

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:32 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 13, 2024
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Sara Nosbush, Dan Braulick, Nikki Fischer, Jenny Miller, Jamie Pietig, George Schwint, Samuel Rosemeier, Fr. Mark Steffl, Peter Roufs and Fr. Tanner
Absent: Matt Grausam
 3. January minutes were approved
 4. February agenda was approved
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Vacant Board Position...discussion was held, but no names were brought forward at this time.
 2. Pre-K and Kindergarten Tuition...it was proposed to not increase it by very much or at all, and ideas were shared on how we promote St. Mary's. A recruiting committee was also mentioned. Pre-K & Kindergarten tuition will not increase for the 2024-25 school year. Motion carried.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported that an ACT prep opportunity for students that need to take the ACT (if found that it was needed from the college they are looking at to apply to) will be available three Wednesday evenings in March-led by SMS English, Math and Science teachers; Catholic Schools Week went well. Comments included...having adult/parent dodgeball teams, liked escape rooms, more activities during school (when CSW and Spring Fling was combined then activities were more centralized), move Family Fun Night to the beginning, or the end of the week, and maybe start off with a Mass Sunday evening, and then move into the meal & activities; Middle School has a skiing field trip on Thursday, Feb. 15th at Mt. Kato.
 2. Religious Education~ Samuel reported that classes have been going well. Religious Ed students are expected to attend the Ash Wednesday evening Mass with their families instead of class. Confessions will be held on March 6th for Grades 2-11. The Puffins fundraiser kick-off will also take place on March 6th; Confirmation students attended a retreat on January 17th at St. Mary's Sleepy Eye, facilitated by the NET Team. It was very well received by the students. The last Parent-Candidate meeting was Feb. 4th, led by Fr. Tanner. Confirmation interviews will take place between February 26th and March 1st, with the rehearsal scheduled for Saturday, March 9th, and Mass will be on Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 PM. Candidates will receive a "Spiritual toolbox" as a gift from the parish; First confessions were made by 40 students on Sunday, January 21st. (34-St. Mary's...13-Religious Ed, 21 from St. Mary's School). 1st Communion Meeting was held on Sunday, February 11th for the parents; Youth Ministry is promoting a few events...COR Night in Olivia, MN (Gr. 7-12) on February 18th, the Broomtree Retreat (Gr. 9-12), March 8-10, which is also Confirmation weekend and the TEC Retreat (Students 16+), February 17-19th in Marshall.
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl said that the Caribbean Knights event was again very successful. Final numbers were not available from the February 10th event. (It was moved back to February from May this year, when it was held in that month to accommodate the COVID rules.)
 4. Financial~no report
- E. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
 2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
- F. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.
- G. ADJOURNMENT~ 6:24 PM