

Religious Education Report

February 2016

Youth Mass was held on Sunday Feb. 7th at 10:30 am. The 7th grade held a bake sale at the end of mass to help raise money for our food pantry. Which earned \$100.00 The children were so excited to do this that they will be holding another bake sale at our next Youth mass on Sunday March 13th at the 8:30 am mass, That money will also be benefitting a cause of their choice. This is giving them the sense of helping others less fortunate than themselves while earning community service hours toward their 10 hours of completion by May of this year. I am planning to have the 7th Grade participate in another bake sale after the April Youth Mass which will be held on Saturday April 16th at 5:30 pm so all masses will have had the chance to participate in supporting the children in their endeavors. This is also the same day as Faith Food and Fun which will be held FROM 2:30PM-5:00PM.

Letters went out to the parents whose children will be receiving their sacraments of reconciliation, and First Holy Communion. Practice for Reconciliation is underway.

I spoke with Father Sean about a mini retreat for the 7th Graders possibly with Father Justin over at St, Paul's in Bullville. This is to help them prepare for their sacrament of Confirmation which will be scheduled for 2018.

I have sent a letter out to the parents regarding mass attendance. I've noticed a little slack in attendance and want to remind them of the reason why their children are in Religion and to attend mass is part of that requirement.

I have looked into a Vacation Bible Camp Kit put out by the company Loyola Press where we use the text books for the year. I have emailed a request to order a kit for us to use this summer. I will be holding my 4th Catechist meeting with in the next month and we will decide when a bible camp week would be feasible for us.

I have taken in payments from the Families we now have 6 families with balances Total income collected as of January 2016 is: \$ 3200.00

Total BALANCE LEFT TO COLLECT: 515.00

Gift Shop purchases totals as of Feb. \$ 36.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel, CRE