

NOTES from Faith Formation Board Meeting February 6 2024

Present: *Cory, Linea, Angela, Jane, Dave*

FF Update: Two new catechists, Loette Scharnhorst for Pre-K/K and Bill Engels for 5th/6th. An announcement at the pancake feed worked well! Bill is bringing new ideas for 5th/6th and Matt is implementing more hands-on activities. The kids have been doing more projects and teaching/presenting to each other. Kat suggested ADHD “wobble cushions”, we ordered 6 to try them out. During Lent Cory will dismiss catechumens (probably 2) during eucharist at 8:30 Mass for prep time.

Youth Group: Good attendance and participation/discussion lately. CYC in March coincides with Robotics and Dance events, but Linea hopes to bring a few kids. Planning a Saturday trip to Spokane House of Charity along with Laser Tag, McCanns will help bring kids. Need to pre-register for Steubenville.

Lent Book Study: Kat did a great job involving new people in the Christmas play *by personally inviting them. Notice and invite people to the Lent Study!* It's nice if people read chapters ahead but everyone is welcome, whether they attend one class or all of them.

Follow up re. Bullying: Jessica and Dave spoke of finding WSU athlete/s & other ideas to address racism/bullying with our kids. With Jessica gone we'll push follow-up discussion to next month.

Kid-Friendly Stations: **FF Board hosts Stations on February 28.** We want to do something kid-friendly, tactile, kinesthetic. Kids move through the church to Stations—begin at altar and end at Soup/bread or back at altar. **Need someone for each station** (youth can help). Kids can read, adult/youth can act something out and/or pass out tokens or stickers. Have a project for kids to complete (passport books, Linea can make stickers). Coloring in Social Hall so kids can finish. Advertise in bulletin and announcements, put up posters, announce at Fish Fry

WED FEB 28 we provide soup, bread, maybe other kid-friendly food, also set-up and clean-up. **SOUPS:** Jane (tortellini), Angela (Chowder), Cory, Dave, MORE? **BREAD:** Linea, MORE? Angela will send a flocknote sign up.

Take-Home Faith Formation: In light of the fact it's increasingly difficult to get people to come to meetings, we want to make grab and go bags with reading, thinking/discussion questions, and activities people can use for Faith Formation. Some for adults, some for families/kids. Various topics, could be seasonal. Include ways to follow up, like QR links to videos from Fr. Mike Schmidt or Busted Halos, Fr. Steve's “Homilies on the Palouse”.

We'll meet to brainstorm topics/resources and plan first bags between Masses February 18 (presidents' weekend, no FF). Put bags out at Easter—back of Sanctuary, FF Hallway, Social Hall. Announce so people know.

Next meeting: March 5th. Snacks: **Wendy**, Opening prayer: **Wendy**, Closing prayer: **Linea**