

Discipleship Committee meeting minutes of Thursday, June 1, 2023

Members present: Jackie Goral, Becky Krueger, Barb Rueckl and Jack Wrbanich

Opening prayer at 6:33 P.M. by Jackie Goral

Item 1 – Parish Council recap – 1.) Organizational structure is changing and will be finalized prior to the annual report; 2.) Kody is organizing a thorough cleaning of the kitchen and the church. More to follow; 3.) The picnic is focusing on bringing Jesus into the event. Ideas for faith sayings (to be put on napkin containers) and resource suggestions to be given to Donelle Bonetti; 4.) Parish council is seeking a theme for the liturgical beginning in July. Each committee will incorporate in their missions for this year; and, 5.) Next new member dinner will be fall of 2023.

Item 2 – Breaking open the Sunday Scripture – Jerry Berg will continue to lead the sessions. They will be interspersed with other venues of the Discipleship Committee and announced in the bulletin.

Item 3 – The Chosen – Becky Krueger has scheduled Season 1 of the Chosen to begin Monday, September 11, 2023 and conclude Thursday, November 20, 2023. Becky and Mary Jo Short are in the process of selecting a study guide. Please consult the parish calendar for specific dates and times.

Item 4 – Alpha update – Barbara will be holding an Alpha Team meeting on September, 21, 2023 at the Parish Center. The team will discuss interweaving the Alpha program with “The Chosen” series. This will be a planning meeting for the next two years.

Item 5 – Jackie Goral and Rachel “Red” Hickey are in the process of establishing a Women’s Faith Group and a Christian Mommy’s group. The goal is to bring young families and friends together in the parish life and community.

Item 6 – Men’s retreat report – Jack Wrbanich submitted a report for the event which was held, Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. See attached report.

Item 7 – Miscellaneous items

- The Knights of Columbus will be rolling out an initiative this summer to create a deeper involvement of men for Jesus. More information to come.
- Jack met with Maximus Cabey and discussed the potential for deeper involvement of men in their faith and a faith community.

Item 8 – Potential Future ideas:

- A Lectio Divina Advent evening with a representative of Mother Mary Catherine

- Religion 101 – a suggestion to find a guest speaker to assist with a deeper understanding of the Catholic Religion. Jackie will contact the Religion Education department to include them. This will help in choosing a speaker.
- Ladies’ retreat – Reminder that Julianne Stanz has been scheduled for 2024. Jackie is looking for a leader to organize and lead the day.
- Men’s retreat – From all indicators, we will be holding a men’s retreat in 2024. Many of the suggestions in the report will be implemented.

Item 9 – Spiritual Growth opportunities:

- “Entrust” – Jackie would like this committee to pursue the possibility of holding an Entrust series at PoP. Until that decision is made, please consult the Diocesan website for current Entrust dates. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Item 10 – Next meeting. We will not hold a meeting in July. If anyone has a serious issue that must be addressed please contact Jackie.

Closing prayer led by Jack Wrbanich at 7:45 P.M.