

Religious Education Office Report  
12-3-24  
Parish Council Meeting

### **Religious Education - Sandy Fleming**

- 39 on our roster. 35 coming regularly. Two students were signed up by their grandmother who had them for the weekend but have not returned. One was registered but did not come. The phone number is wrong on the form and they are not registered in the parish
- All catechists are safe environment and background check-certified
- The Safe Environment Report due to the Diocesan Office has been turned in. All students have been trained through the Circle of Grace Program or at home with their parents with material sent home.
- Dec. 8th is our Advent/Christmas Celebration. We will make mini Advent Wreaths and a Nativity craft project. Donuts and water will be served at the beginning of our session. We will be listening and singing Advent and Christmas songs. Our session will begin with prayer and end with the blessing of our Advent Wreaths.
- We are not meeting after Dec. 9th until we return on Jan. 12.
- We invite any of you to stop by and see what we are doing in our program. They will certainly put a smile on your face.

### **First Reconciliation- Sandy Fleming**

- We currently have 15 possibly 18. We are still adding to these numbers.
- Session left - Jan. 8th
- The first Reconciliation will be on Jan. 26th at 2 PM. The theme is The Lost Sheep.
- We have a prayer morning on Jan. 25th.

### **Confirmation- Sandy Fleming**

- There are currently 26 students preparing for Confirmation
- If any of the Parish Council would like to come to share a 5-minute witness talk with us please let Sandy know. Our youth need to get to know the adults of our parish.
- We are meeting this coming Sunday - Dec. 8th. We will have Matthew Tichenor give a witness talk. Our session will concentrate on Baptism and how Confirmation is connected to our Baptism. We will also discuss Baptismal promises and our I Do to do the right thing. Sin will be discussed along with Confession. Kristen Dorth will come to talk about sin and our stand on current moral issues within our society - corporal punishment, abortion, social sin, etc..... on their level of understanding
- We sent 4 young ladies along with Peggy Tichenor and Margaret Thompson to ODYC
- Remaining session - Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9th (Super Bowl will be rescheduled - set for practice)
- Feb. 2nd - Prayer Morning /Service Day
- Confirmation is Feb. 11th at 6 PM. You are invited to celebrate with us.
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### **Grace Marriage - Lorna Thompson**

- This month we will have a Christmas party with the couples. It was supposed to be this Friday but will be rescheduled due to the state game.
- January we have our 2nd group meeting on the 18th. There are 12 couples.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

- Kim Dimerest said there was nothing new to report

### **Men's Breakfast - Knights of Columbus - John Broxon**

- In November, we did a different kind of activity for Men's Breakfast. Instead of a video, the group left after breakfast and picked up trash along a 7-mile stretch of HWY 279. We do this twice a year in place of a video, as part of the county's Cash for Trash program. The county pays non-profits approximately \$120/mile to collect trash from roadways. This is a good team-building exercise, while also raising money that the Knights use for charitable causes. Generally, get our best turnout in these months, and this was no exception, with 17 men participating
- Breakfast with Santa is the next activity

### **Glory Bound (Ladies of Service) Bible Studies and Devotionals - Jill Hagan**

- Advent Daily Devotional - Grab a book from the Parish Hall. For those interested in discussing the daily readings there is a Facebook group. Just let them know if you want access. Contact Jill Hagan 270-314-1215

### **Youth Group Formation**

- Although we would all love to see our youth group up and going, it is not ready yet.
- We are still in formation. Our first step is to develop a core group of adults who are willing to acknowledge, talk, and walk with our youth. Is it you???? More details and actions are forthcoming after the first of the year.