

Parish Council Religious Education Report

Dec. 2016

The Religious Education Program held its Open House on Tuesday December 6, 2016. The children decorated ornaments for the Jesse Tree; which were placed on the giving tree at the church. The children learned about the different symbols and their meanings to leading up to the Birth of Jesus.

They also watched a movie on Saint Nicholas and how he became Santa. They also colored pictures of Saint Nicholas and made candy canes with beads which are also on the tree. The children were so excited and full of energy. They had hot cocoa and cookies as their treat for the evening.

We then ventured over to the church in the snow to decorate the tree of which Father Paul discussed and asked the children what they learned from the ornaments as well as blessing the tree. He then asked all to be seated in the church as he read the story of Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas made an appearance and Father Blessed the CandyCane treat bags which Saint Nicholas handed out to the children. All had a wonderful time.

On December 13th we will be holding reconciliation for the children Level 3 to Level 8 and their parents.

December 27th there will not be religious education classes due to the Christmas break.

The Christmas Pageant takes the place of our monthly Youth Mass. Mildred had no trouble this year getting volunteers to participate in the pageant.

I have sent out a letter to the 4 families with a balance due.

I had another inquiry in regards to the Religious Education Program this past Saturday. We will see where it goes. Maybe two more children and registering a new family possibly.

I have collected \$51.00 in sales from the gift shop when I held the sale table for two weekends after the masses. I still am selling items if anyone is interested

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel, CRE.