Holy Family Catholic Community Agenda for November 19, 2020

Holy Family Commission Meeting for Christian Formation

@ 6:00pm via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81247301221>

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| Present at ourNovember meeting: | Lori Ludwig, Sabina Carter, Sue Kemp, Andrew Skiff |
| November 19, 2020  Next Meeting:  January 21, 2021  April 15, 2021 | Note taker/Opening Prayer Leader:  Andrew Skiff  Sue Kemp |
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## Opening Prayer: Andrew Skiff

**Discussion of 2019-2021 Strategic plan**

Announcement: Jess Derks (Elementary/Middle School Formation Coordinator) left her position at Holy Family, we have a new person coming in; starting mid-December.

Reflection (Sabina): Drastic terminology, what may be perceived as laziness is exhaustion. We have not implemented those things we suggested at our August meeting. (Videos, talks from the priests/book selection).

Survival mode: getting done what we need to get done (e.g. chasing down payments, adjusting to covid and how class sessions need to be run due to covid).

Adjustments: new HS formation coordinator, changing Elementary/Middle School formation coordinator.

**We’re accomplishing things, just not the strategic plan.**

Strategic plan right now is above & beyond.

Sue: last year’s strategic plan was hugely successful.

Lori: This year is exhausting; the whole year is just kind of crazy (e.g. wearing masks & general quarantine fatigue).

Sabina: The writing & composing of emails even is different & difficult due to COVID-19.

Andrew: We will implement the strategic plan when we can; the conversation itself is really beneficial.

**Goal: Increase parish-wide support for Holy Family Christian Formation**

**Goal: Create opportunities to learn the basics of the faith, why Catholics do what they do**

**Goal: Increase Holy Family's visibility within the Community**

Action: Create a logo line - shirts, window clings, lanyards, etc. –

**Next steps:**

We will not be doing another logo wear sale due to lack of participation .

**Discussion of video program, “Why Catholics Do What They Do”.**

Could do 3 minute intro from Priest about what the longer one is about. Could link to something

that already exists, or a mix with some that are done by our Priests.

**Future Video Ideas:** *(Italic entries were suggested at the August meeting)*

* *Priest doing a meditation to bring us close to God – Lectio Divina, Divine Mercy, others that our Priests find inspiring.*
* *Ways to keep the Sabbath Holy besides just going to Mass*

**Next Steps:**

Talk with Fr. John LoCoco about what he feels is working well with the Saint videos he is producing.

**Book Study**

Marian sent us the following books to consider:

-*Strength in Simplicity* by Emmanuel De Gibergues

-*Humility rules* by J. Augustine Wett, OSB

-*Calm in Chaos* by George William Rutler

-*Broken +Blessed* by Fr. Josh Johnson

**Next Steps:**

Email Sabina if you are interested in reading one of these books.

**Christian Formation Report**

**Director of Christian Formation: Sabina Carter**

Baptism: Both online and in-person classes are available. Pre-registration for the in-person class is now required.

Parish Mission: An in person meeting was held to talk about:

-review of Ken Yasinski March 2020

-Archdiocesan Lenten Mission March 3, 2021

-Katie Patrizio Parish Mission March 7-9, 2021

-beginning planning for 2022

RCIA:

Adults: Starts on October 18 with Jim and Pam Todd. It will take place every other weekend until Easter Vigil.

Children: Fr. Fabian and Fr. John will be helping with the Hispanic Community and SMSA.

Women’s Ministry: One Zoom small group and four other small groups are taking place.

Other:

**Elementary/Middle School Faith Formation Coordinator:**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word: CLOW with Father Edward on Facebook.

CLOW in person will not happen this year, based on the Catholic Comeback plan from the Archdiocese.

Faith Formation Grades 1-8 (Summer and Yearly program): Yearly program began October 7-goes through the third Wednesday in April.

1st Wednesday of the month grades 1-4—parent catechesis available

2nd Wednesday of the month grades 5-8 —parent catechesis available

3rd Wednesday of the month all school Mass with parents

Reconciliation and First Communion Prep:

This year Mass attendance is required. Parents are asked to sign up for Mass times and lessons to prevent overcrowding at Masses.

Vacation Bible School: N/A

Other:

**High School Faith Formation Coordinator*:* Andrew Skiff**

High School Faith Formation: 9th and 10th graders began classes at Sacred Heart School on October 4th; they meet 2-3 Sundays a month to work through the Decision Point curriculum and attend some experiential days of prayer or faith activity. We are very grateful to have seven devoted catechists returning this year to help, but could always use more!

Confirmation: All candidates have selected or begun the discernment process for selecting their sponsors, who will meet with them monthly to prepare them for the sacrament in April or May. Session A is complete. Session B will start in December.

Other: Thursday evenings of prayer has started for high school students & young adults, a simple evening of adoration from 7-7:45pm on Thursday nights at Holy Family (except first Thursday, when there is Cor Jesu at Saint Mary’s Downtown). Additionally, we’ve launched a new Instagram for Holy Family’s High School Formation program: @and\_dwelt\_among\_us.

**Marriage Coordinator: Sue Kemp**

Weddings: 6 more before the end of the year. 2021 total is 19.

**Youth and Young Adult Events Report: Eva Thelen**

Cor Jesu: Volunteers have been secured through the end of the year

Men’s Ministry: Business as usual

Mission Trip: No news

Safeguarding: Have safeguarded many new and existing volunteers. Have run into a few challenges with tracking down people and information- but we are full steam ahead with making sure everyone who volunteers with us has the proper training and is background checked. Currently exploring ways of making the new volunteer training process more streamlined on our website.

Young Adult: Weekly meetings running smoothly