

Religious Education Program

Parish Council Report

October 2018

The Religious Education Program started off to a great start this year. Already one month into the program, and we have accomplished our Safe Environment requirement, as well as all necessary reports to the Regional Office and the Archdiocese.

We have 32 Families Registered with 51 Children total for the year. The total collection of fees thus far is \$ 3,180.00, with an outstanding balance of \$ 1,330.00. The families who have a balance have been notified with a letter which has been mailed to their homes on Sunday September 30th. I am hoping this Tuesday that most of the families will be paying their balances in full. I have received a donation from a parishioner of \$450.00 to use towards scholarships for children in need whom attend our program. This money has been applied to two families, with a balance for another if need be.

Catechetical Sunday was beautiful. Father Paul lead a beautiful mass and Thank you to Gail Arsenault for her help with the coffee hour that followed. Sister Kevin John Shields who was in attendance remarked on how well planned and organized the day ran. She was also quite pleased to see so many volunteers we here at OLA have in the Religious Education Program.

Parent orientation went well, and I discussed the ministry of Alter Servers to the parents. I am hoping that they understand the responsibility they and their children have to this ministry, and that they will be more diligent when their weekend arises.

On Tuesday September 25th the children learned about Saint Padre Pio, Saint Vincent dePaul Saints Cosmas & Damian, and Saint Wenceslaus.

The annual required Fire Drill has been rescheduled for Tuesday October 16th, due to the inclement weather we had last Tuesday October 2nd.

On Tuesday October 2nd the Children learned about the Feast of the Guardian Angel as well as the corporal Works of Mercy, and colored placemats for the imprisoned for their Spiritual Encounter this past weekend.

Parent/Confirmandi Meeting will be held Tuesday October 9th with Father Paul in the Parish Center, 7pm

I am now teaching two children on Sunday mornings for extended catechesis, in their preparation of First Penance and First Holy Communion.

We are hosting a Book Fair for the children as well as adults. This will be held on Saturday October 13th and Sunday October 14th. Proceeds will benefit the OLA Religious Education Program.

Also, on October 13th we will be hosting our monthly Youth Mass with a Bake Sale to follow. Proceeds will benefit the OLA Pantry,

I am happy to report that I will be returning to continue the Advanced Leadership Training Course this Thursday October 11th at OLMC with Sister Teresita Morse.

I will also be attending The Annual Form held in Monroe on October 27th.

Respectfully Submitted, Chris Herschel, CRE