



HOLY FAMILY  
Catholic Community

**Holy Family Catholic Community Christian Formation Commission**

**Minutes for August 18, 2022**

@ 6:30pm at Holy Family Board Room

Opening Prayer (Barb Piechowski)

Note taker (Kelsey)

Commission members: Marian Freund, Barb Piechowski, Andrea School, Lisa Sutton, Carmen Valenzuela, Julie Baltz, David Ransom, Jane Lueck, Jenny Hammis, Pam Minsch

Staff members: Kelsey Carter, Sabina Carter, Andrew Skiff, Trisha Zimmerman, Fr. Edward Sanchez, Fr. Michael Malucha, Angela Raflik, Susana Ocampo, Nora Dee

In Attendance: Pam Minsch, Angela Raflik, Andrea School, Lisa Sutton, Jenny Hammis, Jeremy Hammis, Fr. Michael Malucha, Kelsey Carter, Sabina Carter, Fr. Edward Sanchez, Julie Baltz, Trisha Zimmerman, Andrew Skiff

Excused: Marian Freund, Barb Piechowski, Carmen Valenzuela, David Ransom, Jane Lueck, Susana Ocampo, Nora Dee

Icebreaker

Welcome & Framing Statement:

This commission has three purposes:

- *Accountability: CF Commission represents Holy Family parishioners and keeps CF Staff accountable to parish/parishioner needs.*
- *Brainstorming: CF Commission hears issues from CF Staff and brainstorms solutions.*
- *Organizing Volunteers: CF Commission actively volunteers to help organize or coordinate in CF Staff's areas of greatest need.*

Staff: Answer any questions about attached Christian Formation Report, Issues, and Proposed/Brainstormed Solutions (~10minutes)

- Questions about CF report?

**Reading over the Commission Report**

- **Potluck dinner for Trisha's**
- **My Parish Matters- upcoming sessions in September and October**
- **Small groups sign up going well**
- Positive/Negative Feedback from parish regarding CF?
  - **VBS was deeply loved by participants**
  - **Faith Formation has been going well- parents appreciate the opportunity to provide a Catholic education to their kids**
  - **Summer program- kids asking parents to go to Mass each Sunday!**

- **Young adults on fire- at chapel and at Mass**
- **A family feel to the parish, despite the different sites**
- **Healing the Whole person- will it be offered again? A great experience for participants.**

Father Edward worked on a job description to give a focus to the individual associate pastors in their ministry.

Commission:

- Thank you to Julie who arranged for some of you to bring food for our Staff Retreat in July.
- Spiritual Works of Mercy discussion
  - **Overview of the prior brainstorm sessions**
  - **Ministries that we are continuing to grow in the parish**
- Strategic Plan discussion
  - **The language of the strategic plan is significantly more concise and organized**
  - **There is an updated version of this plan that has not been disbursed yet- this excludes the examples that are listed at the beginning of each strategy**
  - **The goal is that the parishioners know what the goals of the parish are and what is happening in the parish, that we are working toward a culture of evangelization, and encouraging involvement**
- Other?

*Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* book read (Future reading plan) Discussion (~20 minutes)

| Day                         | Sessions               | Pages         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Thursday, November 17, 2022 | Session One and Two    | Pages 5-71    |
| Thursday, January 19, 2023  | Session Three and Four | Pages 75-140  |
| Thursday, April 20, 2023    | Session Five and Six   | Pages 143-216 |

Clarify & Assign Roles until next meeting (~5 minutes)

Closing Prayer (Barb Piechowski)

Next meeting:

Thursday, November 17, 2022 Board Room

Future meetings:

Thursday, January 19, 2023 Board Room

Thursday, April 20, 2023 Board Room

## Christian Formation Report

August 18, 2022

**Director of Christian Formation: Sabina Carter**

Baptism: The priest team has decided, starting in September, that we will now only offer in-person baptism classes, unless there is an extreme circumstance. The participants will continue to talk to a priest about Baptism before their first child is baptized.

Parish Mission: Bart Schuchts, Church on Fire

([https://www.hffdl.org/areas\\_of\\_ministry/christian-formation/adult-ministry/parish-retreats-missions/](https://www.hffdl.org/areas_of_ministry/christian-formation/adult-ministry/parish-retreats-missions/)), will be our speaker for our Pre-Lent Mission Feb. 19, Feb. 20 and February 21, 2023.

The priests will participate again this year in both an Advent and Lenten Talk series. Discussions will be held regarding the topics.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): We are working on signing up people for classes.

Women's Ministry: Anne Auger, Fr. John Paul Mitchell's sister, will present "Beauty-full: The Gift of Womanhood" on Thursday, September 15 at 6:00pm at Holy Family Church.

Here is the schedule of the evening:

5:40pm doors open

6:00 Mass with Fr. Michael (please sit in the middle sections of the Church first)

After Mass - a short social with snacks in the Hall

Between 6:45 and 7:00 Talk to start by Anne Auger

7:30pm Participants will bundle diapers to donate to Charis (Participants are asked to bring a package (or two) of newborn and/or size one diapers to the event or drop off at Holy Family office.)

Small groups: New Bible Studies/Small Groups are forming. Check here [hffdl.org/sm](http://hffdl.org/sm) or here [https://www.hffdl.org/areas\\_of\\_ministry/christian-formation/adult-ministry/small-groups-bible-study/](https://www.hffdl.org/areas_of_ministry/christian-formation/adult-ministry/small-groups-bible-study/) for more information.

## Other: My Parish Matters presented by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (GalileeU)

Saturday, September 10, 2022 at Holy Family Hall

Each person was made for God and longs to live an extraordinary life. Jesus invites each of us into the adventure of an extraordinary life with Him. Learn how to extend this invitation at My Parish Matters, a training on sharing the Gospel with people you care about and inviting them into your parish community.

Come on your own or with a group of leaders from your parish. Join other Catholics from around the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for a morning of inspiration, practical training, and prayer.

### Session Schedule

8:30am Doors open for Registration and Fellowship

9:00am Welcome, opening prayer

9:15am Track of your choice (see below for descriptions and to choose one)

1:00pm Training ends (no lunch will be provided)

These tracks are concurrent. That is, you can only participate in one track (unless you've been given special grace to bi-locate).

#### Impact Sessions\*

- Parish Track (\$10.00)

Training to make your parish a community where all are invited, welcomed, accompanied, and engaged in practically living our faith, specifically including small group facilitation training.

- Personal Track (\$10.00)

Training to help your friends and family encounter Jesus & His Church and choose to follow as a disciple.

Register here: <https://archmil.regfox.com/myparishmatters-september2022>, using the code **HolyFamilyMatters**, for Holy Family members to attend for free.

We continue to have prayer teams praying daily for the RCIA program participants and the Faith Formation families, catechists, commission and staff.

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

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Last year 2 Masses offered this program which takes place during the readings, homily, and prayers of the faithful. The kids move into their own space where they read the readings from the Children's Lectionary, discuss what they mean, and make their own prayers of the faithful.

St. Peter 8:30am

Holy Family 10:00am

We would like to be able to offer this program at the 9:00am at Sacred Heart also. We are in need of more volunteers to make this happen. This program will restart sometime in September.

**Faith Formation Grades 1-8 (Summer and Yearly program):** Our Faith Formation theme year is "Inspired by God – a dive into the New Testament".

- **Summer Program** was our 2 week Faith Formation Program in June. We saw 300 kids participate in the program which went smoothly. We challenged the kids to memorize bible verses each day and gave out over 100 prizes through the program to kids that had memorized the daily verse.
- **Yearly Program** Preparation is under way currently. Our opening Mass and parent meeting will be on September 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be adding a potluck on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month to this program in an attempt to create more of a community atmosphere, to give families an easy opportunity to have a meal together, and for our catechists to have a chance to meet the families.
- **Building Your Domestic Church** – we will have 5 of these parent meetings this year again. Parents from both Summer & Yearly Formation are asked to attend. These nights are for parents with kids of any age to learn about what it looks like to be a Catholic Parent. We offer catechesis, tips, and provide a resource to help live out the faith at home.
  - Would take suggestions on topics for these.

**Reconciliation and First Communion Prep:** Registration is open for First Reconciliation & First Communion through October 10<sup>th</sup>. Sacramental Preparation for all parishioners and SMSA families is completed at the parish level.

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS is a one-week fun bible camp for kids entering grades 4k-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. We had about 110 kids participate in this program last week along with 30 volunteers from 7<sup>th</sup> grade – adult. Our theme was SonTreasure Island and we discovered God's love through scripture stories. The feedback from the volunteers and parents has all been positive.

- last year about 80 kids participated in the Rocky Railway VBS

Other: With the help of a handful of volunteers, we are hoping to offer some fun faith-filled activities for kids after the 10:00am Mass at Holy Family.

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

### High School Faith Formation:

- 44 Registrations
- Last Date to Register: September 9
- Volunteer Needs: 6 Teacher Aids

### Confirmation:

- 44 Registrations: 10 Fall, 27 Winter, 7 Spring
- Last Date to Register: September 9
- Volunteer Needs:
  - 6 Leader Aids
  - 6 Overnight Retreat Chaperones
  - Retreat Team

### Other:

- Youth Service Night: Gabby & Marian
- Taizé Candlelight Prayer Service: Mark & Weston

## **Formation & Marriage Coordinator: Kelsey Carter**

Cor Jesu: Presentation has been a good location for Cor Jesu- the smaller site provides a very intimate feel for this night of prayer. It continues to be generally well attended by about 50-75 people and it seems that many folks enjoy using this time to go to confession on a consistent basis.

Men's Ministry: The fall semester will be starting up in September!

Youth Trip: Just completed the Steubenville Conference trip (about 30 teens) and Life Teen Summer Camp trip (4 teens). Both were an amazing experience for our teens- many commented on how important the experience was for the deepening of their faith life and that they hope to go back next summer.

Mr. & Mrs. Group: Determining a new vision for this online resource for couples.

Young Adult: We are continuing to meet on a weekly basis and are currently going through the Healing the Whole Person video series. This series has been very powerful for our group and we look forward to what it continues to do in their hearts. We are also continuing to have several social activities each month in addition to our study nights, which has also included several social nights with the young adult community in Oshkosh.

Weddings: Wedding season is in full swing. We have been blessed by many marriages so far this summer season. In the coming months, I am hoping to add and train a few more FOCUS mentor couples- we have had several great couples throughout the years, but many folks are currently busy and do not have the bandwidth to take on an engaged couple at this time.