

Saint John the Baptist

Discipleship and Mission Commission

Minutes

Date:	January 20, 2025	Chair	Joshua Haberman	Staff Liaison	Jill Fink
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Next Meeting:

Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Karl Zabinski (<i>PLC REP</i>)	X	Neil Steffl	x
Joshua Haberman (Chair)	Absent	Mike Uzelac	x
Jill Fink (Staff Liaison)	x	Kelly Hodges	x
Emily Carlberg	x	Joe Schendel	x
Erin Hardy	Absent	Jodie Wolla (recorder)	Absent
Susan Jensen	x	Guest: Fr. Paul Shovelain	x

- 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.”*

Opening Comments

- III. Welcome Claire Brostrom, Coordinator of Evangelization. Claire presented on Small Groups program evolution, Lenten Small Group plan as well as her other ministries she oversees: Women’s Ministry, Marriage Ministry, etc. Cana dinner plans are underway for March 7. Dialoged on ideas to engage the Small Group leaders to attend the quarterly Upper Room events. Ideas include: Facebook messaging, personal email in addition to the Flocknote, find a platform for SG leaders to interact and encourage each other, establish shepherds/mentors, identify and invite new leaders to personally call/invite, as the SG Leader to send a representative from their small group (this may lead to the next level of Small Group leaders for training, etc.).
- IV. Report from last PLC Meeting/Other Reports
 - a. Review November Minutes (no meeting in December). No changes.
 - b. Review Written Reports (December and January). More marriage requests since the report was generated. A need for more mentor couples to be identified and trained with losing 2 mentor couples to a move and sunsetting.
 - c. PLC Report this Month. No comments.
- V. Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy – PART TWO: HUMAN FLOURISHING
Many insights that committee members shared. Next month we will finish the book with going over Part Three and Part Four and then move into the Suffering book.
- VI. Old Business

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- a. Honoring Sr. Clarinda's 24 years at SJB. Sr. Clarinda expressed her gratitude. We will deliver the memory book to her before her move to Ohio.
- b. Sunday School Pageant Sun., Dec. 14 at 11:30am in St. Joseph Hall. DMC involvement the weekend in hospitality was fantastic. Thank you to all who helped. You are an amazing team!
- c. Journey to the Inn Sat., January 3 was a success. Thank you to all who could attend.
- d. Wines to Wishes Basket is Baptism theme. A picture of it was sent via email. The value was \$107. Thank you to everyone who contributed and reminder to reimburse Emily who coordinated the purchasing.

VII. New Business

- a. Parish Mission February 10-11 with Dr. Mark Giszczak on the topic of Suffering from his book Suffering: What Every Catholic Should Know. Jill reviewed the details of the parish mission and the agenda for the two days. Ideas to send to the planning committee: Have a liturgy aid/handout each evening and leave space for note taking, have a pamphlet of pastoral opportunities for people to take and review at a later date, encourage small groups to come and sit together, youth should be invited to sit with Ellie and Bella, confirmation hours for hospitality help, small groups to host a hospitality. Discussion around the prayer experience on Wednesday night. Advisement to model a shorter prayer time similar to women's retreat with either clergy or laity. Idea for teens to look at saints that suffer as they frame this up for the teens to attend. Need for the event from DMC: Greeters, prayer ministers (Susan and Neil) and maybe hospitality. Karl can help on Feb. 11. Susan is available both nights where needed.
- b. Subcommittee on Benchmark Program Fees. The subcommittee expanded from Karl, Emily, Erin, Neil and Mike to include Susan, Kelly and Joe. Jill updated the list of parishes to contact and will send out to the subcommittee. Task is to inquire information on their programming payment levels and procedures. A list of asking points is included and a database to update is given. Deadline is February 17, which is one week before our next DMC meeting (which is February 24 (not February 17)).
- c. Parish Feast Day advisement. Parish Dedication is Saturday, June 20. Parish Feast Day is Wednesday, June 24. Decision to celebrate on Wednesday, June 24. Agreement that last year's plan of bingo, church tour, outside playground and games was a good idea to continue. A new Tot Lot is added this year that could be used in addition to the elementary playground. Other ideas to generate to surround the St. John the Baptist theme could be a mud pit or river Jordan. Keep the ideas flowing. We'll add to a later meeting to discuss further.
- d. Inviting St. Paul Center for day conference on Saturday, November 7. Dr. Hahn and Dr. Bergma would be welcomed for the day study. Conflict with hunting opener. Childcare would need to be provided throughout the day. Possible theme could be parents as primary educators.

VIII. Long Term Planning

- a. Youth Room Renovation Finish Sound Panels are on hold for the summer.
- b. Butter Braid Project of childcare shelving units on hold.

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- IX. PLC Recommendation Form
- X. PLC Report – Karl will deliver our talking points.
- XI. Closing Prayer – Joe Schendel
- XII. Next month’s prayer schedule is opening Karl and closing is Joshua.
- XIII. Adjournment
- XIV. Next Year’s Schedule:
 - 2025-2026 Meeting Dates:**
 - February 24, 2026** (Mass) (note, earlier date published was incorrect. Please update in your calendar).
 - March 24, 2026 (Mass)
 - April 21, 2026
 - May 19, 2026
 - June 9, 2026