

# Saint John the Baptist

## Discipleship and Mission Commission

### Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	May 20, 2025	<b>Chair</b>	Joshua Haberman	<b>Staff Liaison</b>	Jill Fink
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Next Meeting: **June 10, 2025**

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Karl Zabinski ( <i>PLC REP</i> )	X	Neil Steffl	X
Joshua Haberman (Chair)	X	Mike Uzelac	X
Jill Fink (Staff Liaison)	X	Joe Schendel	X
Emily Carlberg	X	Kelly Hodges	X
Erin Hardy	X	Jodie Wolla (recorder)	X
Jackie King	X	<b>Fr. Paul</b>	X

**ODM Major Evangelization Events:** Stay tuned for the Parish Feast Day plans.

- I. Opening Prayer – Kelly Hodges
  
- 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.”*
  
- III. Report from last PLC Meeting/Other Reports
  - Review April Minutes
  - Review Monthly Written Reports from ODM Coordinators
  - PLC Report this Month.
  - Commission Question:
  - Sarah Wilder – Coordinator of Discipleship for Middle School Youth and Interim Coordinator of Discipleship for High School Youth and Young Adults. Presentation on Youth Ministry “Building a Firm Foundation.”
    - Areas of youth Ministry include:
      1. Middle School Ministry – open youth room, D-Groups, MS Summit, MS Formation, EFC
      2. High School Ministry-Confirmation, monthly youth nights, D-Groups, winter faith Camp, mission trip
      3. Youth Adult Ministry- Monthly YA events, monthly dinners, group chat, bi-weekly emails, small groups
      4. Core Teams – middle school, confirmation, high school, young adult teams.
    - Sarah presented four components of “building a foundation for sustainable YM:
      1. Creating a beautiful and functional environment for prayer, formation, and community

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2. Recruiting, equipping and empowering adult and HS leaders for ministry.
3. Shifting culture through intentional choices
4. Creating lasting systems and processes

#### IV. Old Business

- Updates on Positions Posted for Department –
  - a Youth Minister (YM) interview committee which included Sarah Wilder, Jill Fink, Beth Griffith, Sarah Delich, Bryan Kuske and Chris England interviewed five YM Coordinator candidates. An offer was made to a candidate today, 6/20/25.
  - Catechesis of the Good Shepard Coordinator added potentially adding a kindergarten class and a parish class before a daily mass. Moms could go to mass then meet after.
- Night of Gratitude -overview of the night, invites this year we had dinner and drinks and excellent testimonies.

#### V. New Business

- DMC Open Committee Spots: 1 spot open as Jackie King stepping off due to moving, Erin Hardy renewing for another 3-year cycle, Emily Carlberg may renew for another 3-year cycle, Mike Uzelac is also renewing for another 3-year cycle.
- Summer programming: VBS, Totus Tuus are both at capacity with wait lists. Extreme Faith Camp. Mission Trip.
- St. John's Feast Day June 19 – D & M volunteers needed.
- SJB commission data needs a form.
- The commission focused on the following accomplishments this past year:
  - Our large events, including All Saint's Party, Journey to the Inn, Egg Hunt were all very well organized and greater attendance than any other year.
  - The focus on the discipleship maker indexes this year assisted us in determining which areas to focus on.
  - Assisted with Synod priorities and support.
  - ODM department: every ODM employee inspires in all roles, and we truly extend gratitude to all. ODM is a very energetic, pack and at times so unbelievably busy. Feedback included: people are impressed by how packed our offerings are and how busy we are with so few staff. "We truly had no idea."

#### VI. Long Term Planning

#### VII. PLC Recommendation Form

Updates from Communication project linking parish calendar events to personal calendar systems?

- Joe Schendel will work with Joseph to see if they can find a solution.

Updates on Growing Together campaign 90 second videos throughout the year living out commitments?

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- This is on hold. We do not currently have the capacity to move forward.

- VIII. PLC Report – 3-5 items
- IX. Closing Prayer – Jodie Wolla
- X. Adjournment
- XI. Next Month: Meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2025