

## **Word Committee**

Fr. Bernard, Susan, & I met on Fri., April 21st.

Fr. Bernard suggested that, because there are so few students in the religious ed program, the Word committee should focus on the adults in our parish. He and Susan had several ideas about engaging adult parishioners in faith building activities. Some suggestions were:

1. Supper & Spirituality
2. Viewing episodes of The Chosen with discussion afterwards
3. Online programs such as Catechism in a Year ( with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

4. Eucharistic Revival

Susan will create a short online survey to gauge parishioners' interest as well as convenient days/times.

Lynne Stager

## **WITNESS COMMITTEE**

May 2023

Members of the Witness Committee did not meet in person but communicated via e-mail and telephone.

There are currently twenty (20) names and addresses on the list for our homebound parishioners.

Additional card senders would be welcome.

We had discussed having a personal care items collection during the month of June. All items collected in the three churches would be going to the food pantry in that village. Bulletin announcement for the collection has been printed.

This special collection will be held only during the month of June, ending Sunday, June 25, 2023.

## **Fellowship Committee**

April:

The Fellowship Committee supported an Easter Egg Hunt. The actual event was staged in two parts; part one was the prior Sunday when members of the parish were asked to help fill eggs and prepare for the actual event. This preparation phase was a very positive event. We combined it with the Sweet Sunday activity. It provided a number of parishioners an opportunity to help and support the following Sunday's event.

Easter Sunday; Thank you to Andy for spreading out all 200+ eggs and "MCing" the actual event. Approximately 11 children were involved. Children plus parents and relatives = 30 overall participants.

May:

Inauguration of the first Game nite hosted by Susan Guydosh at Interlaken. The objective is to provide an opportunity for parishioners to meet in a fun environment on a monthly

basis. Attendance at the first event was five plus Susan. While everyone had a great time, the goal is to attract 8+ parishioners for each event.

The next event will be hosted at Holy Cross (First Wednesday of the month).

## **Worship Committee Meeting**

### Worship Committee Meeting Report , May 9th

#### 1. Triduum and Easter Masses

Holy Thursday — 7:00 pm St. James, good attendance

Good Friday— 3:00 pm Holy Cross, good attendance

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at St. James 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil — St. Francis 8:00 p.m. — 64 in attendance

Easter Day — St. James 9:00 am — 126 in attendance

Easter Day — Holy Cross 10:30 a.m. — ?

#### 2. Confessions at St. James and Holy Cross the week before Holy Week.

St. James had several people and Holy Cross had some.

#### 3. Holy Day — May 18th, The Ascension of the Lord.

St. James 9:00 am

Holy Cross 6:00 p.m.

Discussed possibly having a 12:10 Mass , if Fr. Richard is taking the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James.

#### 4. Pentecost Sunday. — Will ask parishioners to wear red. The request will be in the bulletin.

#### 5. Music ministry— Presently, in place and going well at the 3 churches.

#### 6. Ushers

Will ask for more to join at St. James. Presently, only have 2.

7. Mass schedule — discussed Fr. Bernard not having time to greet St. James parishioners after Mass, because of his tight schedule getting to Holy Cross for 10:30 Mass. Fr. Bernard missed greeting the people at Easter Mass and being present for the Easter Egg hunt, and he wasn't able to stay for the after Mass celebration for the First Communion children and families on May 7th. Mentioned maybe Fr. Richard could celebrate Holy Cross 10:30 Mass the first Sunday of the month. But, Fr. Richard is committed every week at the Parish he is helping out at.

8. The Feast of Corpus Christi is June 11th. Proposal to have a Eucharistic Procession at 3:00 p.m. at St. Francis, St. James or Holy Cross. Father Bernard thinks it would be good at St. Francis, where there is a ramp to process from the church. Need someone or a committee to help plan this. There are resources on the Eucharistic Revival webpage for planning a Eucharistic Procession.