



Catholic Community

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes from Discipleship Committee Meeting of September 7, 2023

Present: Jerry Berg, Dan Delforge, Jackie Goral, Becky Krueger, Mary Prickette, Deb Hohensee, Mary Jo Short

Respect Life Update – John spoke to the committee regarding Respect Life. He would eventually like to see a Respect Life Committee/sub-committee started at POP. He is planning several pre/post Mass activities for the second, third and fourth Sundays of Oct. These activities include having informational materials and trinkets for children at tables after mass. Comments/Announcements by the Deacons before/after mass. Respect Life intentions during mass. Possibly publishing a Respect Life Essay. Other ideas generated during discussion included bulletin announcements, videos/announcements on the TV in gathering space, social media posts. He is looking for volunteers to help with these activities. He is also meeting with the Helping Hands committee and potentially the FYI committee. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to John or Dan.

Construction Project Update – The Office will be moving into the Fellowship Hall starting in Dec. The Fellowship Hall will be unavailable through spring.

Discipleship Committee Structure – Jackie is brought up the possibility of having co-chairs lead the committee in the future. After the addition is complete, we will have more room and potentially more activities. Leading the committee may need to be shared by two people. Jerry brought up an idea for future discussion. Does the committee want to offer more than one event at the same time? Will multiple events compete with each other and lower attendance. Becky announced that she is stepping down from the committee and this will be her last meeting. She and Mary Jo will continue to lead The Chosen viewing.

Committee Spotlight - We had a brief discussion regarding bringing back the Committee Spotlight program. Jackie will present this to the Parish Council for further consideration and planning purposes with other committees.

Breaking Open Sunday Scripture – For the time being this event will continue to fill in when we are not offering another event. Potentially in the future (after the addition is complete) we could continue running this program while other programs are running. More discussion to follow at future meetings.

Chosen Update – Mary Jo is updating a study guide to use for each session. Session 1 is completed, and she has printed 30 copies. Becky will contact Kody to advise we will need the screen and projector set up in the Fellowship Hall. May Jo & Becky will/MC the program. It was suggested that we start with a 'disclaimer' that although the series is based on the bible the created of the program have taken some created license in creating the characters and conversions and backstories.

THE CHOSEN - Season 1

9/11/23 Episode 1	I Have Called You by Name
9/18/23 Episode 2	Shabbat
10/2/23 Episode 3	Jesus Loves the Little Children
10/16/23 Episode 4	The Rock on Which it is Built
10/23/23 Episode 5	The Wedding Gift
10/30/23 Episode 6	Indescribable Compassion
11/6/23 Episode 7	Invitations
11/13/23 Episode 8	I Am He

Christian Mommy Connect Group Update – This group started meeting in early summer. The August meeting included 10-12 Moms. This group is for all ages Young Moms-Grandmother. One of the moms offered to host the next meeting at her home near the church on September 23rd.

Advent Adoration Evening – In lieu of a retreat Jackie is planning an Adoration Evening. Plans are being finalized.

Beautiful Eucharist – This easy-to-read book was discussed and will likely be given to parishioners during the Christmas season.



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Potential Future Ideas:

- **Lectio Divina** - Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer
- **Mass 101** - Biblical Walk Through the Mass
- **Women's Retreat** – The Fellowship Hall will not be available on the date of the retreat (2/24/23). We will need to either shorten the event to morning only (no food) or move it offsite. Mary to check with the Woods to see if they have availability on that date. Mary will also confirm that Julianne is available. Potential theme/topic could be The Eucharist.
Other Potential Speakers.
 - Sister Ann Rehrauer
 - Sister Laura Zelten
 - Carol Masuga
 - Sister Pat Clement
- **Men's Retreat** – The Knights of Columbus are available to host a K/C Men's retreat again.
- **Frank Runyeon Retreat** – A one man show who offers 1-3 day retreats. Neil is working to contact the producer and get additional information as a potential Lent or Advent retreat.

Next Meeting – October 5, 2023 (First Thursday of the month)