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**Holy Family Catholic Community Christian Formation Commission Notes**

**November 14, 2023, 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

**Sacred Heart Victory Center**

**Commission Members:** Patti Folz, Jenny Hammis, Barb Piechowski, Andrea School, Jane Lueck Julie Baltz, Lisa Sutton, Pam Minsch,

**Pastoral Council Liaison:** Angie Raflik

**Staff & Clergy:** Sabina Carter, Eric Rudd, Trisha Zimmerman, Fr. Matthew Kirk, Fr. Kevin Tanel

**Absent:** Marian Freund

**Excused:** Barb Piechowski

**Opening Prayer** (Angie Raflik)

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| **Chair:** Angie Raflik | **Co-Chair:** Lisa Sutton | **Secretary**: Barb Piechowski |

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| **Holy Family Vision Statement** To be disciples in Christ – living witness to the Good News | **Holy Family Mission Statement** We are a Catholic communityempowered through the Holy Spiritto love God and follow Jesus Christthrough faith, worship, and witness | **Important Dates:*** 11/12/23 Volunteer Appreciation Packer Party
* 11/18/23 Women of Christ Bus Trip
* Advent Talks: Virtues of the Holy Family
* 11/28/23 Patience – Fr. Ryan Pruess
* 12/5/23 Courage – Fr. Michael Malucha
* 12/12/23 Purity – Fr. Kevin Tanel

12/19/23 Humility – Fr. Matthew Kirk |

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| **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.*
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**Old Business:**

1. Christian Formation Report (Staff) – Questions, Highlights (rose/thorn)
2. Pastoral Council Report (Liaisons)
3. Strategic Plan Discussion (Sabina)

<https://www.hffdl.org/strategic/> website

[Final-Holy-Family-Strategic-Plan.pdf (hffdl.org)](https://www.hffdl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Final-Holy-Family-Strategic-Plan.pdf) actual plan

Sabina suggested using the strategic plan for the Christian Formation report, and for the meeting

1. *The Good News* “Catholic Did You Know” (Andrea)

<https://www.myparishcast.com/UserFiles/Docs/9542/October-22-23--2023-Good-News.pdf>

There had been a miscommunication/lack of space in the Good News for the “Catholic Did You know”. It will now be included in the email that Fr Ryan sends out for the Good News.

We also discussed other ways to promote the Good News: Priest announcing at Mass with the announcements. Sabina will discuss it with the priest team, it should be added to the agenda for our next meeting

**New Business:**

1. Using the strategic plan as a guide for the Christian Formation report, and for the meeting notes
2. Elementary and Middle Faith Formation Development –Discuss potential consolidation of the Wednesday night Formation Program (grades 1-8) into the 2-week Summer Program in June. (Trisha)
* Where this idea came from. Trish explained the reasoning of the merge
	+ Only 20% of students come for the Wednesday session.
	+ Summer school sessions are more productive and enjoyed by the students
	+ Possible would ask the 20% if they would be available to come for the summer sessions
	+ Would always offer the Wednesday session, but it may look different.
	+ Concerns were brought up with other logistics: transportation, daycare, challenges with the younger grades….
	+ Would this also work for a High School program
		- Not as involved or easier logistically
* Understanding that there will always be a contingent of families that cannot attend during the summer and will have a plan in place for these families.
	+ Great discussion and input.
* To be discussed at the next meeting
1. Discussion of how we can keep the newly confirmed involved in parish life
	* Have a gathering where they can ask questions
	* Assign them to mentors
	* Put on the agenda for the next meeting
	* Hold sponsors accountable
	* Explain the parent role in preparing their child/ sponsors roll
2. Fr Kirk brought up a possibility of creating a young group/parent/family ministry
	* Discussion included: Possible Valentine date night, something like theology on tap, Mass with a brunch, a Holy hour for families
	* To be discussed next meeting
3. Formation for those with special needs
	* Not many responded to the survey, so there will not be an event.
	* How do we communicate with those in need, to figure out the need at Holy Family?
4. Commission Book Read – Your God is Too Boring, Jon Leonetti (Lisa/All)

 Chapters 1-3, pgs. 1-53

* What part of the assigned reading was most impactful for you?
* How would you relate what you read to the Eucharist, either the real presence or being eucharistic to others?
* How have you been living out what you learned in your daily life?

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

1. Christian Formation Report (Staff) – Questions, Highlights (rose/thorn)
2. Pastoral Council Report (Liaisons)
3. Strategic Plan Discussion (Sabina)
4. *The Good News* “Catholic Did You Know”
	* *Being included with the announcements (Sabina)*
	* *Brainstorm on other ways to promote*
5. Elementary and Middle Faith Formation Development –Discuss potential consolidation of the Wednesday night Formation Program (grades 1-8) into the 2-week Summer Program in June. (Trisha)
	* Continued discussion what it may look like and other logistics
6. Creating a young group/parent/family ministry
7. How we can keep the newly confirmed involved in parish life
8. Formation for those with special needs
9. Commission Book Read – Your God is Too Boring, Jon Leonetti (Lisa/All)

Chapters 4-6, pgs 55-101

**Closing Prayer** (Patti Folz)

**Next meeting:**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

**Future meetings:**

 Tuesday, April 9, 2024