

NOTES FROM FAITH FORMATION BOARD MEETING,

January 10, 2023

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Faith Formation Report: The Christmas pageant went well. Jill Patera did an excellent job taking into account different kids and assigning parts. There weren't any drop-ins; in fact, family attendance seemed much less than in the past. Fr. Steve didn't call the kids up front for a children's sermon because of all the flu going around.

First reconciliation went well. A Spiritual Autobiography group for adults starts this Thursday morning, beginning with Therese of Lisieux. People can drop in for one or two sessions if they can't come regularly. There may be interest in a future group for people that work during the day.

Youth Group Report: The Youth group hosted an Epiphany party on Sunday Jan. 8. Two kids who've never attended YG came, along with four kids from Colfax. The youth seemed to gel well and have a great time, and Colfax plans to invite our kids to events, including an after-dark Easter egg hunt. In the future we could look to including more youth from surrounding areas, for instance from Moscow.

CYC will be a one-day event on March 4 at Gonzaga Prep. Linea hopes to take a group of kids, with possibility of an overnight trip that could include service and/or a fun activity.

Black history month and racial healing: Last year we had Saint cards in the back, which L. sent Theresa, and a crossword puzzle people could turn in for a free book. L. will email us a few saints to pick from and make a crossword puzzle for this year, with a new book so people can win a prize again. There was an idea to keep the crossword puzzle thing going if people are interested. Cory mentioned a need for do-it-yourself faith formation in the summer.

Kat shared the idea of investing in a painting of a black saint for the church. Do black children coming to church see themselves in the pictures, and in heaven? Maybe not. Everyone liked this idea. In the past, Fr. Steve participated in MLK events in the community and on campus, which people appreciated, but the event is different this year.

Lent/Easter: Lent goes from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, to Thursday April 6. The Catholic Daughters do the Easter egg hunt with help from youth, and Tammy will read. Several people are interested in a fish fry on Fridays tradition—initially we could do this twice, once for each month? Dave will ask the Knights.

Other: Tammy will lead a Bible study. Fr. Steve would like to announce this, or even begin, on Sunday Jan 22. (Enthroning the Word of God). Wendy will be gone next month so Jane will do opening prayer. Pray for WSU students and faculty, especially those in the criminal justice department.

Meeting for next month: February 7.

Opening prayer, Closing prayer, and Snacks: Jane

Angela