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ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

St. Edward has chosen the Catholic Leadership Institute as our parish coach. They are an organization that works exclusively with Catholic parishes in order to strategically plan their vision for the next five years of parish life. Denise Ehlen, our assigned coach, will work with a leadership team of seven this summer, who will craft our overall vision. In late July we will host a series of one-time focus group sessions comprised of parishioners from all walks and stages of life. We will take a break in the fall for work on the Archdiocesan Synod, then Denise will resume work with the commissions in the spring to craft our objectives and goals. The process will last almost a year, with opportunities for follow-up work.

The **Communications Advisory Team** had their first meeting. They discussed and made minor changes to the current communication plan. Larger changes are anticipated as well as specific goal setting as work with the parish coach progresses over the next several months.

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

Community Life is looking forward to welcoming back all of the ministries that were on hold during this past year.

Discussed the possibility of planning summer outdoor activities and started working on the **GATHER** plan for September. Looking for volunteers to help plan and lead **GATHER** activities. Please contact Donna if you are interested in volunteering.

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Youth **Faith Formation** programs for grades 1-12 concluded at the end of April.

Sunday School wrapped up in May.

In May we celebrated **First Communion, Confirmation** and a special **Grad Mass**. Recordings of each can be found on our website or our YouTube Page.

Summer plans for children & youth ministry to come.

Adult Faith is finishing up *Symbolon*, the **Spring Study Series** via Zoom on June 16.

The Adult Faith committee is working on the **Synod** process and building groups to participate in the small group discussions in the Fall.

Women's and Men's **Faith Sharing Groups** are taking a break from regular meeting times but planning alternative social events to stay connected through the summer.

Please watch the bulletin, Eblast, and check the website for more information about upcoming events!

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

Due to bulletin ads, five new volunteers have joined the **Homebound Communion Ministry** since the beginning of quarantine.

Funeral Luncheons and Visitations will resume beginning in June. Details are still being worked out as we find out how many volunteers are ready to return to ministry.

St. Ed's will be hosting the Bloomington Richfield Grief Coalition's in-person summer **Grief Support** series from July 8 to August 26 from 4:30 to 6:30pm in the auditorium.

We have 22 **Prayer Shawls** blessed and ready to go. We are donating an additional 12 to Ridges Hospital for the Spiritual Care department to give to actively dying patients.

The **Memorial Garden** Committee has several new volunteers. Our Cub Scout Pack did a spring cleanup Sunday, May 23. Flowers will soon be planted. Last spring fresh mulch was added. The garden is looking good. Due to COVID, the names did not get engraved on the wall last fall, so two years' worth of names will be engraved this year in September.

Stephen Ministers have recently begun meeting in person as a large group for continuing education. This past week, two new care receivers are being placed with Stephen Ministers.

We currently have 11 **Funerals** in the works through August. There are a couple of separate burials scheduled as well.

Fr. Rick continues to celebrate the **Sacraments** of Anointing and Reconciliation individually by appointment.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Mother's Day Baby Shower went very well. Lots of clothing, diapers, gift cards and baby supplies were donated and \$1,100.20 in cash and checks

A new **Outreach Committee** has been formed that will be granting funds to outside organizations that submit a proposal for a grant. Funding will come from a percentage of bequests to the parish and individual contributions directed to the fund. The new program structure, grant forms, and a communications plan are being developed.

Our **Sister Parish** weekend collection total of \$4,800 was divided evenly between the two communities.

Sue Kellet, the leader for the parish in Nicaragua is going to a half day workshop for **Feed My Starving Children. FMSC** could use more volunteer groups over the summer, and many groups take the summers off from volunteering.

The **VEGGIES 4 VEAP Garden** is planning to expand this year. **Wine & Weeding** had about 15 people attend the first planning meeting. **Wine & Weeding** officially begins Wednesday, June 9 at 5:00pm

Meals on Wheels and **Loaves & Fishes** are each continuing as usual.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

With joy and thanksgiving, we are celebrating the sacraments and getting back to normal.

We were blessed to hold the **Confirmation Mass** here as 22 youth of our parish were confirmed by the Holy Spirit. Then in mid-May, we had a special Mass for our young people to receive their **First Eucharist**.

We are pleased to offer some type of prayer or worship every day of the week, including; Sunday afternoon Eucharistic Adoration, Monday evening Rosary and Mass on the other days.

We are currently taking a survey of parishioners to find their preference for Sunday **Mass** times as we prepare to return to two Sunday Masses.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled Leadership Night is planned for August 17, beginning at 7:00pm

All parishioners are invited to Leadership Night. Use the "Events" tab in the top menu of any page to find upcoming Leadership Nights.