

## Parish Council Meeting Nov 20, 2013 \* Religious Education Report

### RELIGIOUS ED:

**Oct 27 Fall Festival** was fun for all!! A Big thanks to Sonya Lewis and her team. A job well done. Definitely a way to bring the parish family together and meet new faces.

**Nov 3 National Vocation** week was begun as a gathering around the flag pole to encourage students and all ages to reflect on their vocations and if they living them out to the fullest. Prayer for the week was to focus on Religious Vocations. We are blessed to have one of our former students now attending Seminary. Daniel Sessions has said YES to our Lord. Keep him in your prayers!

**Nov 10 Fill A Bag began** for the RE students. Each class is responsible for bringing in food staples for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Final Collection will be this Sunday.

**Upcoming Advent Season.** Materials have been purchased to allow the students to more fully participate in the Advent Season. They will also include the family at home not just classroom activity. A great way to celebrate as a family.

**Scapular Sunday** has been moved to after the Holidays making room for Classroom Reconciliation to prepare our students for Christmas. All students will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### ADULT EDUCATION:

**Bible Study** **The Letter to the First Corinthians** concluded Nov 15. Excellent discussion and prayer time for all who attended. Second Corinthians begins January 10.

**Adult Formation:** **Sr Marie Leonard will visit with us Dec 15** as speak on ways we can prepare our hearts for Christmas.

I seem to get good feedback after each guest speaker. Another way to share the Gospel.

**YOUTH MASSES:** Our next Youth Mass will be Dec 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

### YOUTH GROUPS:

**SR YOUTH:** are in the process of selling turkeys and hams for Thanksgiving. All proceeds will go to help pay for the WADC trip. A **Pizza & Movie is planned for Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**. Leader: Chris Frey

**JR YOUTH:** Continues to meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Students were kept busy preparing and playing at the Fall Festival. Being a good Christian can and should be fun! **Next meeting... Dec 8**  
Leader: Sonya Lewis

**LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST:** Continues to meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Students had fun at their Halloween Party. Learning about the true meaning of the Hallow's Eve. **Next meeting...Dec 8**  
Leader: Joanna Murphree

**ALL YOUTH:** Are invited to participate in the Christmas Parade Dec 12. Plans are in the making.

### Coming up:

**Dec 1 The Advent Season Begins and we celebrate the beginning of the New Liturgical Year!**

**Dec 11 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration with Mass 7pm and Reception to follow**

**Dec 16 thru 20 Father will offer Reconciliation after morning Masses.**

**Dec 18 Penitential Service 7pm** with 2 priests available. There will be no 7pm Mass that evening. Mass will be celebrated at 9am.

May your Advent Season be one of reflection as we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christ! Peace and Prayers and Blessings to all!

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