

SAINT MARY PARISH, MILTON

Parish Education Commission Meeting

March 27, 2018

Chair: Deb Krausse
Recorder: Sabrina
Prayer: Mary Kay Sitter

Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Ark

Minutes

Present: Deb Krausse, Rod Montanye, Mike Sessler, Mary Kay Sitter and Sabrina

Excused: Joyce Albright and Lori Schrank

I. Mary Kay led us in Prayer

II. Minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting were approved.

III. Administrative Reports.

- A. Baptism Prep. There are two baptisms scheduled for April 7 at 2:00 PM. Vicki is applying for a grant from the Madison diocese to cover the cost of the Parent Letters that are mailed to families whose children have been baptized between July to present.
- B. Seeds Preschool. The children continue to come...anywhere from 2-15 children!
- C. Family Ministry. This month we focused on our theme "We Believe" by creating Resurrection Gardens. For each line of the Creed, an object was added to the garden. We believe in God the Father (add dirt to the garden container). We believe in Jesus Christ (added a wooden peg). Rocks, a "tomb," grass seed, and more were added! It's beautiful to see families coming together in faith.
- D. Elementary. During Lent the children met in grade levels. Kindergarten and 1st learned the Lord's Prayer, Glory Be, Hail Mary and the Sign of the Cross. There were activities for each of the prayers, including a prayer pillow with a pocket for a small prayer booklet. 2nd grade lessons included Baptism (some know who their godparents are and some do not). 3rd graders were led by Clarence Lornson who has been making matchstick crosses for the last 18 years! 4th and 5th graders presented the Stations of the Cross for the children. 6th graders did a great job teaching about the how Catholic Relief Services helps those in need of education, medical attention, jobs and more. The featured countries were Nicaragua, Iran, Burkina Faso and Haiti and the children prepared a meal from each country for the other children to sample.
- E. Youth Ministry. Fr. Dave and four other priests came for our Sunday night class for Reconciliation. 7th grade classes were on vocations, 8th graders made butterflies to decorate the Center for the Easter morning egg hunt. Freshman stuffed Easter eggs. Confirmation students created their banners which are hanging near the big window in church. Confirmation interviews are almost completed.
- F. Parish Involvement. We had some new volunteers during Lent with the elementary kiddos and hope they return next year.
- G. Registration 2017-2018. Paul continues working on financial statements.

IV. Policy Development

- A. None

V. Discussion

- A. We discussed changes in the Church, the challenges of priests having the responsibility of more than one church, holiday scheduling between churches, and how we need to see these changes as the new norm.

VI. Task Assignments for Next Meeting (April 24, 2018)

Chair: Lori Schrank
Recorder: Sabrina
Prayer: Joyce Albright

VII. Adjourn at 6:37 p.m.