

Family of Parishes Faith Formation Committee

We've been discussing our resources and challenges and exploring how we can work together. The committee meets monthly with subgroups meeting as needed. Subgroup members will be needed. Several initiatives have already begun;

- Quarterly Intergenerational Faith Formation will be held at each parish. This is a project that has been done by St. Lawrence in the past. A small subgroup worked with Mary Weisenburger from St. Lawrence and a few changes were made to their original format. Our first meeting will be on October 19 at 5:45. A simple meal will be provided by the sponsoring parish. St. Lawrence is planning subs with chips and a drink. Blessed Trinity will be the host for an event around Pentecost. ***We will need to start planning our piece immediately after Easter and we will need a group of 5-6.***
- Deacon Jerry Hodson from Ss. Columba-Brigid has taken the lead on Confirmation with Adam Sumlin (SMdP) assisting. Mary Weisenburger (STL,) Fr. Bob and I will each be there for some of the evenings as discussion facilitators. Confirmation will be at Blessed Trinity on November 7 at the 10 AM Mass. ***This will be on the Liturgy Committee agenda. A small group may be needed to set up a simple post Confirmation reception.***
- Children's sacramental prep and catechesis - we've agreed in principle to work together, but our existing programs and numbers of children are quite different. More discussion over the next few months. There will be some joint projects next summer. STL and BT will work together in the spring for First Reconciliation.
- Adult programming is currently an evolving plan. Blessed Trinity just finished Bible Basics and will follow that with a six-week video series on the ***Jewish Roots of the Parables of Jesus*** to be held in St. Charles' Hall starting September 28 excluding October 19. The Gospel of Luke will begin AFTER the video series and will continue through the winter and spring via Zoom every other Tuesday. Ss. C-B has scripture study before Masses weekly.
- Movie nights with a moral theme were popular at St. Lawrence as an Adults Only program. Movie nights were also popular at Ss. C-B. These will resume on September 24. I will be hosting at Ss. C-B (they have a big screen.) Donations to cover costs will be requested. Wine and cheese served. Our first movie is ***Peanut Butter Falcon***. An additional Movie Night will be held at St. Lawrence for teens in October to celebrate Respect Life Month - ***Entertaining Angels*** - over 14 - no alcohol at this one. ***The Zookeeper's Wife*** will be presented on October 29. This is an Adults Only movie night, but will feature babysitting on premises by certified babysitters!
- RCIA is a big topic of concern and talks are on-going. One joint program (Bible Basics) was set up with a group of about ten participating. Right now BT has the only candidates.
- Future discussions will be held on the topics of youth involvement (perhaps a service corps) and research on the topic of why Catholics leave the Church - and what we can do about it.