

November 28, 2023

To: Randy Clark, Chairperson

Pastoral Council: St. Andrew – St. Mary – St. Theresa

November Christian Formation/Education Committee

DRE, Nicole Glogovsky, Fr. Joe, Vicky Hartwig, Debbie Krapfl, and Joan Wiese

Recent Special Activities, outside of the classroom:

Nov. 1st – All Saints Mass – attended by over 100 students, with just 10 absent.

Nov. 10-12 – Confirmation Retreat for 19 candidates, all from St. Mary.

Nov. 20 – Teacher meeting was held to discuss the Nov. 27th Advent Fair preparations. This year, the event will be for ALL registered CCD students, so over 100 students and Catechists will be participating. Crafts, activity centers, writing letters as well as a “Food Drive War” by class, are some of the activities. Grade 8-11 students will be helping the younger grades. Also discussed at the teacher meeting was a “Birthday Party for Jesus” event.

Nov. 28 – First Reconciliation Retreat

All classes have been running smoothly, parents are not voicing concerns and teachers feel the year is going great.

The Christian Formation/Education Committee met on Monday, Nov. 6th.

Discussion was had regarding the concerns voiced at the October Pastoral Council Meeting. Karen Bodden asked for the number of St. Theresa students registered for 2023-2024 and she had the sense that St. Theresa is not as “included” as they should be. There are currently 10 students from St. Theresa registered and attending our religious ed classes. Tami Vodak also voiced that it is too difficult for students from St. Theresa to attend the Wednesday evening classes in Mayville. I am told these 10 students have been attending regularly, without issue. In the spirit of total inclusion, the committee decided to hold a special meeting for just St. Theresa parents, to discuss their ideas and opinions about how the current program is or isn't working for them. This meeting is being planned for January 7th. The committee also decided that a person from St. Theresa needs to be on the Christian Formation/Education Committee going forward, to voice the concerns of St. Theresa parishioners. The Committee will invite both Karen and Tami to attend that parent meeting. The Committee is looking for Karen and Tami to recruit one person from St. Theresa as a member (3 yr). It is important to know the number of families/students from St. Theresa who “should be” registered for classes, and are requesting Karen and Tami or their new committee representative provide that information to the Committee.

Also another issue brought up at the October Pastoral Council Meeting by Katie Feucht was that religious ed students attendance at the Feast Day of St. Mary should be mandatory. Per Fr. Joe's discussions with DRE – Nicole, attendance will NOT be mandatory, especially since Fr. Joe is very concerned about how full the church and hall will be for this event.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Wiese

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