

## Faith Formation Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 1, 2022 - 7pm in the Social Hall

**Attending:** Jane Hommel, Tammy Barry, L Heidenreich, Betty Klover, Kat Harris, Dave Schneider, Jon Parrish, Wendy McCann, Linea Johnson, Jessica Ortiz, Charlotte Bosold, Theresa Paul, Anna Park

**Opening Prayer:** Linea Johnson

- 1. Hydroponics Plan (Information/Discussion/Planning) - Kat** - Will have a workshop/live demonstration in the Social Hall after each of the Sunday Masses on March 6. Hoping to have a plant that each family can take home. They will also be sent home with seeds to grow more plants at home. Several people have volunteered to help. There will be a handout on how this is tied to Laudato Si - Care for Our Common Home. If we run out of jars, a resource guide can be sent home for families to make a hydroponic garden at a later time. This is a way to come and learn how to garden in a way that preserves the Earth through sustainable planting and growing.
- 2. Stations of the Cross (Information/Planning) - Theresa** - This is an activity that we have done in the past. The parish will use three different versions for the Stations. The week the Faith Formation Board participates in the Stations, we will use the Gospel of Luke version. There will be a youth cross bearer. The Stations start at 6pm and will take about a half hour.
- 3. Black History Month (Feedback) - L, Theresa** - L created a crossword puzzle and found video links to YouTube that were posted to the parish website. Theresa purchased saint prayer cards and all were taken home with parishioners. Deacon Jim took some of the prayer cards and crossword puzzles to Bishop Place. The residents enjoyed completing the puzzle. There were some completed crosswords turned into the Faith Formation Office, and a former parishioner and her children made a poster to go along with the information about the Black saints. This was a fun and different activity that engaged many in the parish. The links to the YouTube videos on the saints were also enjoyed. Those who completed the crossword puzzle and turned it in earned a book called *Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood*. One of these books will be placed in our parish library.
- 4. VBS (Information) - Theresa** - Concordia Lutheran will host the VBS this year. They will pay for the Lutherhaven team to come and help with camp. Date: July 5-8, half days (morning-noon) with mostly outdoor activities. Students will bring their own water bottles. Will need teen helpers. There will be a Friday family end-of-camp luncheon/gathering instead of the evening BBQ, where the children sing the songs, etc. Ages for camp: Preschool (age 3) through Sixth Grade. The middle school and high students will be the helpers. VBS is a good way for the children to make connections, get to know each other, and grow in their faith and love of God.
- 5. Faith Formation Report (Information) - Theresa** - RCIA has been very fluid this year with many moving parts. A few members have had to adjust their schedule and/or wait until next year to continue the program. We have four adults and four children who will be initiated into the church at Easter Vigil. We have a couple that was baptized in another Christian church, yet they were ready to make the Profession, and receive First Eucharist & Confirmation, so they were initiated fully into the church in February. This weekend (the first Sunday of Lent) - is the Rite of Election. It will be here at Sacred Heart this Saturday, March 5 at the 4:30 Mass. If you see the catechumens, please welcome and congratulate them as well as pray for them.
- 6. Our Sacrament Mass is Saturday, May 14.** We have 15 total - 3 have already received their First Eucharist, so will receive Confirmation only.

7. Disciples in Dialogue (D in D) this month will discuss the Synod on Synodality. D in D will begin March 17 at 6:30pm in Social Hall.
8. A catechist in-service was held last Sunday, February 27. Resources were shared as well as highlights from the classrooms and challenges they have encountered. We have a college student who is now the full time volunteer for the PreK/K class. The 1st/2nd class made rosaries that were blessed by Father, and Kurt Z taught the class how to pray the rosary. Students enjoy the games that are played in the classrooms. This is a fun and engaging way to learn. Students are making good connections with scriptures and they enjoy using the St. Mary's Press Children's Bibles. It was an important effort to get Bibles in the hands of students this year. Students also created bulletin boards to show their learning. A suggestion was made by the catechists for an "Ask Father Steve" jar as he hasn't been able to come down to the classes due to Mass times.
9. **Youth Group Report (Information) - Linea** - Youth Group is going really well. Pretty consistent numbers of attendees (8-10 youth). Only low on Super Bowl weekend. Varying topics of discussion are dependent on the age of the youth in attendance. The middle school students are very enthusiastic about sharing. Steubenville registration is set for six youth from our parish. This event is at the end of July and is amazing. The middle school camp is tentatively set for August. Working to get a high school small group going as a booster to the Sunday evening meeting. The high school youth are looking for an opportunity to have a focused discussion. Looking for an afternoon or evening as well as a book to read together and discuss. They could then take the information back to the Sunday evening meetings and share with the middle school students.
10. **Other** - Please pick up a Rice Bowl to use this Lent (Catholic Relief Services - [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) food water all over the world). These are called rice bowls because many in the world survive on rice for their meals. You are encouraged to eat less at one meal and give the money you saved on this meal and put it in the rice bowl. The rice bowl is a Lenten tradition that encourages fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. 25% of the rice bowl money stays local while the rest goes international. This is a great way to make connections with the global community and can be used as a family prayer time. The website includes resources and opportunities to learn about some of the countries and people that are going to be helped. Ideas on engaging further with the rice bowls: you could explore the culture, foods, etc. of the countries that receive help from this almsgiving. The bowls will be collected the week after Easter.
11. L shared about the **Three Women of Jerusalem** - <https://www.laopera.org/about-us/press-room/press-releases-and-statements/la-opera-commissions-composer-carla-luceros-the-three-women-of-jerusalem/> Spanish language opera will perform The Passion from the perspective of the three women who watched Jesus suffer as He was forced toward the crucifixion. This is presented by the LA opera, and L has access to a link we could watch virtually in the social hall. The LA Children's Choir will participate, and will sing the words of Jesus. This virtual opera would be shown on Saturday, March 19 after the 4:30 Mass. It will be presented in Spanish, but a handout can be provided to be able to follow along.  
**Dialogue with our Neighbors** will have a panel of Latinx individuals to discuss their culture and their experiences in Pullman. This is on March 10 at UCC.

**Closing Prayer:** Betty Klover (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=caez3hII13Q&autoplay=1>) -