St. Mary's Parish Office of Religious Education

June 19, 2025

Dear Parents.

I pray that each day you are able to see the gifts God has given you, be they small or big.

This past year was filled with many blessings! During our family sessions, we had a fun time learning about the Mass and why it is such an important part of our Catholic faith and our relationship with Jesus

Our eighth graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation! We hope and pray that they will come to a deeper appreciation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Many children received our Lord in First Holy Communion on May 4, while children in level two received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May they always know the mercy and unconditional love of Jesus. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

The Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Junior High was a hit again this past February, including donations from the Men of St. Mary's and the Ladies Auxiliary, the total collected was \$2,400.00! Kudos to the Junior High students and their families who helped prepare and serve meals, and special thanks to the master chefs, Dave and Lisa Klembara.

The Junior High classes had opportunities 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 looking forward to having more families join in the fun next year!!

Looking ahead to the new year, here are a few dates and notes to keep in mind:

August 24: Our Parish Picnic will once again be in the pavilion, with bingo and lots of food! There will be lots of fun and games for the little ones. Sunday 8/24 from 12:30 to 4:00pm.

September 27: Level 8 - Confirmation Retreat

November 22: Levels 6-8 - Youth Rally at Bethlehem Catholic.

The 2025/2026 Registration forms are available on the parish website. Please make sure you fill out and return a Youth Participation/Medical Information form with the registration form.

Payments can be made online or mailed in. please review how to sign-up online PPT on the Parish website under **Religious Education**.

If you are in need of financial assistance, please let Fr. John or I know.

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

CRE St. Mary's Church

