

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry -- 2016 February Report

During Jodi Schott's maternity leave, Colleen Trevisani is serving as Acting Director of the Department concurrent with existing duties.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Programs

The next intergenerational session will be Feb 7/8 with guest speaker Jonathan Schott. The theme is Discipleship.

Planning for Mar 6/7 Collaborative Intergenerational session underway (ISM, Liturgy, Music, Faith Formation all working together).

These intergenerational sessions are open to the entire parish and school; and there's no cost to attend. All are welcome! Come and See!

Sacraments

Confirmation preparation is underway. We have 44 youth in the second year of preparation with April 20, 2016 celebration; and 45 youth in the first year of preparation.

First Reconciliation Make up sessions in Jan and Feb for the few families had schedule conflicts or missed the sessions in the fall. Under Diocesan policy [and Canon Law] youth need to be prepared for First Reconciliation before First Eucharist.

First Eucharist (Communion) preparation begins in February. Celebrations will occur at regular weekend liturgies at the end of April and beginning of May.

RCIA sessions will begin the Period of the Catechumenate on January 3. We will continue meeting on Saturday am and begin dismissals from Mass during Lent. We have 5, possibly 6, adult participants and 1 child. We also have two younger children just for Baptism at the Vigil.

Adult Formation

Joe Kelly will be back in Lent to offer a 4 week series on "Why do bad things happen to good people" based on the Church Year of Mercy. The sessions will be Tuesdays from 7-8:30 PM at CTK, Feb 23, March 1, 8, and 15. Free. Spread the word!

We are hosting one of the St Bernard's on the Road Lectures on the Year of Mercy: Wed Feb 17 7-8:30pm St Cecilia, Fr George Heyman will be speaking on "The Parables of Mercy". Free.

Youth Ministry

- **Youth Ministry CORE Team**— A long term plan/strategy is starting to take shape. We have several parishioners interested in working on this. We are still looking for adults and teens to serve on the CORE planning team.
- **NCYC**—Jan 30 6-8pm St Cecilia Newcomb Friendship Center— On Pilgrimage with St Kateri featuring NCYC Youth and the premier of the Paul Cuff's video "Mass of Thanksgiving" highlighting St Kateri's Native American heritage. All are welcome.

Young Adult

- **Flour City Alpha – Summer Series** – This program is about meeting people where they are, engaging them in conversations about life's important questions, introducing them to the person of Jesus, and ultimately helping them build a relationship with Jesus, one another and the Catholic Church. Will be offered at site TBA in the community – i.e. coffee shop, bar, library in June, July and August over 6 biweekly sessions. –check out <https://www.facebook.com/flourcityalpha/>