

ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:29 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 14, 2023
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
 2. Roll call ~ Present: Sara Nosbush, Jenny Miller, Jamie Pietig, Samuel Rosemeier, Amber Schroefer, George Schwint, Fr. Mark Steffl, Matt Grausam, Peter Roufs and Fr. Tanner
Absent: Dan Braulick, Nikki Fischer
 3. September/October minutes were approved
 4. November agenda was approved
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ none
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS ~ none
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported that St. Mary's School does not take the MCA test, but they do take the NWEA (a national standardized test) 1st-8th grade. Our students are meeting/exceeding the reading/math scores derived from a comparison received from NWEA to MCA; The marathon was very successful...Elementary-\$36,000, and MS/HS \$38,000 with the goal of \$60,000; There is a new conference...Tomahawk/Valley. Lester Prairie was added to our conference by the MSHSL. (An appeal was made, and so Lester Prairie is not officially in at this time.) After the conference forms there will be a 2 year trial.
 2. Religious Education~ Samuel reported that they have confessions for the students 2 times a year with the first on Dec. 6th; Confirmation meetings have begun. 34 candidates for confirmation, 28 are from St. Mary's & Rel. Ed. Meetings are going well, with just a few that have not been present for them. (Make-up requirements are in place for those that miss the meetings.); Youth Ministry is going well & is growing (mostly middle schoolers). Samuel also mentioned two opportunities for High School...NET Lifeline in West St. Paul on Sat. Dec. 2nd. and COR Night for MS/HS in Olivia on Sun. Dec. 10th; Coffee hour remains on Mondays & Thursdays after school, with the main youth group meeting Wednesday evenings.
 3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl reported that the goal of getting the school rekeyed is still on-going. He also noted the weight room roof has to be addressed, as issues with leaks have become unresolved; The extra that families pay for tuition offsets the \$10,000 cap for bigger families, which is a great thing for balancing the cost of school for families; Fr. Steffl also reported that students like breakfast, esp. Friday, donut day.
 4. Financial~Matt reported financial stats from the last quarter and provided a summary report with the details to the members present.
- E. FUTURE AGENDA
1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
(Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 5:30 p.m. — CANCELED)
St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Room
 2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None
- F. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.
- G. ADJOURNMENT~5:52 PM