

# St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: *Faith Formation Council*

September 15, 2009      **Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 PM

<b>Meeting Participants:</b>	Present		Present	Present
Doug Austin	Yes	Kathy Langer	Yes	John Crowley – St. Odilia Deacon (guest)
Leo Boucher	Yes	Kathy Littfin	Yes	
Patti Chervenak	Yes	Rich Osman	Yes	
Sr. Penny Dunn	Yes	Katie Sentz	Yes	
Kathy Johnson	Yes	Mary Jo Stewart	Yes	

## **AGENDA/ITEMS**

Doug Austin opened the meeting with prayer; John Crowley, St. Odilia deacon, was introduced to council members. August 18 meeting minutes were read and approved.

Printed agendas will be provided at future meetings.

### **I. Catechetical Sunday – September 20 Update**

Sister Penny will speak at all masses the week end of September 19 & 20 and encourage parishioners to go into the courtyard and sign up for Adult Education opportunities. Andy Wagenbach, Youth Minister/Confirmation Coordinator, will be introduced and also give a short message to the young people of the parish.

Sister Penny had sufficient volunteers from both her staff and the Faith Formation council to assist her in the courtyard with registration, collection of fees, and as needed.

An extra-long, colorful banner of the Bible Timeline created by Judy Ries will hang over the table area where handouts and registration material will be available. Participants will pay fees at time of registration.

The Adult Formation brochures, with program opportunities, were mailed to parishioners early in September. The brochures will also be available in the courtyard for review and registration.

### **II. Jeff Cavins – Live – Wednesday, October 21 – 7:00 – 9:00 PM**

Sign-up for volunteers from Faith Formation council to assist at above program will take place at next council meeting on Tuesday, October 20. Sister Penny has a list of people who have already stepped forward to volunteer at this event. An attendance fee of \$5.00 will be paid as people arrive.

Sister Penny is advertising this event in the Catholic Spirit. Jeff Cavin's topic is titled, "Biblical Response to Difficult Situations." We are all encouraged to attend.

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## III. Review of Monday Night Prayer Hour (St. Odilia Chapel) Brochure

Leo Boucher and Kathy Littfin created a sample brochure for the “Monday Night Prayer Hour.” This had been sent to Council members prior to the meeting and was also distributed at the meeting for inspection and review. Sister Penny congratulated Leo and Kathy on their efforts and Council members took part in discussing any needed/suggested changes.

One area of concern was the avoidance of the term “charismatic” in the various prayer offerings. Leo Boucher went on to explain the similarities and differences in “Praise and Worship” to “Charismatic Prayer.” A brief review of parish history with charismatic prayer, and comments by Father Jerry and Father Rask encouraging avoidance of stirring up old controversies, led to the decision to leave the term off the brochure entirely.

The “Invitation to Prayer Hour” will list Lectio Divina, Rosary and Marian Devotion, Praise and Worship, and Meditation and Journaling as Monday night options. There is also space for interested participants to suggest other types of prayer they would like available.

Minor formatting issues were solved, and Leo Boucher, Kathy Littfin and Mary Jo Stewart will have the finished brochure to Sister Penny in time for Catechetical Week End.

## IV. Review of Prayer Leaders – Faith Formation Council Meetings – 2009-2010

Responsible for Opening and Closing Prayer – (list created by Kathy Johnson)

September	Doug Austin
October	Leo Boucher
November	Patti Chervenak
December	Kathy Langer
January	Kathy Littfin
February	Rich Osman
March	Katie Sentz
April	Mary Jo Stewart
May	Kathy Johnson
June	Sister Penny
July (no meeting)	

## V. Other Business

1. Sister Penny gave a short report on her community’s mission in Haiti, which is led by Sister Fidelis. St. Odilia summer bible school attendees collected school supplies for the mission. The community is grateful for these efforts. Discussion followed on the best way to encourage parishioners and children to remember the need for on-going assistance.
2. Faith Formation Master Calendar discussion: Faith Formation registered families receive a monthly calendar including upcoming meetings, dates, etc. Registration is presently at 75% compared to last year; registration has been chiefly on-line; registration is still being accepted and will be encouraged once again at Catechetical Week End.
3. Review of books for Lenten Program: Kathy Langer will review and report on “Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton,” and Leo Boucher will review and report on “Fuel – Men Living the Faith.” Council members were encouraged to put forth other book titles they believe would be effective reading for Lent (particularly for men).

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4. Faith Formation members were given the booklet, "Stewardship A Disciple's Response," to read in preparation for the Saturday, October 3 Stewardship Ministry Meeting at St. Odilia's. All members are encouraged to attend (Courtyard 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon).

Doug Austin closed meeting with prayer; meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: October 20, 2009**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Langer  
9/23/09