

Education Commission Meeting Minutes April 22, 2025

Present: Debra Beaman, Linda Kramer, Nicole Kiefer, Pat Bondie

Committee Reports

SEPA Event Dates

- Grandparents Day had a great turnout – approx. 250 adults and 90% of students participating
- Mother/Son Glow Dance is May 31
- Field Day is being planned for June 3rd (with Kona Ice Truck and Inflatable Obstacle Course)
- Dates are being finalized for next year's events.

School Committee

- Literacy Night had 50 attendees
- School committee members have continued to write monthly bulletin articles highlighting school events
- Looking at beginning a mentoring program for new families. A survey will be sent out to gauge the interest of current families willing to serve as mentors.

School

- New Science Curriculum for 3rd/4th has been ordered.
- There is a waitlist for kindergarten and 1st grades for the 2025-26 school year.
- Bishop Monforton celebrated Mass on 4/9, visited classrooms, and had lunch with the teachers.
- There will be a spring music concert for K-6 along with 7th/8th drama and band on May 16.
- All teachers will be attending either First Eucharist or Confirmation as they have all played a part in the students' faith journey.
- Joan Grahor will be teaching Algebra 1 to 8th grade students next year.
- Dates have been set for next year's 3rd/4th Mackinac trip (May 14-15) and next year's 8th grade Washington DC trip (May 5-8).
- Teacher observations were completed before Spring Break.

Religious Formation News:

- Palm Sunday's 11:00am Mass with the children's Procession was well attended as it was an RE Family Mass weekend.
- We have 3 more RE classes with classes ending May 11th and 12th.
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Liturgy of the Word went very well with students from high school and the RE program participating. The students did a wonderful job and showed great presence at the ambo and read clearly. Compliments received by new attendees of this service.
- Our final Out of Step class for missed sacraments is April 27th for older students who need to make their First Eucharist.

- First Eucharist celebrations are scheduled for May 3rd at 9am and noon. We have 60 students receiving this sacrament.
- Our Children' Liturgy of the Word has grown in numbers of attendees. Palm Sunday and Easter saw over 50 children participating each week.

Adult/Family Parish Formation:

- May 3th is our next Pizza Dinner and May 4th is our next Spaghetti Dinner.
- Women's Bible Study meets Thursday mornings at 9:30am.
- Lenten Parish Mission with our Family of Parishes saw good numbers of attendees. A recording of the St. Edith session is being worked on and will be posted soon.
- St. Edith along with our Knights of Columbus group sponsored the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Lunch on April 12th at 1pm in the Hall. It was wonderful seeing all the children participate and enjoy the event. Some tweaks will be made for next year to better gauge the numbers of participants to better purchase food.

OCIA:

The Easter Vigil saw 3 people baptized and an additional 3 people were brought into full communion at the Vigil Mass.

Two young people have registered for the next session. These 2 gentlemen are under the age of 25.

Next meeting is Tuesday, 5/27/25 at 5:30 pm in the RE office.