

Holy Family Catholic Community Christian Formation Commission

Agenda for January 19, 2023

@ 6:30pm at Holy Family Board Room

Opening Prayer (Andrea School)

Note taker (Trisha)

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

Staff members: Sabina Carter, Andrew Skiff, Trisha Zimmerman, Fr. Edward Sanchez, Fr. Michael Malucha

**In Attendance:** Pam Minsch, Sabina Carter, Trisha Zimmerman, Angela Raflik, Jane Lueck, Lisa Sutton, Andrea School, Fr. Edward Sanchez, Julie Baltz, Barb Piechowski

**Excused:** Andrew Skiff, Fr. Michael Malucha, Marian Freund, Nora Dee, Jenny Hammis

1. **Prayer by Andrea School**
2. **Read out load of Vision Statement & Mission**

Vision Statement

To be disciples in Christ – living witness to the Good News

Holy Family Mission Statement

We are a Catholic community empowered through

the Holy Spirit to love God and

follow Jesus Christ through

faith, worship, and witness.

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.*
1. **Staff: Answer any questions about attached Christian Formation Report, Issues,**
	1. Great review of the Advent talks
	2. Parish Council had a lot of positive talk about ARISE & programing coming from CF.
	3. Idea of doing testimonial talks for the Lenten talks coming up
		1. This could be accessed by a link in the Good News & through social media
2. **Positive/Negative Feedback from parish regarding CF?**
	1. Calendar conflict at Sacred Heart with Faith Formation & Art & Environment
	2. Discussion from parishioners about best location for priest talks, Holy Family or Sacred Heart
	3. Reaching out to parishioners (absent parishioners) by phone call to make an invitation to come back to Mass.
	4. Faith Formation is too short of time.
	5. Greeters are at the Masses but could the children (and parents) be greeters?
		1. Little kids draw people in and what that does for the child – teaches good skills
		2. Could we hand out a flier for CLOW? Start with those Masses? Siblings of servers who are there only?
	6. Get a brief report from Pastoral Council at Commission meeting.
	7. Helping people understand the Mass or general teaching opportunities
		1. A book study with a priest about the Mass
		2. Accessibility to the youtube video: The Veil Removed
		3. How do we cultivate a spirit of apostolic where we are excited and can answer the questions of the people around us.
		4. A “Did You Know” about the Mass in the Good News
			1. Are people willing to be part of a team to come up with these tips or questions?
			2. Send tips & questions to Andrea School for organizing.
3. **Commission:**
	1. Strategic Plan discussion – still being worked on and developed. Coming along well and hoping to have for our next meeting.
	2. Archdiocese Commission Meeting Report – Sabina attended
		1. Our commission is doing really well after listening to how other parishes are struggling. Introduced moving to a format of parishioner member of the commission taking a more active role in leading the meeting. How are people feeling about our meetings?
			1. With our large parish it would be harder for non-staff to lead the meeting not knowing about what is going on as much.
			2. Parish Council does that with the executive committee. They meet in advance to plan for the meeting.
			3. Sabina will send out the Archdiocesan guidelines for Commission Meetings for review for our April meeting.
4. **Faith Formation for Parishioners with Disabilities**
	1. We previously had a program led by Lynda Krause who is wanting to finish once the current students complete the program.
	2. What do we do for these kids & families? What about adults?
	3. Would anyone be willing to work with Sabina on this program? – Julie Baltz
5. **Other?**
	1. No other business
6. ***Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* book read Discussion (~20 minutes) – lead by Pam**
	1. When have you been most intrigued by the Catholic Church?
	2. What’s the best Catholic book have you ever read & how did it help you grow in your faith.
		1. Holy Moments, Forming Intentional Disciples, No Wonder They Call it the Real Presence, Making Sense Out of Suffering,
	3. What question about Catholicism do you have & what do you do to find the answer?
		1. How do we learn to study & dig out the answers.
	4. Where do you see relativism in your daily life
		1. pronouns & struggling to get by today in the workplace or businesses with this confronting us
	5. How did this chapter inspire your generosity?
		1. Could we have a collection at Faith Formation Mass?
		2. Importance of parents enforcing & teaching about being generous with the Church on Sunday.

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1. **Invitation to Women’s Ministry Event on Saturday**
2. **~~Clarify & Assign Roles until next meeting (~5 minutes)~~**
3. **Closing Prayer (Andrea School)**

Next meeting:

Thursday, April 20, 2023 Board Room

Future meetings:

TBD

**Christian Formation Report**

**Director of Christian Formation: Sabina Carter**

Baptism: No new updates to report.

Parish Mission: Bart Schuchts, Church on Fire (<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. He will speak to staff on Tuesday about evangelization.

Between 60-100 people attended each of the Advent talks. Snacks were provided after and many people stayed to talk with each other.

The Lenten Talk series will be based on Edward Sri’s book *The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love.* This book was given away this Christmas. It will be Tuesday, Feb. 28-March 28 at 6:30-7:30pm at Sacred Heart Church. More information to follow.

Men’s Group: Started on January 11 with the That Man is You program.

Bible Study/Small Groups: Sign up has started for our Winter Small Groups at this website <https://form.jotform.com/222855045710149>. The booklet was ready for the kickoff at Holy Family, Sacred Heart and online the weekends of December 17-19 and then again on January 7-8. Most classes will start mid to late January. We have about 50 people signed ups so far.

RCIA: Adult and Student classes will start up again in January for the unbaptized and people baptized of a different faith. Adult Confirmation classes are taking place on a as needed status.

Women’s Ministry: Women’s Ministry retreat will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2023.

7:00-8:00 am: Confession/Adoration

7:30-7:50 am: Rosary

8:00-8:45 am: Mass celebrated by Fr. Edward

8:45-9:15 am: Breakfast

9:15-9:30 am: New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center Talk

9:30-9:40 am: New Beginnings Testimonial Speaker

9:40-9:50 am: Hope Box Presentation by Charis

9:50-10:00 am: Priest follow-up

10:00-10:30 am: Wrap up, small group reminders, Prayer

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

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Continuing at St. Peter 8:30am, Sacred Heart 9:00am, and Holy Family 10:00am. I did have a volunteer come forward for the Our Risen Savior 10:00am but would need a few more volunteers to get started, will look at possibly adding those location next fall.

**Faith Formation Grades 1-8 (Summer and Yearly program):**

**Yearly Program:** Number of students comparable to last year overall. Attendance has much improved at this point in comparison to last year.

**Summer Program:** Postcards and registration are almost ready. Postcards will go out mid-February and registration will launch March 3rd.

**Building Your Domestic Church Parent Session:** Had a few parents ask why there was no session in December, they like the sessions and were disappointed we did not have one. January’s session was attended by about 110 parents for our discussion on the difference between Catholic & Christian resources you bring into your home. We raffled off a handful of Catholic resources.

We have had to expand our childcare offering to several helpers and formal activities due to the number of families making use of this offering.

**Reconciliation and First Communion Prep:** Our Hispanic Program had their First Reconciliation on December 8th and our English Program had their First Reconciliation on January 7th. Both went well and the majority of kids have now received this Sacrament. Both programs are moving on to begin preparation for First Communion. First Communions will be April 15-16 and April 22-23.

**Vacation Bible School:** Our first preparation meeting for VBS is on Thursday morning. Once we select our theme we will have a formal meeting for all those who will be helping us get ready for VBS in August. Registration opens May 5th.

**Faith Builders Club for Kids:** We continue to see about 30 kids participating in this ministry. They have a fun time watching a short video and making a craft. December’s topic was God give us Jesus and January’s topic was St. Don (John) Bosco. We hope to expand this ministry in the fall.

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

High School Faith Formation:

—Fr. Michael + Andrew will be taking a group of 7 students on the March for Life this coming week. Please keep us in your prayers.

—The Victory Center has become our High School Formation classroom building. Patrick, Sabina, Andrew, and Trisha have spent a lot of time cleaning it up and making it usable for classes. I am very pleased with how the building is looking and how functional it has become for our faith formation needs.

—New this year: we will have a family reconciliation night for 9th & 10th grade students and their parents/families. I will update you on this at our next commission meeting.

Confirmation:

—We are three quarters way through our Winter Confirmation session. We are looking forward to a 50-candidate retreat out at Camp Vista at the end of this month.

**HS and Young Adult: Sabina Carter**

Cor Jesu: Continues to happen on the First Thursday of the month. Two great volunteers help with this evening.

March for Life: Will happen again this year with St. Francis Borgia in Cedarburg. Fr. Michael Malucha is the point person for this trip which happens from January 19-21, 2023. Andrew Skiff will be attending as a chaperone. Signups will start mid-November. Seven students are attending.

Young Adult: Some Young Adult volunteers are running the Tuesday night sessions. They also do things outside of the Tuesday evening group (on Jan. 11 they went to a Fondy basketball game with Fr. Edward). A few of them are attending a retreat through Brew City Catholics at Schoenstatt Retreat Center.