

St. Mary Religious Education Update

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Prayer of the Month

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord your God, you shall not have strange Gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.



Prayer of the Month

The memorization of The Ten Commandments is part of the third grade prayer expectations, but is truly a wonderful reminder of God's beautiful gift to all of us at ANY time in our lives!

Thinking Summer

The children wrapped their final month of Mercy Prayers with praying for the sick. The list was as long as ever and it was a blessing to witness the compassion these children show for everyone within their families AND their parish family.

For the month of April, your Leaders for Christ will begin making summer plans for how we can all reach out to our community to evangelize to their peers. We have started with a shirt design contest to demonstrate to the community our unity with a shirt for our ensemble.

From here I will be passing the reigns to them. I have gotten to know this group well enough to know I DON'T know what to expect from them, but whatever they come up with to evangelize, I know they will exceed all of our expectations!

First Communion Is Coming!

Just a friendly heads up to everyone that we are shaking things up for First Communion this year. In order to help the Parish Family help our children celebrate this significant sacramental milestone, First Communion will be held during the 10:30 mass of Sunday, May 2nd!

Please join me in praying for our First Communicates this month as they make their final preparations: Johnathan, Joseph, Joshua, Zoe, Jolene, Luke, Peter and Michael.

God Bless!

Melissa Yekulis

Upcoming Classes April

7/8 Grade Class from 11:30-1:00	4-10
1-6 Classes from 3:30-5:00	4-11
7/8 Grade Class from 11:30-1:00	4-17
1-6 Classes from 3:30-5:00	4-18
7/8 Class from 11:30-1:00	4-24
1-6 Classes from 3:30-5:00	4-25
7/8 Grade: NO CLASS. FIRST COMMUNION!!	5-1
1-6 Classes from 3:30-5:00	5-2
May Crowning Mass for Children! 7pm	5-2

A Shared Seder Meal Experience

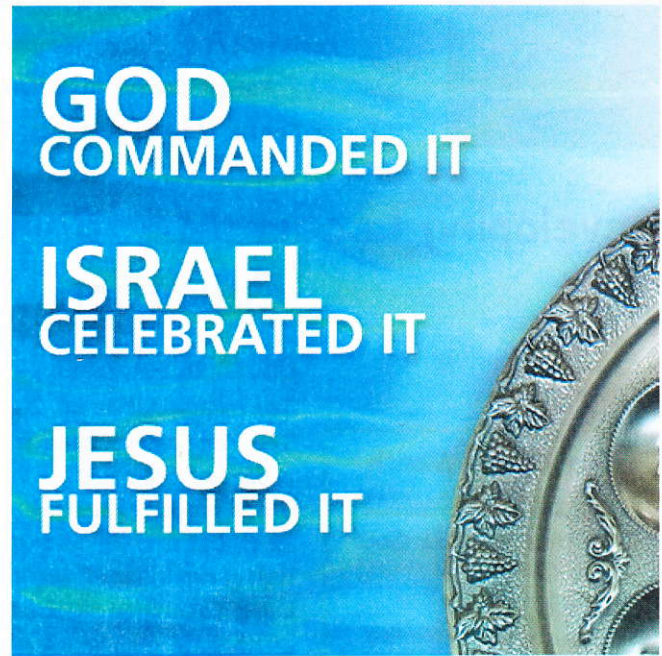
By Liz O'Hotzke

On Palm Sunday the Youth Group and 7th and 8th grade class enjoyed a Seder Meal together. Mrs. Kominars, Miss Yekulis, and Mr. Ball were involved in preparing and leading the youth at this event. We as a group went through the meal with Bible verses and other commentary that explained what was going on.

A couple examples of the foods we ate were parsley, horseradish, eggs, lamb, and matza. All foods were symbolic, meaning a variety of things; from hope to bitterness the Jews faced in Egypt.

One of the interesting points that we learned through this meal was about the four cups of wine, and how as Catholics we see that Jesus drank three cups at the meal and the final one was while He was on the cross. This helped us see a Catholic concept through a generally Jewish tradition.

The Seder Meal helped us all gain a deeper understanding of why Jesus did what He did at the Passover. This experience was extremely informative, and was a great activity to help us grasp more understanding of our faith.



Youth Group April Calendar

Sunday, April 10th	TBD
Sunday, April 17th	TBD
Sunday, April 24th	Movie and Game Night Details to Come
Sunday, May 1st	First Communion Sunday No Youth Group Meeting

The seder plate

