
 - How we implemented technology responding quickly to keep programs going online and in person examples include: family formation, Sunday school, youth group, Confirmation, childcare, scripture studies, Reach More small groups, a NET team, filming masses, the holy water distribution, private Baptisms, etc.
 - The “yard sign” project was a big success.
 - Cards and letters to our homebound & nursing home parishioners
 - Assembling dental hygiene bags for the “compassion clinic”.
 - ii. Written Report - Jessica
 - Reach More Encounter Small Groups
- Regular Evening Overview –

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- Looking into hosting a 3-day conference the week of July 26-30 onsite at SJB. Doing it onsite at SJB is due to the Reach More Live Conference at Notre Dame being canceled because of COVID restrictions. More information to come.
- RCIA- N/A
- RCIC/Sacramental Catch up for Catholic.
 - Sr. Leonarda has been working with 4 families who are getting their children ready for Sacraments. There are 9 children total who will be receiving sacraments in June.
 - On June 2nd, we will have 5 receiving 1st Confession. On the Feast of Corpus Christ, June 6th, we will have 4 Baptisms, and 9 1st Communions. Ages range from 5-16 years old.
- 1st Communion on May 1st and 2nd
 - 1st Communion was May 1 and 2. 33 students received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Thanks to our volunteers who took photos.
- Lectio on the Lawn
 - This summer we will begin our first annual Lectio on the Lawn begins on Thursday on June 3 at 7-8 pm. We will offer it all summer long on Thursdays. No Lectio on the Lawn when we celebrate St. John's Feast Day on Thursday, June 24th.
 - Lectio on the Lawn will be a time of connecting with Scripture and Connecting to each other. Bring a lawn chair, bring your favorite summer beverage, and enter the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading. We will meet in the courtyard of the school.
- iii. Written Report – Mikayla and Michael
 - NET Team goodbye and bonfire –
 - The NET team is gone for the year, we are so grateful for their ministry this year. It was so amazing to see at the goodbye bonfire so many of our students who were impacted by their ministry this year. We had about 50 students and more families, parishioners who attended the evening. It was a great way to wrap up the year.
 - Confirmation was May 15th.
 - Confirmation went off without a hitch! Many people commented on how they loved that the mass was so personal since it was here at SJB. We had 25 confirmation candidates in total.
 - Prepping for EFC
 - Registration for EFC is ending and I am prepping much of the logistics of registration and housing. Once that part is done, we'll work on prepping our students! We will have a before meeting with all participants on July 21st.
 - Summer Youth Group begins June 9th.
 - We are taking a little bit of a break from youth group for the month to rest, but we will have summer youth group (game & bible study, for both high school and middleWritten Report - Michael
 - Baptisms
 - 7 Baptisms in May
 - **Question was raised: How do Baptism totals this year compare with 3, 4 and 5 years ago?**
 - Weddings
 - 2 weddings in May
- iv. Live Report – Jen
 - Sunday School ended April 25th
 - May Family Formation ended May 5th.
 - Prepping for VBS July 13, 14, 15 from 9-noon
 - Prepping for Totus Tuus Grade 1-6 July 12-16th, Grade 7-12 July 11-15th

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- New Business –
 - i. Calendar of Events:
 - May 23rd – Sunday Funday Kickoff Pentecost: RSVPs boxed lunches, Suncatcher Cross Craft and Cards as outreach to homebound parishioners, making up dental giveaway bags for Health Fair, game, rosary.
 - Additional Sunday Funday on June 13th (St. Joseph), 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
 - ii. **Coordinator of Discipleship for Adults Position**
 - 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>
- Q. *We would like thoughts on qualities for an ideal candidate.*
 - A. Feedback included:
 - needs to be able to build disciples – how to measure the success of this important role?
 - Must come in with experience in building disciples – show past accomplishments and tangibles.
 - Need someone to own this position for at least a 5-year commitment to establish and grow this area. It will be some rewarding hard work!
 - Must be knowledgeable and a leader in RCIA.
 - A people person and works well with our teams.
 - Start an Adult ladies’ group which can pray at parks, walking rosary, in neighborhoods followed by small groups and other fun ideas.
- Old Business – N/A
- Other -
- Adjourn- 7:30 p.m.



Next meeting is IN PERSON on June 8th at 5:30 p.m.