

Deanery Networking Meeting Agenda & Minutes
November 6, 2023

Time: 10:00am-1:30pm **Location:** Catalyst Catholic (101 St. Anthony Dr. Mt. St. Francis, IN)

Name	Title	Location	Attendance
Corrales, Evonne	Director Youth & Childhood Ministries	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	x
Fessel, Michelle	Executive Director	Catalyst Catholic	x
Fey, Joe	Director of Faith Formation	St. Mary (Lanesville) & St. Joseph	x
Harbeson, Abbi	Coordinator of Youth Ministry	Holy Family	-
Hennessey, Andrew	Catechetical Leader & Youth Minister	St. Mary New Albany	x
Hill, Madeleine	Team Leader	NET	-
Jacobi, John	Deacon / Director of Religious Education, & Youth Minister Coordinator	St. Michael (Bradford)/ St. Bernard	-
Naugle, Kyle	Coordinator of Youth Ministry	St. Augustine/ Sacred Heart	x
Reutman, Kelli	Coordinator of Evangelization & Outreach	Catalyst Catholic	x
Rizzi, Johnathan	Team Leader	NET	-
Sarver, Jessica	Pastoral Associate	St. Michael/ St. Francis Xavier	x
Schrenk, Gayle	Pastoral Associate	St. Mary Navilleton	-
Seipel, Kristina	Director of Religious Education	Holy Family	x
Sherman, Katie	Pastoral Associate	St. Augustine/ Sacred Heart	x
Smith, Steve	Coordinator of Financial Services	Catalyst Catholic	-
Stammerman, Marlene	Director of Evangelization	St. John Paul II	-
Tipker, Katie	Director of Discipleship	St. John Paul II	x
Warren, Katie	Youth Minister	St. Mary (Lanesville) & St. Joseph	x
Wise, Evan	Youth Minister	St. Mary of the Knobs	x
Willis, Stephanie	Youth Minister & DRE	St. Mary Navilleton/ St. John Starlight	x
Zoeller, Raymond	Associate Director of Athletics	Catalyst Catholic	x

Patrick Holifield – St. Anthony – Youth Ministry Volunteer

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10-11:15 AM YOUTH MINISTRY TOPICS	
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10:00-10:25 am <i>**3 minutes each**</i>	<p>Lightning Round <i>Share the top 2-3 items on your current "to-do" list <u>or</u></i> <i>Share your current (personal or professional) prayer request <u>or</u></i> <i>Share an area of ministry where you need support from other youth ministers.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ice breaker – describe the eighth picture on your phone to the group ● Prayer requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evonne - healing from surgery before NCYC ○ Katie T - leaving for the Dominican Republic this week ○ Kyle N - pray for Mandy's family, it has been 1 year since her sister passed ○ Evan W - for his cousin's wife battling colon cancer ○ Raymond - for his daughter Brittany ○ Michelle - Grandma Eileen passed away last night, her funeral is this Friday ○ Andrew H - for Friar Mark; for his family in a tough month ○ Patrick H - for the mental health of young kids ● Catie Eichorn has been hired at St. John Paul II ● Everyone is working on NCYC, finalizing plans before next week. Fundraisers have wrapped up. ● Patrick Holifield joined us from St. Anthony. He is an interim minister while they are trying to hire a full time youth minister
10:25-10:35am	<p>High School Sports (Raymond)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boys' Basketball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ December 11 - teams due <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Early, but with the holidays we need teams submitted earlier ○ January 6 - first game ○ \$55/player ● Co-Ed Volleyball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 8 - teams due ○ January 28 - first game ○ \$150/team ● Remember to check Athletics Dashboard for important files and information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Password: deanery ● Championship date (March 3 or March 10) and celebration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Considering having championships for both games on the same day to gather a larger crowd ● Youth can play in both sports. Raymond will need to know which players are on both to avoid scheduling conflicts ● Submit your parish's gym availability. ● Games are typically on Sundays starting at 1pm ● Who is eligible? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non-parishioners? Current rules are up to two non-Catholic youth. ○ Public school players? Students <u>cannot</u> play for a high school team and parish team at the same time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ This is not our rule as much as it is for the IHSAA because playing on the parish team will make them ineligible for public school teams. ■ They <u>can</u> play for club and parish teams, but they should check with their own club for rules.

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<p>10:35- 10:50am</p>	<p>NCYC (Michelle & Kelli)</p> <p>Kelli will be in Indy beginning Monday. Michelle will arrive Tuesday afternoon.</p> <p>If you need an extra adult for a certain time, give us at least 1 hour notice. We have 3 NET members, 2 interns, Kelli and Michelle available.</p> <p>Bussing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thursday: Bus leave MSF at 8:45am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Arrive at the Mount by 8:15am ○ Bus leaders – Deacon John, Abbi Hamm & Kyle Naugle, Stephanie Willis & Katie Tipker ○ Vehicles can be left at the Mount in the parking lot near the garden shelter ○ Most luggage can go underneath, but remember that we will have coolers and such ○ Once we get to the hotel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ DO NOT unload until touching base with Kelli or Michelle ■ Baggage will be dropped in a room in the hotel until the room assignments are ready. ■ Lunch will be handed out once they are at the hotel. ● Sunday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Room checks must be complete before leaving. Highly recommend doing checks throughout the weekend so you don't find a trashed room on Sunday morning ○ Leave Marriott on Sunday at 8:30am ○ Pick up at MSF at 10:30am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ (must be done before 11am Mass) ● Iria's Order **Bring your order.** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michelle collected orders and will confirm with each minister in the next couple days. ● Pizza orders **Bring your order.** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michelle collected orders from those present. ● Adult volunteers in thematic park. Need more than 600 volunteers still.
<p>10:50-11am</p>	<p>Middle School Monthly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October review – Day of the Dead Dance (Andrew) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What worked? Happy with how it went. Liked the cultural component (dancing and food). Lots of calls the week of to ask about late registrations, but only one person showed up who was not registered ○ What could have been better? Cultural dancing was maybe a little long, kids got distracted by the end. ● November review - Escape Room (Evan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What worked? Very fun event, would recommend for future groups (but not this large) ○ What didn't work? Schedule was too tight. We weren't able to get the "playoff" round in because of the amount of time it took to flip the groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Two rooms were entry level, two were advanced, so competition wasn't really equal ■ Future? Restructure a bit. Have more activities for in the activities

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	<p style="text-align: center;">hall. Smaller group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December preview - Immaculate Conception Celebration, Friday, December 8 (Kelli) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6pm Mass for the Solemnity, check-in located at front entrance to the church ○ A few minutes of Adoration with the parish after ○ Strawberry shortcakes and open gym 7-8pm ● Revisit registration policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please help us enforce the registration deadlines. This policy has been decided as a group, it's not just something Catalyst is arbitrarily enforcing. ○ 10 days, 7 days, or the Sunday prior ○ Waiting list procedure? Do we want a waiting list? ● Group decisions on policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Registration deadline: 11:59pm the Sunday prior to the event (changed from 10 days prior to event) ○ Charge ahead of time (same) ○ Yes to the waitlist. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ After the closing of registration, the waitlist begins. The Catalyst office will hold the list. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Direct parents to call us OR provide us their name and phone number ■ Will not refund those who cancel. ■ Money and permission forms from waitlisted participants will be collected at the door. ● For future scheduling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No more back-to-back events. Oct. and Nov. were back to back weekends and registration overlapped too much, it was too much work on the office, confusion among the families
<p>11:00-11:10am</p>	<p>March for Life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cost \$0 (eat breakfast before, bring sack lunch, bring \$\$ for Cracker Barrel) ● Schedule 6:30am - 7:30pm ● Media kit in today's Monday Mailing ● Letter for missed school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommend signing the document yourself to show it wasn't pulled from the website (same for NCYC letter) ● Need commitment from YMs if you are attending and how many seats you have available
<p>11:10-11:15am</p>	<p>Senior Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invitations to the class of 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Catalyst will mail a letter to each senior from lists submitted by the parish. We'll ask you to co-sign with us in the coming weeks. ○ If you have not submitted a list, please do so asap. ● Food volunteer nominations ● Senior retreat schedule (letters / closing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Let's make the closing a big deal again! It hasn't recovered from the Covid restrictions. Invite parents, grandparents, coaches, choir teachers, etc to attend the closing and to write letters. Make it a priority to be excited about this ○ Closing is February 11 in the late afternoon (4:30 or so) ○ Letters and closing are surprises on the retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Letter format: we're praying for you, we're proud of you, affirmations

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Do not have younger siblings write a letter or attend the closing so they can be surprised when they attend themselves ● If your students attend Providence (or another Catholic high school), prioritize the school's retreat first.. If that does not work for some reason, then invite them here.
	<p>Extra Stuff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General reminder: if you have students or volunteers from another parish, common courtesy is to notify the youth minister/athletic director/parish/whoever what is happening. Sometimes it is a simple "I want to be with my friends" but other times it is a larger issue that pastors will need to address.
11:15-11:45 AM SHARED MINISTRY TOPICS	
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11:15-11:20am	<p>Mission Trip – Nazareth Farms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Request has been sent for June 3-7 with June 10-14 as second option ● Maximum of 14 boys, 14 girls ● Do we need another option? Are we willing to staff another option? ● Naz Farms is slow to answer, so we are still in a holding period for planning this summer. ● Several YMs are considering attending CHWC on their own. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Timing does not work, kids are not ready for a Naz Farm experience ● After discussion options, Michelle will look into options for a second trip this summer to CHWC. More information will follow at the December Networking meeting. ● If we choose to do two trips, we will need adequate staffing from parish leaders to help plan and attend both trips.
11:20-11:30am	<p>Adventures in Holiness (Katie & Kristina)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review ● Future vocation events? ● "It happened and it was good, let's move on"
11:30-11:40am	<p>2024-2025 Calendar Planning & Budgeting Discussion</p> <p>November / December/ Early January: Information & feedback gathering Mid-January: Calendar planning day February: Working draft of calendar due to youth ministers and budget planning day March: Draft of budget due to the council of priests and board of advisors. Continue tweaking the calendar with youth ministers and board of advisors. April: Budget to be approved by the board of incorporation, board of advisors. Final calendar presented to youth ministers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Catalyst office will be reaching out frequently in the next few months as we are planning. We want your feedback in order to plan a year that will be the best for all of us. ● Our dream is that when you are planning an event with us, we want it to be important! This isn't a last-minute-planning thing. Find an event that will be helpful for your people and claim it - advocate for it in the way you present it to your pastor and parish staff members, and how you use your planning time.

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11:45 AM-12 PM	PRAYER EXPERIENCE (Kelli)
12-12:45 PM	LUNCH
	<i>Provided by Catalyst Catholic. If you have food sensitivities or allergies please let us know by emailing michelle@catalystcatholic.org</i>
12:45-1:30 PM	CATECHETICAL MINISTRY TOPICS
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12:45-12:55 pm <i>**3 minutes each**</i>	<p>Lightning Round <i>Share the top 2-3 items on your current "to-do" list <u>or</u> Share your current (personal or professional) prayer request <u>or</u> Share an area of ministry where you need support from other ministers.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Share an evangelization "success" story</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joe - RCIA Echo - giving a place for those who have gone through RCIA already and are wanting a group to stay connected with ● Kristina - also excited about RCIA. Not changing the format or material, but still updating and finding a way to make it more dynamic. Particularly excited that the "quiet one" started the discussion on prayer last week in a beautiful way ● Katie T - Youth Alpha is a larger group than expected this year. One month of sessions are done and her group in particular is a good group ● Andrew - had one-on-ones with each confirmation student, asking things like "what are you good at, what is tough in your life right now, what are you looking for in the Church right now?" Brought about a connection that did not happen until way late or not at all with last year's group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Had an RCIA inquiry meeting last fall that became an eye-opening moment for the parents to see how much more they can/need to be doing to teach their children the faith ● Jessica - one of the girls that Jessica sponsored last year in RCIA has just been on fire and is opening up to the ● Evonne - two girls that she had connected with in middle school came back around for confirmation, then both asked her to be their confirmation sponsor. It was beautiful to be able to continue investing in them as they grow ● Katie S - beginning to lead RCIA with The Crux Bible Study from FOCUS. Participants seemed to really enjoy it. Excited to have been able to lay out the basic Truths at the very beginning. ● Michelle - we get so caught up in our programs that we sometimes forget how much children can learn from the environment. Shared a story from when her son was smaller and exclaimed "Look at all the Jesus'!" when he saw a large group of priests ● Kelli - a high school boy at FamJam came up to Friar John to request the Sacrament of Confession in order to be prepared for Confirmation the next day. This was particularly touching to Fr John, which was touching to see and share the moment with
12:55-1:10 pm	<p>Three Great Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review and make changes for 2024 as needed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● It went well!<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Continue releasing people for dessert using the oldest-to-newest married couples present○ Childcare went well. Four adults and three teens helped.○ Kathy's talk was really good, Nashes are good emcees.○ A very diverse group of attendees, which is possibly due to offering childcare○ Couples from our PreCana retreats attended (which also means we can't just redo our PreCana talks for this)● Notes for the future<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ For larger groups, have two food lines.○ Not all couples attend Mass, so we need to include instructions on where to go for those who come just in time for dinner○ Chicken tenders were too big for the littles to eat○ Suggestion for name tags with parent name/number for easy identification○ Check if the Nashes will have children in childcare● Looking forward: consider if your parish would be able to host a night next year
1:10-1:15 pm	<p>Spring PreCana</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● For the past two years, the October date has been canceled. Do we wish to offer a second 2024 retreat?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The group is not currently seeing a need for two retreats a year.○ Remember, ArchIndy offers more retreats throughout the year and couples can attend retreats outside the archdiocese.● Confirmed couples for retreat

FOLLOW UP	NEXT STEPS
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