

FAITH FORMATION REPORT
February 2007
Middle/High School/Youth Group
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Religious education:

High School Catechist Changes

We welcomed 3 new catechists to the program during the month of February. Sally Tieges is now teaching the 9th Grade as Victoria Lippens is unable to do so. Tom Rozwadowski and Donna Schoen are joining us to teach the 10th Grade. These wonderful catechists have team taught together for approx 15 years at St. Josephs and after a three year absence have decided to return to teach.

Catechist In-Service

A catechist in-service was held on Feb 7th at St. Josephs. This in-service provided materials, ideas, resources and lesson plans to be used by the teachers during Lent and the Easter seasons. I offered half an hour of methods and half an hour of spirituality for catechist certification for this night.

Catechist Certification

Maxine and I have examined the material from previous Religious Education Directors at the parishes regarding catechist certification. We called the Diocese and they are allowing our catechists to go back as far as 2002 to look at workshops/courses etc that they may have attended for certification. Due to the unique circumstances of our program I appreciate them allowing us this extension. Currently the Diocese is working on a new model for certification and we are awaiting these guidelines. This summer I am planning to meet each catechist individually to implement and develop "Catechist Professional Development Plans" for each catechist and volunteer.

Confirmation Meeting

Due to the poor weather on Feb 28th Maxine and I cancelled all classes. This was greatly appreciated by parishioners. I postponed the confirmation meeting for Feb 28th until March 7th from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Due by March 7th

4. Letter to Bishop from candidate (return to Julianne)
5. Faith Journals
6. Confirmation Service Hours (5 for community/5 for school=10 Total) to be returned and signed.

Remaining Confirmation Meetings:

March 7th- Preparing for the Rite of Commitment- 7:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church.

March 11th - Rite of Commitment@ St. Joseph's Church 10:00 a.m. mass

PLEASE NOTE: Confirmation Practice Change

April 28th - 9:00-10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church-Candidates, Sponsors and Parents.

Ash Wednesday Service

The Ash Wednesday Services held at St. Josephs parish were well attended, particularly the 6:00 p.m. service. However, it was clear that the church was over crowded. Next year we are hoping to add more services but also inform families that they can attend the service at their home parish instead of coming to St. Josephs.

Youth Ministry

Vital Youth Ministry Training

Dan Crevier has volunteered to be a Youth leader for the 4 parish communities and will be attending the remaining Diocesan Vital Youth Training Sessions.

Mission Trip- Steubenville!

To date we have 46 students from various parishes including our own communities attending Steubenville in St. Louis Missouri. We are going to take 9 more students as we have a waiting list

Middle School Youth Group

Our middle school youth group- the Wickedly Awesome Jesus Lovers met after the Ash Wednesday service on the 21st. There were 26 students in attendance and they had a very productive and fun time moving "junk" out of the Youth Center. It was great for them to be able to take an active role in helping with the Youth Center as we have had mostly High School students take the initiative.

Next Youth Group Meeting- March 21st- 7:00-8:00 p.m.

C'Ya Group

Next talk- I will be speaking on Celtic Spirituality from 7:00-8:00 at the Sports Corner in de Pere- all are welcome to attend.