

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

September 2023

CORRESPONDENCE

Keeping parishioners connected to the Church, wrote and mailed 18 letters as follow-up during the 1st five years after Baptism; 1 remembrance letter on the one-year anniversary following deaths; 6 letters to parishioners celebrating landmark wedding anniversaries.

OCIA

- Prepared for and held 8 meetings with our five candidates and 1 catechumen.
- Preparing sessions for year round OCIA that would be open to anyone wanting to know more about their faith.

BIBLE STUDY

- Every other Monday in June, beginning on June 12, we are offering the Bible Study called “Lectio with Mary”. It will be an eight-week program. Have 18 participants.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Started changing children’s prayer books to show the new Act of Contrition.
- Received several calls from publishers about their textbooks.
- Fr. Dan celebrated Mass for all the religious education teachers, parents and students and blessed the catechists and parents to open the school year.
- Started religious education classes in both St. Paul and West Point. We have a total of 45 students.
- Gave the teachers forms to pass out to students who are old enough to serve Mass. Parents are to fill them out so server training can begin.
- Updated all class lists.
- Spoke with Fr. Dan to try to arrange something for Catechetical Sunday.
- Working on a booklet about the Mass for students.
- Setting dates for all activities associated with First Penance and First Communion.
- Made more prayer books for new teachers and students.
- Working on the prayer list to post for the students.

CMG

- Have contacted several people to update their background checks and acceptance of policies but having some problems getting them to work. Have calls to the diocese for help but they are swamped.
- All religious education teachers are current on CMG.

BAPTISM

- Asking sponsors to attend with the parents to also watch a video about what it really means to be a godparent.
- Held two baptism prep classes for parents and godparents.

OTHER

- Worked on presenting Formed to all the parishes.
- Gave list to Rebecca of all anniversaries and birthdays for the month of October for the combined bulletin.
- Wrote a weekly insert for the bulletin on what is happening in religious education.
- Discussed upcoming events with Fr. Dan.
- Contacted Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound and gave them the prayer service we are now using. They also let me know who they have seen and when for a year-end report that Fr. Dan asked for.
- Started work on creating a handbook for Homebound ministers with a handout for the homebound,
- Ordered the Vacation Bible School starter kit.
- Sacristan for 4 funerals and lector at one.
- Attended a program for KDME Catholic radio station.
- Sold raffle tickets at St. Boniface fall dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

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