



HOLY FAMILY
Catholic Community

Holy Family Catholic Community Christian Formation Commission Agenda

April 22, 2025, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Sacred Heart Victory Center

Present: Angie Bestul, Sabina Carter, Barb Piechowski, Angie Raflik, Trisha Zimmerman

Excused: Julie Baltz, Patti Folz, Jenny Hammis, Lisa Sutton, Fr. Kevin Tanel

Absent: Nora Dee, Marian Freund, Fr. Matthew Kirk

Opening Prayer (Sabina Carter)

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 community empowered through the Holy Spirit to love God and follow Jesus Christ through faith, worship, and witness.
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Important Dates:

- April 23, 2025, Celebrate Holy Family Gala
- April 24, 2025, Trust Through Trails: A Divine Mercy Devotion
- April 26-27, 2025, Diaconate Celebration for Redmond Tuttle
- April 26-27, 2025, Youth Trip Fundraiser/Muffin Sale
- April 27, 2025, Divine Mercy Sunday
- May 7, 2025, May Crowning
- June 9-20, 2025, Faith Formation Summer Program (K-7th Grade)
- June 27-29, 2025, Steubenville-Joliet Conference (High School)
- July 17, 2025, Theology of Bohemian Rhapsody with Chris McGalloway (Adult)
- August 5-9, 2025, Vacation Bible School (4k-3rd Grade)

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.*

Old Business:

1. **Christian Formation Report** (Staff) – Questions/Highlights (All) – Reviewed and discussed submitted report. Additional discussion.
 - Note on total number of small group participants, Winter 2025 – also had 63 Holy Family Parishioners sign up for Emmaus 90.
 - Special Needs Faith Formation is set to start in October.
 - Priest team will be offering a Summer Talk Series in place of a book read.
 - Expanding parent nights to consistent family nights throughout the school year. Low key opportunity for faith & fellowship, potluck, games, etc.

- Registration is open for Summer Program. Still seeking catechists. Noticed an increase in non-parishioners registering (at an upcharge).
 - High School Faith Formation planning an incoming ninth grade retreat at Marian, July 24, 9am-10pm
 - Field Trip/Church Tour with Deacon Dale and Lucy Paczkowski.
 - March for Life in Madison offering a Bus from nearby Park & Ride, June 14 (Register with March for Life).
 - Youth Trip Fundraiser at Culvers was a success. Looking forward to muffin sale (free will donation).
2. **Pastoral Council Report** (Angie Raflik)
- Update from Saint Mary's Springs Academy
 - Update on Sacred Heart Renovation/Approvals in order.
 - Update on Holy Family Crucifix Project – crucifix arrived with some damage, coordinating repairs.

New Business:

1. Commission Planning:

- **Meetings** (Date/Time/Location) – Majority of member survey respondents indicated Tues availability. Decision to keep 2nd Tuesday of the month, once per quarter, same location, same time. Next year's meetings set for 6-7:30 pm, Sacred Heart Victory Center (Couch Room). Sabina forwarded link to reserve room.
 - August 12th, 2025
 - November 11th, 2025
 - January 13th, 2026
 - April 14th, 2026
- **Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary** – Open Roles - Review survey results and engage with members to fill.
- **Member Survey** – Seven of thirteen responded to survey. Two not returning for 2025-2026. Discussed Norms for commission membership. The number of members can range from 7-12. Currently have four confirmed. In addition, the pastor can appoint one or more staff members as *ex-officio* members of a commission. (*Ex-officio* members of the commission are ineligible to serve as officers.) It is helpful to have members who are actively participating in areas of Christian Formation. Trisha to check with a few parents of formation students to determine interest/fit in joining commission. Angie sent the survey out again for those who did not respond to initial survey.

2. Commission Book Read – *The Blessed Eucharist, Our Greatest Treasure* (All)

Chapters 7-9

- Group Discussion/Highlights lead by Trisha.

Closing Prayer (Angie Raflik)

Agenda Items for Next Meeting (August 12th, 2025):

1. Christian Formation Report (Staff)
2. Pastoral Council Report (Liaisons)
3. Commission Book Read - *The Blessed Eucharist, Our Greatest Treasure* (All) Chapters 10-12

Reference:

- <https://www.hffdl.org/strategic/> website
- [Final-Holy-Family-Strategic-Plan.pdf \(hffdl.org\)](#) plan