

Pastoral Council Meeting

March 6, 2024

Faith Formation



Registration for 2024-2025

- Registration opens on March 17. Faith Formation will have a table at the Christian Service Funding Open House.
- Next year's theme is "Unravel the Mystery" as all our programs explore Salvation History

New Family-Centered Elementary Faith Formation Program

- Current enrollment: 72 kids (50 families)
- Parents and kids learn and pray together and go home with the tools to enhance their family faith life, with the ultimate goal of building lifelong, faithful, faith-filled Catholics.
- At the beginning of the year, we celebrated the Epiphany with our nativity play. The kids did a fantastic job!
- During Lent, we went on a treasure hunt through the parish center rooms with surprise temptations along the way to learn about resisting temptation.
- We learned about how Jesus the Good Shepherd calls us each by name and is always there to rescue us. The kids made these cute sheep with little nametags on them to remind them of the Good Shepherd.



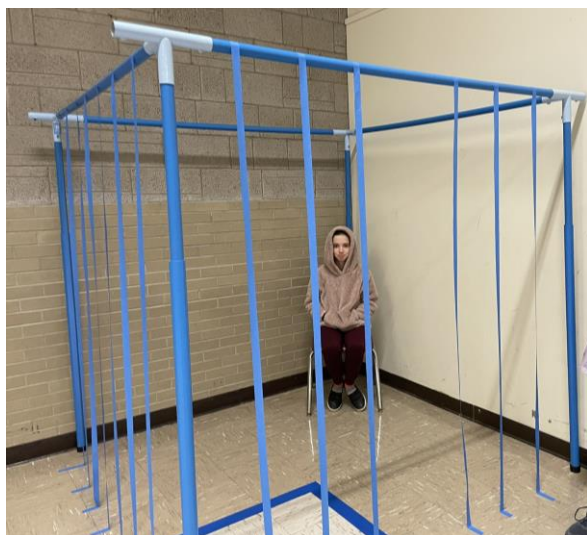
Sacramental Prep

- Nine kids are looking forward to celebrating First Eucharist in May. They gathered two weekends ago to learn about the sacrament and bake bread together before beginning their at-home preparation.



Middle School Youth Ministry

- Current enrollment: 39 kids
- Collaboration with Assumption
- Learning about Corporal Works of Mercy & Catholic Social Teaching this year.
- Recently, learned about prison ministry from Nick Kaczmarek & played real-life Monopoly with the cards skewed toward “Go to Jail.”
- This coming weekend, Water Walk to learn what it’s like for people who spend a third of each day fetching water for their families.



High School Youth Ministry

- Some leads on a High School Youth Minister.
- Sunday night small faith groups
 - Enrollment: 18 kids
 - Kathy Russell & Corinne have been running the program
 - Recently, learning about emotions & how they relate to our faith life and exploring the gospel of John
- Outreach
 - Enrollment: 8 teens and 4 adults registered for trip
 - Melissa Kato has joined the Outreach Team and will be chaperoning the trip.
 - Easter flower sales were great! Pickup will be March 16/17, a little earlier than previous years due to spring break week.
- Youth 2 Youth Retreat Team
 - Enrollment: 12 kids
 - Kristyn & Kathy Russell have been running the Y2Y team
 - Looking forward to the retreat April 19/20.

Family Fun Events

- Art show was a huge hit! Over 30 artists displayed their work, with media ranging from paintings to photographs to textiles to stained glass and more. Almost 200 parishioners came through to enjoy snacks and view the art. We will definitely do this again! 😊
- Game night was a blast! Henry Adam and Ken Konst won the Euchre tournament, and everyone enjoyed the yard games in the gym, Bingo, and a Friday-friendly mac and cheese dinner.



- At our Lent Event, folks came to paint a simple sunset on canvas and then collected silhouettes of each of the Lenten Sunday and Holy Week gospels to change out during the season.



A Few Important Faith Formation Dates

- March 17: Registration for 2024-2025
- April 7: Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Social
- April 19-20: High School Youth 2 Youth Retreat
- May 4 & 5: First Eucharist Masses
- June 9-15: Outreach Trip to Knoxville, Tennessee
- June 17-20: Vacation Bible School