

Faith Formation Ministry
Meeting Minutes for Sunday, August 26, 2018

Present: Bobbie Bossert, Lori Melton, Joyce Hylazewski, Chris Forbes, Mike Myers, Jeanne Clancey

We began with a short discussion of recent events. Lori has stepped down from her position with the CCD program. She will continue to chair Faith Formation.

We then had an informal discussion of possible directions to take this year. There are many issues affecting Faith at a local and national level, certainly. We also realize that the coming year will be one of change and growth as we become one parish with St. Charles Lwanga and St. Bede. We look forward to working with all interested parishioners to nurture and develop faith in a variety of ways. Here are some short term goals, pending discussion with Father Taylor and Father Burke.

We feel a slightly reworked theology niteclub event on “What Makes a Vibrant Parish” would be good to have in early November. This would be similar to our event in May, but we will use what we learned at that event to make small changes.

We would like to host an Advent Day of Reflection on Saturday, December 1. Pending discussion with our leadership, we hope to invite Father Bryce to be our speaker, since he did a wonderful job with our 2018 Lenten Day of Reflection at St. Charles Lwanga.

Our hearts are heavy over the recent Grand Jury Report that brings to light many difficult truths about past evils in our own Pittsburgh Diocese. We know many people are finding this subject very challenging, and feel it is a faith topic. We will approach Father Taylor about having an afternoon of reflection on the topic that will include prayers for all harmed and a round table discussion with Father Taylor’s guidance.

Several Faith Formation members recently completed the gargantuan task of cleaning out the Religious Education Office, as the school will now be using that space. Among the things we found were several beautiful prayer experiences, such as one focusing on “The Woman at the Well” that would

make wonderful weekend afternoon or weekday evening events. These events would be shorter programs that provide opportunities for reflection, prayer, and discussion of faith topics.

The team agreed that all plans should be discussed with Father Taylor and Father Burke, and that flexibility and patience will be needed this year as we begin making changes and working together as one larger parish.

Finally, we noted that as things change, our meeting time and other features will eventually change. We will discuss our monthly meeting time after the new Mass schedule is released.

Next meeting: Sunday, September 23, 2018, in the St. James Chapel after the 10:00 am Mass.