

NOTES from FAITH FORMATION BOARD MEETING, April 11, 2023

FF update, Cory: Two children will go through full initiation during the Easter Vigil, one more will be baptized. First Confirmation and Communion service with the Bishop is Saturday, April 15.

Cory would like to have a regular Faith Formation time for adults between the Masses during the kids' Faith Formation time. He would alternate Bible study with reading/discussing spiritual classics and practical teaching such as for marriage and parenting. Kat shared an idea to have a mom/daughter and/or father/son event for teaching about sexual purity. L suggested an event like this should be inclusive so no kids feel left out.

Youth Group update, Linea: She is still hearing good feedback from CYC. Right now, she's promoting summer events, Steubenville and Middle school camp. An escape room event with Colfax went very well. Wendy shared that her kids liked meeting new people and being part of a bigger group. There's an after-dark Easter egg hunt with Colfax coming up, too. Best time for blessing the seniors?? Prom is very late this year, Saturday June 3, and Graduation is June 10.

Summer events: VBS (Vacation Bible School) will be here at Sacred Heart, unless too many kids sign up, and then it will be at Trinity Lutheran or the Presbyterian church. July 10-14, half days from 9-noon, 8:30-12:30 for volunteers. Age 4/potty trained through kids going into sixth grade. Registration opens May 1. SUMMER CAMPS—we need adult/teen volunteers. Scholarship funds are available.

Thank you brunch for Catechists: Saturday April 23 during the 11 am Mass. Kat will make yogurt parfaits, cinnamon rolls, etc. Catechists will receive gift cards to Roost.

Catechists for Next Year: Cory will talk to this year's catechists to see who would like to teach again. Keep your eyes/ears open for potential teachers and email suggestions to Cory before next meeting.

Catechist Training/Retreat: Cory would like to have a time of reflection and spiritual focus for catechists. A Saturday would give time to do something deeper, could end with Mass. Others in the group suggested a half-day training would be more realistic. A good goal would be to facilitate discussion, so catechists can be familiar with each other and "go-to" people in our parish who can provide help. Faith Formation Classes begin Sunday, September 17. (Third Sunday of September is Catechetical Sunday).

FF Board for Next Year: VP usually moves to President. Terms are usually three years, but many members have served longer because of Covid. Parish Nominations/Self-nominations will be taken the last week of April and beginning of May. *(Changed to the last two weekends of April).*

Other: Lentil Fest? Dave can reserve 2 booths, last year 1 booth seemed not enough. **Baked Potato Blast and Loteria** will be Sunday April 23 at 5 pm, during which time **we will also put together gift bags** to give to St. Thomas More students and neighboring students during finals week.

ACTION POINTS:

- Recruit volunteers for VBS and Middle School Camp (Aug 13-18)
- Look for new catechists and Board Members
- Consider catechist training time and Kat's suggestion for sexuality teaching/event

NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday May 2 at 7 pm., Snacks: Cory, Opening Prayer: ??, Closing Prayer: Wendy**