

# Pastoral & Finance Councils

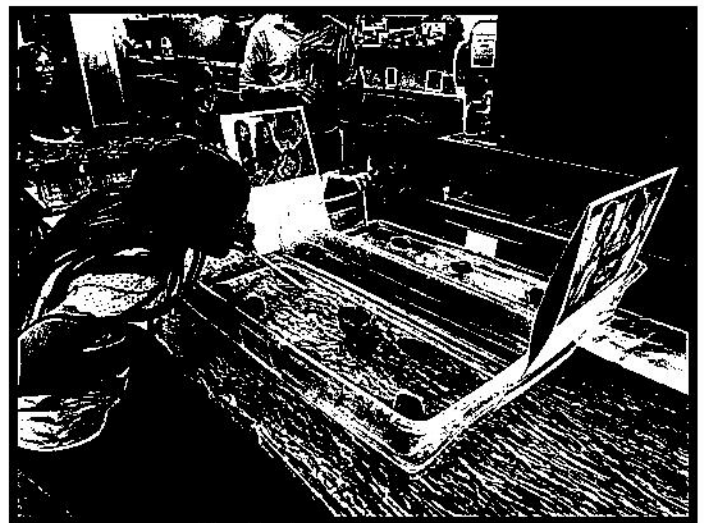
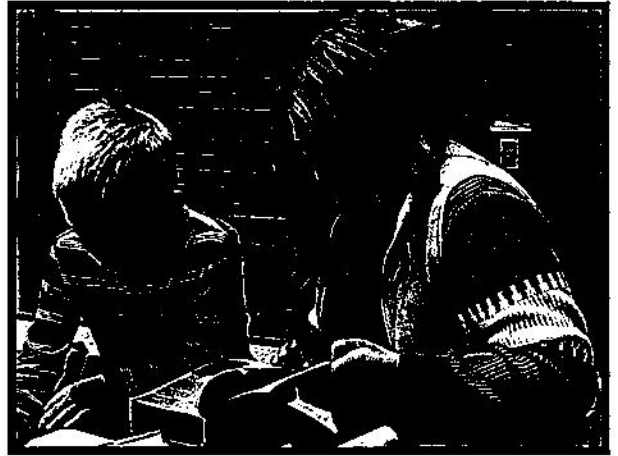
## December 4, 2024

### Faith Formation



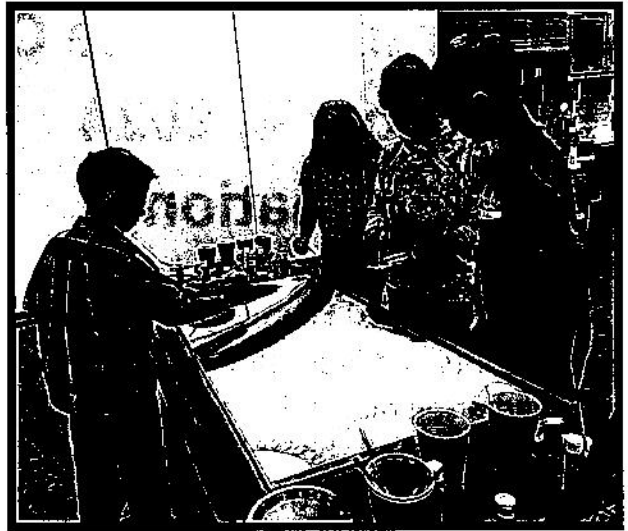
#### Family-Centered Elementary Faith Formation Program

- Parents and kids learn and pray together and bring discussion and prayer about their faith all the way home and into their daily lives, with the ultimate goal of building lifelong, faithful, faith-filled Catholics.
- Current enrollment: 82 kids in 53 families.
- As we explore Salvation History, we're building Bible timelines and learning how to look up scripture references. Every class comes with themed crafts, games, and snacks too!
- We're learning about our place in God's plan, and how the little bit we see of God's plan might look like the back side of a fancy sweater, but God sees the intricate design of the beautiful plan that he's creating!
- We've learned about Creation, Adam & Eve, Noah and the Flood, Abraham & Sarah, Joseph, and Moses. This weekend we'll be learning about Samuel and his place in God's plan.
- Instead of a Christmas party this year, we're going to have a Baby Shower for Mary. We'll celebrate with baby shower games and cake! We're collecting items for HIS Restoration Ministries, which serves homeless pregnant women, just like Mary.



## Middle School Youth Ministry

- As the middle schoolers are exploring Salvation History, they're working on collaborative paintings for each story and writing their own summaries of each. They'll combine their work into a book at the end of the year.
- Coming up for MSYM: Adoration Youth Ministry style, and a movie night for their Christmas party— They're going to see *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* in the theater!
- Enrollment is about 50 from the two parishes (Blessed Sacrament and Assumption), which is on par with last year.



## High School Youth Ministry

- Notre Dame Vision retreat
  - Only 1 registered for Outreach, so the trip is cancelled for this year
  - Kristyn & Christine are both alumni of ND Vision and loved it
  - Last week of June
  - Open to anyone actively involved in HSYM programs (or 8th grade going into high school)
  - Will begin advertising for this in January
  - New plan after this year still being worked out, but will alternate an outreach trip with YES and other local service opportunities
  - Outreach fundraisers will be adopted by all HSYM programs
- Y2Y team
  - 11 kids on team
  - Theme for this year: FROG (Fully Rely on God)
- Sunday Night YM program
  - 26 kids registered
  - Beginning series on the Paschal Mystery in January
  - Adoration coming up in collaboration with middle school
- Wreath sales: 90 wreaths sold
- Snack packs will be available for studying teens December 14 & 15

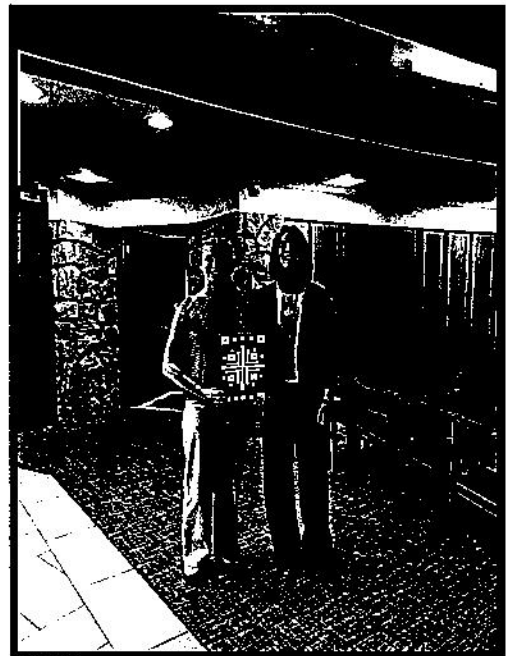
## Family Fun Events

- Family Fun Events are open to parishioners of all ages. You don't have to be a young family to come—all are invited!
- Advent Event was the weekend before Thanksgiving. Folks always enjoy building their wreaths together, and the other Advent activities were a great hit.
- Coming up in January
  - Game Night on January 11, following Saturday evening mass. New to Game Night this year: a jigsaw puzzle competition
  - Epiphany Home Blessing kits available at Mass January 4 & 5.



## Youth Led Mass

- November 24—kids and teens from all of our programs participated in Youth Led Mass as cantors, lectors, gift bearers, and greeters. It was so great to see them all, and they were proud to be there!



## Sacraments

- First Reconciliation prep is underway! We have 19 kids enrolled in Sacramental Prep this year. The kids will celebrate First Reconciliation at their retreat in this coming weekend.
- First Eucharist prep will begin in February with a retreat in April and First Eucharist Masses in May.
- Confirmation prep begins this year with a year of discernment for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. They'll begin their first of two years of Confirmation classes in their 7<sup>th</sup> grade year, using the *Purpose* curriculum by LifeTeen. We'll collaborate with Assumption on this program, as we do for our Youth Ministry programs.