

# Holy Rosary Faith Formation Program

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## April 2016 Newsletter

### CALENDAR

**April 6** – Class & 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Retreat (rescheduled from last Saturday)

**April 13** – Youth Ministry Night for Grades 1-6, Grades 7-9 at Ledge View Nature Center, and Grades 10 & 11 Retreat at Kiel

**April 20** – Class for Grades 1 & 3-11, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Practice in church at 6:15

**April 24** – 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, 10:00 am Mass

**April 27** – Fun Night/Youth Ministry Night for all grades, last night of classes

**May 4** – Catechist Inservice

**May 11** – Student, Parent & Sponsor Meeting for those Preparing for Confirmation, 6:30 pm in church at Holy Rosary

**May 14** – Faith Formation Program assisting with Food Drive sponsored by United States Postal Service

**May 15** – Assisting with Pentecost Fun Run at Kiel

### FIRST EUCHARIST

Please keep in your prayers the students who are preparing for their First Eucharist on April 24. All are welcome to attend the 10:00 am Mass as these students take the next step in their faith journey.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This spring and summer, we will again be doing some work here in school. We are looking for some volunteers who would like to help us do some prep work and painting. This is OUR Faith Formation Program and we all have gifts to offer. Please consider sharing your gifts with our parish, our Faith Formation Program and our students. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me in either the Parish or Faith Formation Office by either phone or email.

### REMINDER TO JUNIORS

April 13 is the deadline to turn in your form with the name of your confirmation sponsor. Your sponsor will be invited to the Confirmation Meeting on May 11.

### APRIL 13

We have a busy night planned for April 13. Grades 1-6 will have a Youth Ministry Night. The students will be making fleece prayer shawls. The shawls will be used as a part of the newly forming Caring Ministry within our parish. We are also looking for some parents/grandparents who would like to help us with this project. If you also have a sharp scissor for cutting fleece material, we love it if you could bring that along as well. We will begin at 6:15.

Grades 7-9 will be going to the Ledge View Nature Center to learn about the early church and the persecution of Christians, and also to have some fun in the caves. Please note parents, if your child is in grades 7-9, their session begins at **5:30 pm** and runs until 7:45 at Ledge View.

Grades 10 & 11 will be having a retreat at SS. Peter & Paul along with students from SS. Peter & Paul and St. Ann from **6:30-8:30 pm**. The retreat will be put on by Spiritus, the young adults who are working at Mt. Tabor Center in Menasha. The young adults put on fun, faith-filled retreats.

I'm sure the kids will have a great time in whichever event they are attending.

### “WOMEN OF THE BIBLE” PRESENTATION

Holy Rosary Parish is sponsoring a presentation by Deborah Gretzinger, Coordinator of Faith Formation at St. Agnes Parish, Green Bay on Saturday, April 16. Many women emerge from the pages of Scripture as contemporary role models who teach us how to trust in God's plan and guide us closer to Him. Please join us as we will explore the lives of Ruth, Hannah, Elizabeth and the Blessed Mother through prayer, discussion and reflection. Registration begins at 9 am, presentation at 10 am in the Mary Queen of Peace Meeting Room in the school. All are welcome to join us.

## **FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to all who helped in any way with this year's Faith Formation Fundraiser-the Potato Pancake Supper:

- ♥ to those who volunteered to help
- ♥ to those who baked cookies, bars or tortes
- ♥ to those who donated cheese & sausage
- ♥ to those who donated the table decorations
- ♥ to those who lent us their appliances
- ♥ to the Lion's Club for letting us use the grillers
- ♥ to those who donated toward the Bucket Raffles
- ♥ I want to especially thank my two co-chairpersons, Chris Scholz and Abbey Heise. You are gems to work with!!

We served around 230 people. Our profit is around \$807. The first \$500 will go to the parish to assist with operating costs. The balance of the profit will go to the organization or group the children will be voting on at class to donate the money to.

A request, would you please save your empty syrup bottles throughout the year for us. They can be dropped off at either the parish or Faith Formation office anytime.

### **SERVICE HOURS**

For those attending the Lenten Family Night, students in attendance in grades 7-11 were given a form listing the number of community service hours they have completed and we have on record here at Holy Rosary as of 3/14/16. A reminder to students and parents, one of the requirements for confirmation is to complete at least 10 hours of community service (half for church and half for community) each year. Several students have not turned in any service hours. Why wait until your junior year to complete the hours. Parents, if you have not seen the form please ask your child for it or give me a call. For those students who were not at the Lenten Family Night, those forms are available from your catechist this week.

We have several opportunities for community service to the church coming up. On Saturday, May 14 our Faith Formation Program is assisting with pick up of food for the Food Drive being sponsored by the United States Postal Service. The post office is taking care of getting bags out to city residents, but we will be participating in the pick-up and sorting of the food before it is turned over the St. Vincent de Paul for the food pantry. We will need students to help and parents to provide transportation around town in this undertaking. We will begin at 8:00 am. Sign up forms will be sent home soon.

We are also participating in Pentecost Fund Run (PFR) on Sunday, May 16 beginning and ending at SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Kiel. The run is a fundraiser for SS Peter & Paul Faith Formation. The Brat fry/bake sale will benefit the Faith Formation programs of our linked parishes. Holy Rosary is manning water stations for the runners. We will need at least 4-5 people to help. Estimated time frame is from 11:00 am-1:30 pm. We will be handing out water cups to the runners and then picking up litter after. For those interested in running, the PFR flyer and registration form is attached. If you are interested in helping with the water stations, please give me a call.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry needs help on the third Friday of every month. A sign up form is post inside the school lobby. Beginning in May, the food pantry hours are changing to 4:30-5:30 pm, still on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday.

Another opportunity is coming on May 7. In conjunction with the local chapter of Catholic Financial Life, students can partake in 'Join Hands Day.' Work will begin at 9:00 am from Holy Rosary's parking lot. If your student (adults are also welcome to work alongside) is interested in volunteering, please call the parish or Faith Formation Office as soon as possible. CFL would like a count of people helping so as to have enough food available for lunch.

Community Service Hour Forms are available from the student's catechist, the Faith Formation office or on the parish website.

### **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Through the generosity of two parish members who passed away in 2014, two major donations were made to the Holy Rosary Educational Endowment Fund. Part of the bequests stated the money is to be used for tuition assistance for Holy Rosary students to receive a Catholic education. Our Advisory Committee is including our Faith Formation Program students in the tuition assistance. Grants for the 2016/17 school year are available to any Holy Rosary Parish Registered Family with students in our Faith Formation Program. Specific amounts of tuition assistance have yet to be determined. If you would like to request assistance for next year, you must request an application from the parish office. Applications are due May 1.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please do not hesitate to contact the Faith Formation Coordinator, Sue Philippi, at any time if you have questions or concerns. I can be received at 898-9248 (Faith Formation), 898-4884 (Parish Office) or at [holyrosaryreled@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosaryreled@gmail.com)