

Pastoral & Finance Council

June 12, 2024

Faith Formation



Registration for 2024-2025

- Registration is open for 2024-2025. Our theme is “Unravel the Mystery” as all our programs explore Salvation History

Family-Centered Elementary Faith Formation Program

- Parents and kids learn and pray together and go home with the tools to enhance their family faith life, with the ultimate goal of building lifelong, faithful, faith-filled Catholics.
- We ended our year with an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Social. Forty kids and their families had the run of the Parish Center and collected over 1000 eggs.



Sacramental Prep

- Nine kids celebrated First Eucharist in May. The weekend before, they gathered for their Jesus Experience Day retreat and, among other experiences, celebrated the Last Supper with Jesus!



Vacation Bible School

- Next week, June 17-20, from 9:00-12:00, here at Blessed Sacrament this year for the first time in many years. (Nobody's quite sure when was the last time, but Lyn did it here once when she was Elementary FF leader...)
- Theme is "Scuba: Dive into Friendship with God!"
- Currently have 105 kids enrolled! That's 20 more than the last several years!
- With this much higher enrollment, we still need volunteers, so if you or a teen you know would like to volunteer, even if not for the whole time, let me know!



Middle School Youth Ministry

- Teens did a Water Walk to learn what it's like for people who spend a third of each day fetching water for their families.



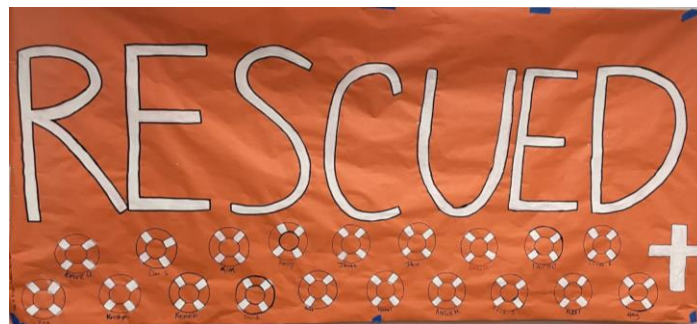
- Cedar Point Trip on June 3 was lots of fun!
- Confirmation begins next year. Christine and Kathy are very excited to begin!

High School Youth Ministry

- Melissa Kato is our new High School Youth Minister
- Sunday night small faith groups finished out the year with a great year-end celebration
- Outreach is on their mission trip to Knoxville, Tennessee. They're having a blast. They're staying in some very low-amenity accommodations, which should give some great perspective. They built a deck yesterday, and then immediately decided to go for a hike to the top of a mountain! They're going to be tired next week if they keep up this pace!



- Youth 2 Youth Retreat on April 19/20 had 12 fantastic teen team leaders plus 7 adults. They had 33 participants this year, which was about a dozen more than last year. Their theme was "Rescued."



Next Year's Faith Formation Staff Changes

- Melissa Kato will be the Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry and continue to do marriage prep, divorce care, and annulments.
- Christy Granda will be taking over RCIA as a part of her Adult Faith Formation role.