

Tri Parish Education Committee Meeting, Monday, November 13, 2023

Members present: Fr. Emmanuel, Fr. Zweber, Mrs. Mary Lansing, Diane Weiss, Taylor Stewart, Benjamin Mitchell, Nancy Bechel, Brittnie McMahon, Erik Reuter, and Mary Zika

The meeting opened with prayer from Fr. Emmanuel.

Faith Formation:

The Faith Formation enrollment numbers have risen. Here are the following student enrollment numbers from each individual parish:

St. Mary's Assumption: 56 students Holy Rosary: 36 Sacred Heart: 49

There are approximately 25 students who are unregistered that are also attending. Parents who have not registered their children will need to register their children officially with the Faith Formation Office.

The Life Teen program is appealing to our Tri Parish students, according to a student survey given to those who are attending the program. Anyone who is interested in an opportunity to observe the Life Teen program can attend on Wednesday evening, December 13, 2023, at Holy Rosary, while also taking part in Eucharistic adoration and confessions as well.

Assumption Catholic School: Principal Mary Lansing:

In regard to the fund-raising calendar sales at ACS, there have been 453 calendars sold. A future drawing for the calendars will be done soon.

Also, Mr. Gregory Doverspike, Superintendent of Durand Arkansaw Schools, has presented Assumption Catholic Schools with a 2024-25 sports contract, where ACS will combine certain sports teams with the Durand Arkansaw School sports teams.

There was an extensive discussion on the topic of Assumption Catholic Schools and the use of the school voucher program. A special committee will be formed to review in depth the advantages and disadvantages of the school voucher program, how this can affect ACS, and whether or not we should consider enrollment in this program.

Brittnie McMahon presented her revised sample copy of the registration folder for ACS. Suggestions were made, and Brittnie will use these further suggestions to finalize the folder.

Pastor's Report:

There are students in the 8th grade who are being trained as sacristans.

The Eucharistic Miracles informational panels will be here from February 17, 2024 through March 3, 2024. There will be 40 panels on display throughout the three Tri Parishes. There is also the opportunity to have a speaker come to whoever is interested and give further information about the Eucharistic Miracles on display.

The next scheduled Education Committee meeting will be held on February 19, 2024, at 6:00 in the Holy Rosary library.

The meeting closed with a prayer from Fr. Zweber.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zika Education member _