

Faith Formation Commission Minutes

In attendance: Leslie Sullivan, Kevin Sullivan, Jenna Rip, Kevin Laufenberg, Anne Blindt, Mike Gabor, Georgine Jacobs, and Daren Pagenkoph

1. Prayer
2. Staff Updates
 - a. Jenna
 - i. 30 children received First Communion
 - ii. There was a May Crowning and a pancake breakfast to mark the end of the religious education year for the elementary students.
 - iii. Vacation Bible School is July 31st to August 3rd
 - iv. Jenna will be on maternity leave this summer and Kevin Laufenberg will take over Baptism Preparation while she is gone.
 - b. Kevin Laufenberg
 - i. Three people received Sacraments at the Easter Vigil this Easter
 - c. Kevin Sullivan
 - i. 30 St. Bernard's students are going to Love Begins Here this summer.
 - ii. St. Bernard's is hosting teens from other parishes for a week of Love Begins Here.
3. Year in Review
 - a. The FFC had a successful year this year
 - i. We provided hospitality for the parish mission
 - ii. We handed out prayer materials during Advent, Lent, and Easter
 - iii. We brought the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit to St. Bernard's
4. Future Studies
 - a. We discussed doing a short study called *You Did it to Me* by Michael Gaitley. This study is about putting Mercy into action.
 - b. We discussed revitalizing Adult Faith Formation

- i. Kevin Laufenberg mentioned that many of the small communities of faith her disbanding and he shared that his small community not only meets during Lent and Advent but once a month throughout the year.
 - ii. The group discussed the need for a focus with adult faith formation. There are various offerings throughout the year but they don't seem to be connected.
 - iii. The group agreed that community must be a key aspect to adult faith formation.
 - iv. Learning how to pray is essential
 - v. The studies should be parishioner lead as the staff already has a heavy work load.
 - vi. Kevin Sullivan suggested reading the book *33 Days of Morning Glory* by Michael Gaitley and then publically consecrating ourselves to Mary.
 - vii. Jenna Keller suggested that we follow the theme of the Catechetical Sunday "Living as Missionary Disciples."
- c. It was decided that we needed to have separate meeting to brainstorm ideas and find our focus. The meeting will be May 23rd at 6:30 in the parish office.