

Religious Education Program

Parish Council Meeting

November 2018

The Religious Education Program held its Annual Fire Drill for the fall on October 16<sup>th</sup>. All went well. Mr. Arnold complimented the children on their quietness and quickness to be out of the building within the two-minute window.

The Book Fair went well. Our profit will be \$ 62.00. I'm hoping to do this again next year, maybe in December.

On October 19<sup>th</sup> the Level 7 & 8 Religious Education Children participated in their retreat get together to hear speaker Father Nicholas. All who attended enjoyed the evening.

This past Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> was Family Catechesis. The families learned about Saint Brigid of Kildare. It was a story time event with stories read by Megan Booth. After story time circle, we all made Saint Brigid Crosses, decorated Thanksgiving Day boxes and made cards for the Pantry clients who will be receiving their baskets on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> after a prayer service at the church. All enjoyed themselves.

We had a guest observe our family catechesis, as she contacted me about a month ago. She is writing her thesis for her doctorate on family catechesis. As the Archdiocese has implemented this program but has never followed up on its performance. So, she is visiting parishes around the regions collecting data for her thesis. She was impressed on how many families attended the program, how much fun they were having, and the curriculum which was put together.

The Level 8 students will be participating in making Advent wreaths this year out of fresh greens. Catechist Kim Grzybek and I are working on particulars at the present time. We are planning this project for the last Tuesday in November.

Classes have been notified of the Live Nativity, and asked to participate in baking cookies, as well as helping the day of.

The Children's Christmas Pageant flyers have gone out. Mildred Pitt will be coordinating again this year.

So far, I have collected \$3730.00 in registration fees. I have an outstanding balance of \$1,010.00 to collect from 8 families. Letters to families who owe have been mailed out.

The Advanced Leadership Training Class of which I am taking this semester is going along well. I'm enjoying the class. The course title is Christology. Study of the New Testament.

Respectfully Submitted, Chris Herschel, CRE