

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. Jodi will be back soon! YAY!

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Programs

The next intergenerational session will be Mar 6&7. This has been collaboratively planned with ISM, Liturgy and Music. We will have a pasta meal, a guest speaker for adults, youth will have time with their teachers, and intergenerational discussion time. There will also be an optional service project component prior to the meal time.

These intergenerational sessions are open to the entire parish and school; and there's no cost to attend. All are welcome! Come and See! – register now at <http://conta.cc/1nq9rZQ>

Plans are underway for the April 10&11 intergenerational session which will include stations where parents and children can interact together. It is being collaboratively planned with faith formation and Sarah Schmerbeck and Karin Spears to include the Spring festival activities.

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. Our youth in the second year are entering the Immediate prep phase – a more spiritual and intense period to prepare them to receive the sacrament and to live out the graces they will receive.

First Eucharist (Communion) preparation begins February 22. It includes a series of workshops for parents and children to help the families work together at home on the material. All youth are concurrently enrolled in Faith Formation or Catholic School. We also have a group of youth who are receiving intensive catechesis since they have been out of faith formation for a few years who will also be making their First Communion. Celebrations will occur at regular weekend liturgies at the end of April and beginning of May.

RCIA sessions continue dismissals from Mass during Lent. We have 5, possibly 6, adult participants and 1 child. We also have two younger children just for Baptism.

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!

St Bernard's on the Road Lectures on the Year of Mercy: Wed Feb 17 7-8:30pm St Cecilia, Fr George Heyman spoke on "The Parables of Mercy". St Bernards was pleased with the turnout – about 30 adults – including our own parishioners and people from around the diocese.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry CORE Team– A long term plan/strategy is starting to take shape. Pete Nowak is calling a meeting Feb 28 12-2pm at CTK, Rm 137 to take next steps in planning for youth programs. We are still looking for adults and teens to serve on the CORE planning team.

NCYC—Jan 30 6-8pm 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. Event went well-over 50 in attendance. Thank you for your support of the event. Thanks to Pasta Villa for the food (and the donation of the pasta and salad - we only paid for the meatballs!)

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. Though we are targeting young adults, all are welcome to attend. We also need people to help facilitate small group discussion. check out <https://www.facebook.com/flourcityalpha/>

Thursdays 6:30-8pm: June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18 at Irondequoit Library

Small Group Gathering

We also have a group of our more active young adults who will be leading a weekly group during the summer. They are still working out the details but plan to include time for Prayer (adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) and time for faith sharing.