

St. Mary/St. John Faith Formation

May 2016

Moving from the CFFC to the St. Mary site... went smooth considering all the pieces involved. The questions of what doors should we enter, what classroom will we be using, where can we store our "stuff", what refrigerator can we use, will we still do Eucharistic Adoration, what about selling SCRIP...the list goes on and for the most part have been ironed out. Our catechists and volunteers are remarkable. Though I know it has been difficult to leave the CFFC, they have shown a positive attitude and continue to be the dedicated disciples focusing on the real reason we are here and that is for Jesus. God bless our volunteers!!

The addition of "Youth Minister" Brianna!

With the addition of Brianna Trifiletti in the Youth Ministry position, has produced some amazing progress. In just the short time she has been here she has certainly stirred things up. The addition of Adoration time, monthly Sunday events, visiting the classrooms, not to mention the incredible connection she has and still is developing with our youth! Now with her being here this summer and the activities she is developing, there is an amazing transformation taking place. With next year beginning to take shape on paper we cannot help but

be enthusiastic, looking ahead. As you know the Mission Trip is coming up soon. We have 16 youth and five chaperones going to Texas. This is incredible to inspire that many to go to Texas in an outreach effort to work together to revitalize the community of San Augustine. Thank you for this addition to our program!!

RCIA for Children

Joanne has put together a way to catechize youth that have not had catechesis and need to "catch up". Each child has a specific need. Some were not baptized, some never went to FF, so they haven't experience formal catechesis and did not make their first Communion with their peers. Thank you Joel and Sharon Kuplack for stepping up to help!

SEPTEMBER Catechetical Sunday.

The catechist and parents were recognized and commissioned at Mass on Catechetical Sunday which was September 20th.

"Feed Your Body"!

This has been an awesome year for our families. They can enjoy a meal on FF nights because of the generosity of a few good men and women. Russ and Kathy Brumm have taken this on and have recruited some helpers in the process. A huge thanks to them for keeping this

wonderful service for our families and catechists.

"Feed Your Soul"!

Between Alice Peeters and Jim Olszewski. They have been setting up the Chapel for Eucharistic Adoration. Our classes are attending on occasion with Brianna and our catechists are stopping in. What better way to begin your class by praising God!



Confirmation

What a great year this has been! Steve and Vicky Siegel have stepped up to work with the candidates, using the YouCat Confirmation program. The Confirmation process is so important to promote not only the specific knowledge of the sacrament but to see the example of Discipleship and love for Jesus. The Siegel's do just that. They have promoted the reality of God in our lives and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

SCRIP Fundraiser

This was an awesome fundraiser!! The families sold SCRIP gift cards to family and friends to reach a goal. Not only did it help to fund FF, it provided the families with some extra tuition funding also!!

1st Reconciliation

Joanne had the 1st Reconciliation parent session, Father Paider was there to help prepare the

parents with specifics about this wonderful sacrament!

OCTOBER

Catechist In-service

The catechists are offered a yearly in-service in October that is sponsored by the ProClaym leaders of our region in our Diocese. This is a great way to meet other area catechists.

Adult Formation

Adult Faith Formation sessions are going on each night we have class for our youth. These sessions vary in topics which are chosen by the attendees. Thank you Judy Dvorak!

NOVEMBER

High School Evangelization

The 9th, 10th and 11th grades attended the "High School Evangelization Night" at St. Bernadette's Parish in Appleton. This annual event is attended by youth from our Diocese. It is a Church full of High School Students!

Parent/Candidate

The second grade students preparing for 1st Reconciliation had the parent/candidate gathering the "Church search". Who loves this more, the children or the parents 😊



Confirmation

The confirmation candidates had their retreat at Mount Tabor. It was an awesome experience for the candidates. The Spiritus Team, did a wonderful job pulling at the heart strings of the candidates.



DECEMBER

1st Reconciliation

The 2nd grade class from the Faith Formation program and also St. Mary's Grade School had the opportunity to receive the sacrament Reconciliation.

Family Christmas Project

December is the time for giving and that is what our FF families did. Again we tied fleece blankets that were then distributed to the area shelters. They are thrilled to receive these.

JANUARY

Preparation for 1st Communion is beginning! Parents met to receive information and expectations for 1st Communion prep.

Protecting God's Children

Reach counseling came to do the "Protecting God's Children" sessions for our students. These sessions are entitled "Protective Behaviors".



FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with the Ash Wednesday Mass. It was a full house attended by the FF students and their families and our parishioners. What a great way to begin our Lenten journey!



MARCH

Family Night

Every year we have "Family Night of Reconciliation" as part of our FF program. This is especially meaningful during Lent. Families come to

experience forgiveness together.

Stations of the Cross

Before the Easter break, Deacon Rick provided the students with the "Stations of the Cross". It is amazing to see the interest our students have for these devotions.



LIFE- LONG LEARNING

On two Wednesday evenings, Father Paider held an open forum to answer questions about our faith. There were all ages in attendance.

1st Communion Retreat

Mount Tabor and Spiritus facilitated the Saturday morning retreat for the 1st communicants and parents. It is wonderful to see this group of young people learning about the gift of the Holy Eucharist.

APRIL

1st Communion

The 1st Communion Candidates were so excited to receive Jesus for the first of many times. They did a fantastic job!



Confirmation

It was a packed Church for the Confirmation Mass held at St. Patrick's with Bishop Banks. Candidates from St. Mary/St. John and St. Patrick Parishes were confirmed, at this holy Mass. What an awesome group of candidates saying "yes" to the Lord.

Sign up 2016-2017

