

Parish/Cluster Session

—Jot It Down!



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PARISH: Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
Hammond

Date: October 19

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	<i>Discipleship/Formation</i>		<i>Social Teaching</i>	<i>Marriage and Family</i>
	<i>Young Catholics</i>		<i>Stewardship</i>	<i>Vocations and Leadership Formation</i>

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Individual	Parish	Diocese
Write a family newsletter	Offer family retreats once a year	Advertise and invite couples to the diocesan anniversary Mass
Be willing to listen and offer support and/or advice	Married people sponsoring newly engaged	Try helping young people see the importance of marriage as sacrament and getting married in the church
Personally support marriage	Address the issue of sports and other child activities overtaking family culture	
Grandparents will help	Explain teachings of church on divorce, annulments and reception of Communion	
Mentoring	Greet parents and the family those baptized during the Sunday Mass	
	Divorced people feel like they don't belong	
	Offer family fun nights	
	Celebrate once a month blessing wedding anniversaries	

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	Place a welcome to new members section in the bulletin Encourage Marriage Encounter and Curisillo Support single people Find out what young families want. More parishes activities or less? More activities just for children? or activities for the whole family?	

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