

Family and Youth Initiatives Meeting

April 17, 2024

Committee Members Present: Kari Mathys, Jenny VandenLangenberg, Loren Vandenplas, Katie Fameree, Tammy Malach, Red Sember

1. Grow with God event- May 5th 11:00 a.m. This event will be outside church. Kids will decorate terracotta pots with paint markers on tables. We will have a large terracotta pot for the kids to decorate that will stay at church. Red will order pots, markers, and snacks. We'll plan for 50-60 kids. We'll have 5 stations. 1. Pick up pots and paint markers, 2. Pick up a soil bag, 3. "Water" the pots, 4. Snack table (Sun Chips, Cutie oranges, Capri Suns, yellow suckers), 5. Decorate the big church pot. Mitch will buy the soil, seeds, and large flower pot. Mitch will also bag up soil and buy seeds for the kids to plant at home. If it rains, we will reschedule this event, or possibly move inside if space allows. Katie will pick up table cloths, Tammy will get garbage bags, Loren is working on table signs. Mitch, Tammy, and Kari can get things set up. We will ask Neil and Theresa to reach out to Youth Group and Confirmation kids for assistance/service hours.
2. Movie Night - June 12th

Kids movie at 6:00 will be Migration. The 8:00 Adult movie will be I Can Only Imagine. (Father Stu is back up plan). Red is checking to make sure these are both covered under our licensing. Jenny will email Neil to see if the Youth Group and YAM would like to do something to promote themselves.
3. Children's Collection Disbursement Ideas to submit to Theresa -
 - a. Sleep in Heavenly Peace <https://www.facebook.com/shpdepere/>
 - b. COMSA <https://www.comsusa.org/whatwedo>
4. Grand Opening Celebration-June 8th after 4:30 Mass. We'd like to make a sign for each Saint room that includes the story of each Saint. Poster board in a frame, 11x17 Saint Sign in acrylic stands. We will plan for hiding the small Jesus figures around church and in the Saint rooms fitting the theme 'Find a Little

Jesus'. Our committee can make a Kids of Christ Zone - small games (cross toss, pin the halo on the saint), coloring pages, outside activities, use photo backdrop and big Jesus.

5. Photo Backdrop update - It is ordered and we are hoping for it to come in by the Grow with God event!
6. Playdates update: Mondays and Fridays June 3, 21 - July 1, 19 - August 5, 16
7. Camp Tekakwitha - Mitch to update the committee on a plan for future Mass announcements

Next Meeting: May 22, 2024 at 6:15