

St Theresa Parish Group Reports March 2024

Representing Liaison Name

Staff

Pastoral Care Deacon David Schmidt 3/9/2024
Adult Faith Formation & RCIA Barb Woods 3/9/2024
Children's Faith Formation Jane Ann Becicka 3/13/2024
Youth Ministry Megs Howes 3/14/2024

Committees & Groups

Liturgy Committee Barb Woods 3/9/2024
Faith Formation Council Sergio Loch 3/13/2024 nothing to report
Fellowship with Friends Jean Hemmer 3/13/2024
Knights of Columbus Ken Seymour
Peace & Justice Celeste Egger 3/13/2023
St Vincent de Paul Society Jan Slaten 3/14/24 nothing to report
STARS Hospitality Tricia Lloyd 3/14/2024
STARS General Joan Ferguson
School Leadership Council -
Community/Service Mary Drazi

update 3/18/24

Pastoral Care Report: March 11, 2024

Working to with new parish volunteer to improve the Medical Equipment Lending Library (MELL). Seeking to eventually get the MELL online and increase awareness and use.

- Conducted two prayer services for the burning of palms from last year. One for the school and faith formation students.
- Distributed ashes and Communion on Ash Wednesday to 25 homebound parishioners with the assistance of seven volunteer parishioners.
- Facilitated broadcasting Station of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at Wesley on Grand followed by showing The Search from the Formed website.
- Driving of parishioners to medical appointments or other locations as needed.
- Completed marriage preparation and officiated at convalidation of couples' marriage. Also about to begin marriage prep with a new couple.
- Periodic delivery of food to homebound from the food pantry.
- Assisting with monthly Masses at Calvin Community Retirement Center.
- Continuing to lead or facilitate weekly rosary at Wesley on Grand Retirement Community.
- Ongoing visits to homebound parishioners and those in rehab and long term care facilities.
- Ongoing funerals with possible visitations, luncheons and committals.
- Ongoing mailing of Stephen Ministry grief booklets.

Upcoming events:

April 2024: Grieving With Great Hope grief workshop

April 2024: Mass of Anointing, planning to trial having the Mass at 4:00 pm

June 23-25, 2024: Tentatively sponsoring a parish pilgrimage to join Bishop Joensen on the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage as it passes through southwest Iowa on the way to Indianapolis. Specific details on the route and activities were released on March 1st.

Respectfully submitted, Deacon David Schmidt

Adult Faith Formation Report

March 11, 2024

Study Groups: Still attended by 42 people.

1. The following topics are on the docket for Second Semester of 2024 AFF:
 - a. *No Greater Love* (Passion of Christ)- Book & Video until Holy Week
 - b. *Follow Me, the Gospel of John* beginning April 8-9.
2. The parish book study, *Real Presence*, has started up. Eight of the nine study groups are back in session. Two new people have joined groups. We will again have a summary meeting sometime after April 25.

RCIA/OCIA had its retreat.

1. All nine catechumens and one candidate will continue to the Easter Vigil. They were all present for the Rite of Sending at a 4:30 Mass and at the Rite of Elect to meet the bishop.
2. For RCIA thus far, we have had 25 hosts for them to meet and lots of good food. The **newsletter** for Lent was full of articles. Best response ever. Next one will be at the beginning of May.

Speakers:

1. Fr. Luke Spannagel, from Peoria, IL. He is on the pope's list of Eucharistic Revival speakers. The date is April 25 with a talk in the morning and one in the evening. Then on April 24, Fr. Luke will talk to the school students in two sections in the morning as well as the WFF families in the evening. Theme will be "The Gift of the Eucharist". For the students he will talk about Blessed Carlos Acutis.
2. Reflection on the Seven Last Words of Christ again on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 6pm. It is a different script from last year.

Lunch and Learn:

1. February session will be Father Tim Fitzgerald on his hobby of bees. We had 15 people who found it very interesting.
2. March 7 is our mini-retreat with April Young on Ignatian Spirituality. Twenty-nine people attended and thoroughly enjoyed the morning.
3. April 4 we will be joining the Windsor Heights Lutheran Elderberries for potluck and talk on Project 66.

Cards & Games continue to be on the fourth Wednesday from 1-3pm.

Liturgy Committee Report is with Committees & Groups

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Woods

Children's Faith Formation

Wednesday Faith Formation

- 3/6 Fourth & Fifth Graders led Stations of the Cross
- 3/20 Faith formation & parish communal penance service
- 4/3 Family Night -Stations of Light Easter Prayer Service & Celebration, all invited
- 5/8 Family Night- May Crowning, Catechist recognition and social

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

- Training complete for Level 1 (of 3) in May
- Program begins in the fall
- Grants sought to sponsor supplies & continued training

Children's Liturgy of the Word

- 4/28 last session until Fall 2024

Weekend Mass

- 4/20 or 4/21 final student-led Mass this school year

Professional Development & Training

- February-March Continue online learning sessions for OCIA, adults and children

Sacraments

- 4/24 1st Eucharist Learning Centers
- 5/5 First Eucharist at 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

Other service

- 3/6 Assisted the school with penance service

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jane Ann Becicka, Children's Faith Formation Coordinator

St. Theresa Youth Ministry February 2024

Parish: What have I been up to...

- 1) Planning upcoming HS FIA(Faith In Action) Spring Break Mission Trip
- 2) Attended monthly Des Moines Area Youth Minister Meeting
- 3) Working with new families interested in joining the church
- 4) Attended USCCB focus session on how we work with people in our parish and diocese
- 5) Working on updating Confirmation expectations and Resources for Fall 2024
- 6) Core team recruitment
- 7) Planning Summer Events with other parish youth ministers
- 8) Recruiting Youth for the Youth Advisory Council
- 9) Recruiting Artist for new art display
- 10) Working on Summer 24 Youth Ministry Calendar
- 11) Planning 2024 Mother Daughter WorkShop with Stacy Halbach
- 12) I have attended youth events like wrestling meets, basketball games, and vocal concerts to support our youth in their activities.
- 13) Meeting with Edge, Life & Confirmation planning session to plan upcoming events.
- 14) Seating up fall event for families and youth
- 15) Working on gathering names and addresses for Young adult care packages to send out.

School: What I have been up to....

- 1) Updating and attending middle school retreats with STCS parish youth
- 2) Held monthly Middle School Meg's Day and chatted about Advent, Prayer, and fun social trivia challenge

Edge Highlights

- 1) Game Night
- 2) Learned about Lectio Divina
- 3)Community Building Activities
- 4) Learned about Lent

Lifeteen Highlights

- 1) Game Night
- 2) Talk about prayer
- 3) Learned about Lent

Confirmation

- 1) Diving deeper into our faith through conversations with small group discussions and activities
- 2) Covered the topics of Morality, different forms of prayer, Past Events



GOAL ACTION

plan

GOAL

TO ALLOW HOME-BAKED GOODS TO BE MADE DONATED DURING FELLOWSHIP WITH FRIENDS DURING THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH WHEN WFF/YM HOST.

WHY

TO ALLOW PARISH YOUTH & ADULTS WHO LOVE TO BAKE A CHANCE TO SHARE THEIR GIFTS AND TALENTS WITH THE COMMUNITY.

MOTIVATION

FOR PARISHIONERS WHO LOVE TO BAKE TO GET INVOLVED AND FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES TO HAVE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.

START DATE

SUNDAY FEB 4 2024

HOW LONG

TRY FOR REST OF 2024 YEAR

OUTCOME


WENT WELL WAS WELL RECIEVED BY EVERYONE.

OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME

NONE, EVERYTHING WENT WELL. WE WILL REEVALUATE IIN A SIX MONTHS.

RESOURCES

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FEED BACK: FOR MEGS

QUESTIONS FOR MEGS

NOTES

Liturgy Committee

March 11, 2024

1. Joint Communal Penance (parish and WFF) will be on March 20 at 6:30pm. We will have a whopping 12 priests. PLEASE COME!
2. First Friday Adoration continues. We fill all the positions, but it's usually with the same 23 people. Once in a while we have some new drop-ins.
3. Stations of the Cross at 5:00 on Friday is up to 85 people attending. Of those 85 people, 30 have signed up to read at least once. We have had 6 servers as well.
4. We are working on TRIDUUM services and Easter Vigil.
5. Cheryl Christie and Kathy Landis are working with the visioning committee on greeters/ushers.

6. June 2 we are planning a modified Eucharistic procession on campus for the Feast of Corpus Christi. It will begin at 2pm and end by 3:30 pm. Weather permitting we will be walking the north parking lot.
7. I am forming an ad-hoc committee to preview nine various hymnals for the pews. This is strongly suggested by the diocese and in the end could save the parish a few thousand dollars.

Further education:

1. I continue to attend Divine Renovation webinars once a month.
2. I am watching three webinars on RCIA from the diocese as well as a few webinars from Team RCIA.

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Woods

Faith Formation Council

Nothing to report this time. January 2024 meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. Meet every other month.

Next Faith Formation Council meeting is Thursday 3/21/24

Sergio Loch

St. Vincent de Paul

No changes for this time. 3/11/24

Jan Slaten

STARS Hospitality - Funeral Lunches

We had one Funeral luncheon in March. They expected 75 people. But only serve 25-30 people.

If the family does not want the leftover food, then Jim Egger offers to take the leftover food to the Central Iowa Shelter.

Tricia Lloyd

Fellowship with Friends

February 2024

- Fellowship after the 10:30 Mass was cancelled due to the school play set-up.
- Fellowship is cancelled for Easter Sunday and Msgr. Bob's celebration.
- Communication with group leaders and volunteers has room for improvement.
 - Will continue with emails to group leaders.
 - Will be scheduling a group leader meeting/assessment in April.



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC

Committee Name: **Peace and Justice**

Report Date: February/March 2024

Summary of current activity:

Date	Activity	Results/Impact	Alignment with mission and vision
2/8/2024	CISS Homeless Meal	Served 250 people	Feeding the homeless. Involved over 40 people to coordinate, prepare and serve meal
2/17/18, 2024	DMARC collection	St. Theresa member of DMARC	Feed the people. Involve parishioners in donations and collections
2/23/2024	CC Family Shelter Meal	Serve 10 families dinner	Feed homeless families
2/24/25,2024	Fair Trade weekend	Sales for farmers	So farmers can work and strengthen their communities
2/29/2024	Winter clothing collection from October thru February	Items taken to Primary Homeless Outreach, Team Tough, Lutheran Refugee Services, Catholic Charities	Involving parish in outreach to agencies that cloth the naked
3/8/2024	CISS Homeless Meal	Served 250 people	Feeding the homeless. Involved over 40 people to coordinate, prepare and serve meal
3/5/2024	Meeting with St. Theresa teachers	Collaboration on Catholic social justice education in school	SJ education to try to expand throughout the school year

Summary of planned activity:

Date	Activity	Intended Results/Impact	Alignment with mission and vision
3/16/17/2024	DMARC 3 rd Sunday Collection	St. Theresa member of DMARC	Feed the people. Involve parishioners



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			in donations and collections
3/23/24, 2024	Fair Trade Sales	Sales for farmers and artisans	So farmers and artisans can work and strengthen their communities
3/29/2024	CC Family Shelter Meal	Serve 10 families dinner	Feed homeless families
3/21/2024	Leadership meeting invite	To continue conversation of Catholic Social Teachings with parent team	Promoting education of CST
4/7/2024	P&J meeting		

Other:

Links to plans, additional reporting detail, etc.

Submitted by: Celeste Egger