

Saint John the Baptist

Discipleship and Mission Commission

Minutes

Date:	December 12, 2023	Chair	Emily Carlberg	Staff Liaison	Jill Fink
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Next Meeting: **January 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Melanie Dowell (PLC REP)	X	Deb Marsh	X
Emily Carlberg (Chair)	X	Neil Steffl	X
Jill Fink (Staff Liaison)	x	Mike Uzelac	X
Joshua Haberman	x	Jodie Wolla (recorder)	A
Erin Hardy	A	Karl Zabinski	X
Jackie King	X	Guest: No Guest this Month	

- I. Opening Prayer – Jill
- II. Mission Statements (Recite Aloud)
 - A. Parish Mission Statement: Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life: GO. MAKE. TEACH.
 - B. DMC Mission Statement – *“Inspiring and Leading all at St. John’s to become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ through evangelization and faith formation within the heart of the Catholic Church.”*

Commission Question: In the spirit of our SJB theme this year, how will you "Gather to Witness" with your family and friends this Christmas? Great conversation and family members to keep in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to go ahead of us for an opening to share the good news of Christ this Christmas.

Opening Comments

- a. No guest staff member due to shortened time for meeting.

III. Report from last PLC Meeting/Other Reports

- a. Review November Minutes.
- b. Review Written Reports. Good to see a 3rd grade student being baptized at the December 6 school Mass.
- c. PLC Report this month.

IV. Old Business

- a. 1c Host Hospitality December 16-17 Sign Up:

Sat. Dec. 16 after 4:30pm is Jill and Joshua. Jen Livermont and her son Matthew will help with clean up.

Sun. Dec. 17 after 8:30am is Jim, Mike, Deb and her son Nolan (confirmation hours), Joshua and Jill.

Sun. Dec. 17 after 10:30am is Jim, Emily, Neil, Tim for Erin, Karl and Jim.
- b. 4b Hospitality Special Interest tables December 9-10 medical professionals. January 13-14 new year’s resolution with signs for Catechism in a Year and Bible in a Year. Suggestions included signage

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with higher stands, pulpit announcement, strategic placement of tables within the path of the line for hospitality and maybe announce during hospitality in St. Joseph Hall.

- c. 4c Welcome Bags. Subcommittee names to work with Jim Martin on welcome basket contents. Josehua and Karl will work with Jim on this project.
- d. 4d St. John's Program Attendees as Non-Parishioners Campaign. Family Formation and Middle School engaged on December 6. Future program engagement to be discerned after the list is more properly investigated. Staff will meet with Rita Arndorfer to understand Parishsoft's categories of parishioners and clean up the list.

V. New Business

- a. 5a Support for ODM Staff Ideas. Two main categories are appreciation and needs. Currently the youth ministry department is in need of an Intern to help with administrative and program execution. We are in the process of interviewing 4 candidates. The other area is administrative support with Jodie Wolla out of the office. Duties have been shifted to staff members and Beth Robertson has been hired for 10 hours a week to help with the workflow.
- b. Christendom Study Introduction and Chapter 1. We discussed the changing times and how the church has modes of ministry during the different times. A discussion on the Imaginative Vision around us and how St. John's shares the Gospel. Next month we'll look at Chapter 2: Christendom and Apostolic: Advantages and Challenges.
- c. January Meeting Prayer will be led by Jackie and Snacks will be Karl.
- d. January Staff Member to invite will be Bri McCaffrey, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Coordinator and tour of the Atrium.

VI. Long Term Planning

- a. 2c Include Field Team for Journey to the Inn – Sat. Jan. 6 4:30 Mass/5:30 Dinner/Prayer, Procession, Live Nativity. Other suggestions were to try to sync the singing of carols throughout the route from the church to the gym doors – speakers along the way, adult choir members to assist? Feedback given to Jen. The speaker idea has been discussed but typically too cold. Jen was going to see if the children's choir and adult choir can assist in the front and the back. Another change would be a clearer walk through path to see the live animals and live manger with the route coming back into St. Joseph Hall.

VII. PLC Recommendation Form

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Recommendation Summary.

VIII. PLC Report – 3-5 items

IX. Closing Prayer

X. Adjournment