

## St. Isidore's Faith Formation Committee Meeting

November 19, 2019

Attendees: Jessi Sweet, Marilyn Anderson, Lisa Hackenmiller, Vicki Martin, Donna Drake, Michele Loehr, and Lisa Lansing

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.

Leader for prayer was Michele Loehr.

We will now be having our Faith Formation meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6 PM.

October meeting minutes were approved.

Michele went over RE Updates:

- Most of the catechists are sending out weekly emails to families to let them know was discussed in class and if any homework that was assigned.
- The 4-8<sup>th</sup> graders went through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary in October. They were given a yarn bracelet for each virtue of that decade and to help them also reflect and remember the mysteries throughout the following week.
- Pastoral Leadership Study Day (PLSD) was Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in Cedar Falls and Michele attended. It was recommended that all staff attend the April PLSD. Michele said we will determine who will attend closer to the event.
- Michele attended a half day in-service in Dubuque on families and their importance in catechesis.
- Michele and Tommy Hagensick will be attending NCYC November 21-24<sup>th</sup>.
- Springville's Ecumenical Service will be held on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at St. Isidore's. This is an opportunity to share faith within our community and also to acknowledge to the RE families that others in the community value their faith.
- High School last RE class will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>, but they will be helping with the Advent Carnival on December 4<sup>th</sup>. All parishioners and families are invited to attend the Carnival. There will be pizza, beverages, and cookies. Games will be "Advent" themed in each room. The parish center will be used for games and the food will remain in the hall. The Carnival will be held from 6:00 to 7:15 PM.
- St. Johns and St. Isidore's applied to Totus Tuus. The requested dates are:
  - July 12-17<sup>th</sup> (first option)
  - July 19-24<sup>th</sup> (second option)
  - July 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> (third option)

Once the date is confirmed it will be posted in the bulletin. There will also be fundraising done to help pay for the cost for the week of Totus Tuus which is \$2,600. By fundraising to cover the cost then we will be able to offer Totus Tuus to families at no charge.

- There will not be class on November 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. December 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last RE class before winter break. On December 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a Reconciliation Service at St. Isidore's for the students and catechists.
- During the month of December there will be a mitten, glove, sock drive for shelters in Cedar Rapids. Michele will notify families and be asking for donations for the area shelters.
- There will be several Advent opportunities during the month of December at both parishes:
  - Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Isidore's 4-5 PM Adoration and Rosary closing with the Benediction
  - Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at St. John's 3 PM Communal Reconciliation Service
  - Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Isidore's 4-5 PM Adoration followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction
  - Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. John's 4-5 PM Adoration followed by Evening Prayer and Benediction.

- St. John's recently had a speaker from Break The Chain and spoke about human trafficking. Michele is going to arrange to have a speaker from this organization come to St. Isidore's to speak to the high school students.

Next meeting date is January 21, 2020.

Leader for prayer at the next meeting will be Vicki Martin.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Reminders: Meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except July) at 6:00 PM. If you are unable to attend, please notify Marilyn, to ensure we have a quorum of 4 for voting. Meetings can be rescheduled if necessary. No more than 2 absences per year.