

St. Mary Religious Education Update

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Prayer of the Month

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell;
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
 From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting.
 Amen.

Prayer of the Month

Our Prayer of the Month study continues this month with the Apostle's Creed. It is actually one of our memorized prayer for our third grade students. Though it is admittedly long for third graders, it is an essential prayer for participating in the rosary. If you have never taken the time to memorize it before, there is no time like the present to begin!

Celebrating the Year of Mercy

Grades 1-6 Religious Education classes are participating in The Year of Mercy in their own special way. The month of January saw the children praying for those in need. In February, children filled the board with loving memories of those people who have passed away in their lives. For the month of March, the children will

be devotedly praying for the sick. Our prayer time as a whole group has become a favorite time of day for Religious Ed and it is a blessing to witness these young Leaders for Christ putting other's needs before themselves in their prayers.

Stations of the Cross

Many thanks to the families who were able to attend Stations of the Cross. It was a special night for our children as they walked with Christ. The teachers and I are already discussing how to let the children truly be Leaders for Christ next year for this tradition. You'll be seeing much more of them and much less of us next year when it is their turn to lead!

Have a Blessed Lenten Season!

Melissa Yekulis

Upcoming Classes March

7/8 Grade Class from 11:30-1:00	3-6
1-6 Classes from 3:30-5:00	3-7
7/8 Grade Class from 11:30-1:00	3-13
1-6 Classes from 3:30-5:00 *Confession Day!	3-14
7/8 Class from 11:30-1:00	3-20
1-6 Classes from 3:30-5:00	3-21
7/8 Grade: NO CLASS. Happy Easter!	3-27
1-6 Classes from 3:30-5:00	3-28
Off For Spring Break Classes Resume: 4-10	

Confirmation Retreat Reflection

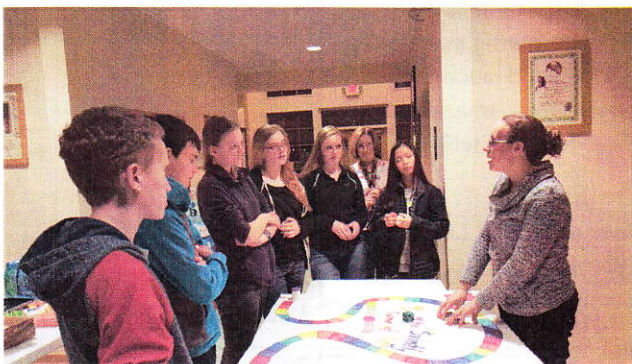
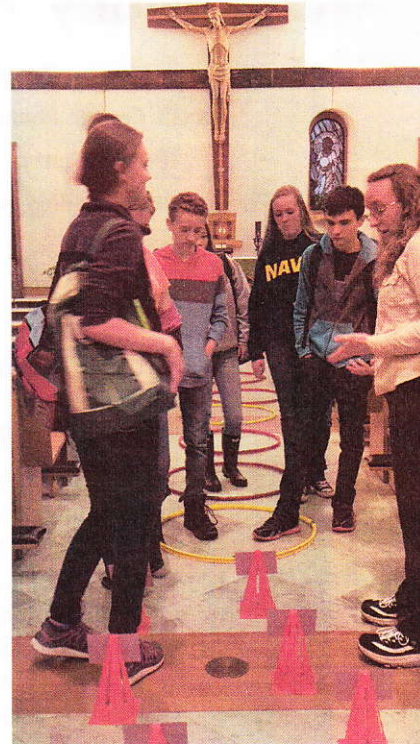
By Meghan Marotz

In the end of January, I went to the Confirmation retreat held at Pious Union in Grass Lake. My sponsor came with me. I was surprised that I had a good time, and found that it was a learning experience as well.

I was able to learn more about my Patron Saint, as well as my Confirmation friends chosen saints. We also had some interactive conversations regarding holiness, faith and why we were interested in our chosen Saint.

We played the Sainly Game of Life (Father Sateesh had us rolling on the floor, full of laughter) made 'advertisements' about why *our* Saint was the best, ran through an obstacle course that represented challenges in life, and researched saints that started out not-so-saintly and made mini-presentations on them. We also had family-style dinner both days and enjoyed each other's company.

I had a fun two days and was happy I was able to participate in the retreat.



Youth Group March Calendar

Sunday, March 6th 6-8 Parish Center	Lenten Retreat
Sunday, March 13th 6-8 Church	Living Stations Rehearsal Church Cleaning
Sunday, March 20th Church: 10:30 Parish Center: 11:00	Living Stations Play Following the 10:30 Mass Celebration to Follow
Sunday, March 27th Following the 10:30 Mass Church Lawn	Easter Egg Hunt
Off For Spring Break	April 3rd
Sunday, April 10th 11:30-12:30 Parish Center	Youth Group Meeting