

St. Henry and St. Mary Faith Formation Commission Minutes

Thursday, March 1, 2018

St. Mary Church Office

- 1) Members Present
 - a) Rose Freese, Shelby Dolash, Mark Dolash, Alissa Fulton, Sam Carbajal
- 2) Prayer
- 3) Review Report – Early Childhood Catechesis
 - a) Birth (and post-Baptism) to Pre-School (pre- gathered Religious Ed)
- 4) What St Henry and St Mary offer
 - a) Baptism classes (parents and godparents)
 - b) Children’s Liturgy of the Word
 - i) during Sunday morning Masses, year-round
 - ii) St Henry (English) and St Mary (Spanish)
 - iii) led by parents and parishioners
 - c) Vacation Bible School
 - i) one week during summer
 - ii) led by parents, teens, and other parishioners
- 5) How else can we support and prepare these parents to be primary Catechists?
 - a) Mentor new parents, after Baptism
 - b) Instead of (or in addition to) First Sacraments program for 2nd grade
 - i) Teach parents to teach faith to kids starting with post-Baptism
 - ii) Make it a part of daily life, how to Live Faith, not just practice on Sunday
 - iii) Fit into family schedules when young, so continues when kids join things
 - iv) Put responsibility on parents
- 6) Registration for 2018-19 FF programs
 - a) Sunday FF will be offered pre-Registration in April this year
- 7) Brief reports on
 - a) Children of Catechetical Age
 - i) 2nd Graders preparing for First Communion
 - ii) Sacramental Prep (Saturday program) preparing for Reconciliation
 - b) Youth Ministry
 - i) T3 Teen Timeline Bible Study (similar to Great Adventure) meeting right now for middle and high schoolers
 - ii) Continuing to meet monthly on Wednesdays, for Mass, Stations, service with ARC, games
 - c) Adult Faith Formation
 - i) Wild Goose DVD series coming to an end
 - ii) Women’s CEW 2 weeks ago- 21 people
 - iii) Men’s CEW this weekend- 16 people
 - d) RCIA
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 - i) Preparing for First Communion
 - ii) 2 teens receiving all Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil (1 per church)

- 8) Holy Week Events
 - a) Holy Thursday- evening Mass at both churches
 - b) Good Friday- Walk the Cross from St Mary to St Henry for afternoon service
 - c) Fire Through the Night at St Henry
 - d) Holy Saturday- Easter Vigil Mass at both churches
- 9) Next meeting: May 2018, date TBA
 - a) Review current and possible new First Sacraments programs
 - b) Review current and possible new Sunday Religious Ed curriculum

Respectfully submitted,
Alissa Fulton