

20's AND 30's GROUP REPORT

This past year we – Anthony Cabrera, Kat Coffin, and Janice Nihill – set out to co-lead the 20s and 30s as an informal group of young adults with a common love for Holy Communion. Upon contemplating the vision for the group, we recognized the challenge we faced in creating and maintaining programming that meets the varied needs and interests of our age group.

We decided on an informal, low-pressure vibe for the group in the hopes of fostering community within ourselves modeled after the community we've witnessed in the parish at large. In addition to participating in parish-wide gatherings, we set to plan monthly events, mindful of social and financial inclusivity.

One of our first events since last year's Annual Report was a St. Patrick's Day themed ice skating night. While some of us were lucky to stay vertical, others took to the ice like old pros. Regardless of ability, fun was had by all.

Mid-way through the year, we decided to take advantage of the many different brunch spots St. Louis has to offer and start a recurrent Fourth Sunday Brunch gathering. This has become a fun way to gather suggestions and try new places!

In late Summer, we explored the International Institute's Festival of Nations. The assortment of food options and booths filled with crafts from our global neighbors was incredible.

Another event we did was to gather at Castlewood State Park for a scenic hike and a visit to a local pub's Happy Hour after.

We also managed a trip to Eckert's Farm in Millstadt, Illinois for some Fall fun!

In November we went to the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art (MOCRA) at St. Louis University and debriefed our experiences at the awe-inspiring exhibits at a local coffee shop.

We rounded out the year with a visit to the International Institute's Holiday Bazaar. Looking ahead into 2020, we are eager to include more ideas to expand our range of activities.

Of special interest among several members is an increased focus on social justice events and finding unique ways we can contribute to effect meaningful change and show love in our community.

In closing, we want to thank everyone who suggested and participated in events.

Submitted by Janice Nihill