

Education Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 19, 2019

Religious Education Office 7:00 pm

Attendees – Debra Beaman, Linda Kramer, Georgene Wojciechowski, Pat Bondi

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

Committee Reports

School:

- Ladies Night Out was Saturday, November 9, 6-9 pm in the gym with over 200 attendees. Billotto's Catering served a buffet. Fashions were by Maurice's of Novi and MYZYIA.com. We had 56 raffle prizes, 50/50 winner took home \$508, cork pull winner took home \$360, bonus games and door prize. Ticket sales \$6,065 and presale raffle tickets \$1,716 were sold weekends of 10/26-10/27 and 11/2-11/3 after all the Masses. Total profit from the show was \$11,674.
- Virtue Assembly is Friday, 11/22 at 2:20 in Gym. 5th grade is presenting counsel.
- High School Placement Test is Saturday, 11/23. Registration is online at the high school of student's choice. Email notice was sent to school and religious education students in 8th grade.
- Thanksgiving Break – school is closed on 11/27 to 11/29.
- No School 12/2 –staff development for teachers via online training via the Archdiocese of Detroit.
- YMCA Camp Copeconic – the 5th grade class will attend camp and do team building activities in various settings.
- Livonia Merry and Bright Holiday Parade – St Edith school will participate in the parade on 12/8.
- School Christmas Concert – the St Edith school Christmas concert is on Wednesday, 12/18 at 7 pm in the church.
- Christmas Break – the last day of school for the break is Friday, 12/20. School will resume on Monday, 1/6/2020

SEPA:

- No Report

Religious Education:

- Catechism classes completed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes on 11/10 and 11/18. Over 334 boxes were filled in the two days.

- 8th grade confirmation students attended a confirmation retreat at Our Lady of the Fields in Brighton on 11/9 starting at 8 am and ended with 5 pm Mass at St Edith.
- Sunday RE students will be having four classes during the year to learn about the parts of the Mass. Introductory Rites were covered on 11/3 both in class and in the church where Deacon Don spoke on the same topic. Next one is on the Liturgy of the Word on 1/5. The classes coincide with Mass days for the Monday students.

Adult Faith Formation:

- November 3rd was the 1st Sunday of the month spaghetti dinner. We had RCIA candidates and some returning volunteers helping – many hands make light work! Tom Costello made a new pasta dish for those not liking sauce – slight menu changes to make it easier to eat and serve.
- No movie nights for November and December due to holidays.
- Coffee and Conversation with Fr. Jim on 11/6 was part 2 of October's 'What Happens When I die?' The topic for December 4th is 'Make Room for Jesus'.
- Divorce Care continues through 12/3 with a winter session beginning 1/21/2020.
- Walking With Purpose continues with a morning and evening session on Tuesdays. We began a new study, Keeping in Balance, this week. We have moved the morning sessions to the Fireside room in the Parish Office to free up the parish hall for school lunches.
- Great Adventure bible study is going strong.
- Women's bible study of the Gospel of Matthew continues.
- Advent by Candlelight is moving right along. All ten top tables are sold. Doing online reservations with credit card payments. Article in Church bulletin asking for men to server for at the dinner and one for the event itself. Karen Ervin is our speaker for the evening. Her topic is 'Graces of Mary and How We Can Live in Those Graces.'

Youth Ministry

- Meetings are held on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Attendance continues to be good. Josh is leaving for NCYC in 11/21-11/24 with 12 young people and five adults.
- Information and forms being put on Parish website for activities to make it easier to get the information needed.

RICA

- Candidates volunteered at spaghetti dinner on 11/3.
- December 1st is the Rite of Acceptance at the 11 am Mass.

Family Life

- Christmas Nativity Pageant is on 12/14 after the 5 pm Mass. Practices are on 11/30, 10:30 to 11:30 am, and on 12/7, 9:30 to 10:30 am. Children from the parish, RE and school have been invited to participate.

New Items

- The Education Commission would like to know about the following items from the parish survey.
- If the parents would be interested in ways to share their faith with their children and information on being a catholic parent
- If people would be interested in learning about the 'why' of Mass.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: December meeting is cancelled because it is on Christmas day, next meeting will be 1/28.