

Family and Youth Initiatives Meeting

May 28, 2024 5:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Kari Mathys, Jenny VandenLangenberg, Tara O'Donohue, Katie Fameree, Tammy Malach, Red Sember

1. Grow with God event- May 5th Recap- Overall the event went great and was well received from parents and kids. We updated ideas for next year in our planning document. [Grow with God](#) We went through 50 flower pots.
2. Movie Night - June 12th. Movies are 6:00 Migration, 8:00 Father Stu:Reborn
 - a. Went through the planning document to assign tasks [Movie Night Planning Sheet](#) Set up help at 4:30 pm: Tammy, Katie, Jenny, Red, Mitch
 - b. Tammy to purchase: water, soda, chips, cheese, jalapenos, buns, ketchup, mustard, relish, candy.
 - c. Jenny to purchase: Hot dogs, tablecloths. Will also update the marquee sign in front of church and bring items over from Holy Trinity site.
 - d. Katie to purchase: cookies- then pre packaged to sell.
 - e. Tara will make price signs.
 - f. Kari will get start-up cash from Kim.
 - g. Concessions will close at 8:30 pm.
 - h. Red will make PowerPoint with slides for screen before and in between movies.
 - i. Jenny will create a line up of who will speak before and in between movies (FYI, RE, Yough & YAM, Men's Retreat)
3. Camp Tekakwitha Scholarship -Update as of 5/15/24 is that we have 6 registrations from POP so far!
4. Grand Opening Celebration-June 8th after 4:30 Mass. Members coming at 3:00: Jenny, Red, Tara, Tammy. Others will join in the event later as they are able.

Find a Little Jesus- We will hide mini Jesus figures everywhere around the new addition. Room Saint Signs are created. Kids of Christ Zone will be an area where we will have coloring pages, Cross Toss- cups and ping pong ball, Pin the halo on the Saint, and Tabletop games for older kids (Jesus Jenga and Bible Character Match Game).
5. Playdates update: Mondays and Fridays June 3, 21 - July 1, 19 - August. Red will get snacks and is getting prepared for the first playdate.

6. Sunday, September 8th- Event Idea for Grandparents Day Celebration: We'd like to have an event after 10:00 Mass. Grandparents and their grandkids can come to play games, eat snacks, photo op, a grandparents blessing, craft, etc. We will continue to brainstorm ideas and plan as it gets closer. Jenny will follow up with Theresa and Neil on this to see how we can work together on this event before a new event form is submitted.

7. Date for Backpack Blessing Weekend - Aug. 24/25. Our committee members will help hand out blessed tags at the Masses that weekend.

8. Date for Pet Blessing - Sat. Oct. 5 at 9:00. Deacon Jeff may not be here for the blessing. We'll figure out details as it gets closer but Jenny will submit an event form to be able to secure the date.

9. Date for Breakfast in Bethlehem and the Magi Market - Dec. 8. We can discuss any new ideas for this event in the upcoming months. With more space, we can have a better event flow. We have a story in mind called "The Grumpy Old Ox" to be incorporated into the event.

10. Epiphany Celebration - Jan. 5th after 10:00 Mass. We'd like to plan an Epiphany event that gets families back to church after Christmas. Ideas so far a book reading of "The Wise Men Who Found Christmas", donuts, have 3 kings dressed up, etc. More to plan in the future. We will submit an event form after our July meeting.

11. Catholic Cross Outreach, Box of Joy- we will use the Children's Collection funds to do this event again. We will coordinate with the Helping Hands Committee and the RE program to see how far we want to go with the reach for this program. We plan to fill the boxes during Gospel Time in early November.

12. Pumpkin Carving Event: Date set for October 27 after 10:00 Mass. We need to discuss details and ideas on how to incorporate more Jesus into this event.

Tabled Items:

Parents Day Out - November or early December - Any interest?

Thurs. Dec. 12 Parish Lectio Divina Event - Child Care Request by Discipleship Committee

Next Meeting: July 24 at 5:30