

St. Mary's Parish
Office of Religious Education



June 10, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you have been able to enjoy the beautiful days that God has given us. Here is a brief recap of the past year. Our children have grown closer to God in the reception of the sacraments. The Level 3 children received our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on May 5, while the Level 2 children received their First Reconciliation in March, and our 8th graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation in April. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

Junior High did exceptionally well again this year at the Spaghetti dinner, raising a total of \$1873.00 from the dinner. Additional donations from Men of St. Mary's and the Ladies Auxiliary brought the total to \$2,473.00, exceeding last year's total! Kudos to the Junior High students and their families who helped prepare and serve meals, and special thanks to the master chefs, Ralph and Suzanne Touch.

The Junior High classes had a new opportunity to participate in some new activities this year. They gathered and sorted items from the Giving From our Bounty Tree and were able to raise money for Mary's Shelter to help homeless teens, at the Bowl-A-Thon! The event went well this past March and we will be able to have all Jr. High levels and their families join in the fun for next year!!

The Parish Picnic is tentatively scheduled for August 25, with lots of food, fun and games for the little ones. Keep an eye on the bulletin for the times!

We will continue to use the "Word of Life" curriculum from the Augustine Institute for Levels 1-6. We are looking forward to another year with this excellent program. Next year Levels 7 and 8 will be in full swing for the "Chosen: Your Journey to Confirmation" from Ascension Press. This is a two-year program specifically geared to prepare teens for Confirmation and develop an understanding of the faith we profess. The program has many resources for the catechists, students, and parents.

2024/2025 Registration forms are available online on the Parish website. Please make sure you fill out and return a Youth Participation/Medical Information form with the Registration form.

We are updating the Parent Handbook. It will be available soon.

Your role as a parent is essential to helping your child's faith grow both at home and here on site. If you would like to volunteer, please check out the Ministries form in the Religious Education tab on the parish website.

Yours in Christ,

Ann Pergosky

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