

## THANK YOU!

I am in awe at the support and generosity of our Parishioners. This past week we had 130 campers, junior counselors, counselors, teachers and adult helpers in our school and church buildings for Vacation Bible School (VBS). This year our theme was Hearing God's Call: Message Received. On Monday our large group was divided into smaller color groups where we gathered each morning in the gym. In the small groups we introduced the focus of the day and shared our favorite food, tic toc/fortnite dances (that was a fun one!) and other favorites to help and create a sense of community between all the different age groups. Then after our opening prayer we dismissed into our grade level groups and went to our different classes where we had Music, Bible, Crafts, Activity and Nature Journaling/Prayer. It was remarkable to see how the kids bonded with one another and within their groups. Please check out our Parish Facebook page to see snapshots of everyday. I am already looking forward to next year...August 1st through the 5th 2022! :)



Here we have Brayden Housworth, Connor Laridaen, Maddy Gosda, Eden Finucan, and Heather Hersil helping some of PreK group during the Nature Journaling/ Prayer time. Each day the students sat in Nature to quiet themselves and think about the day's question. Some of the questions were: Who are people you trust and why? Where do you see God? Where do you hear God and what does that sound like? Then they journaled about it in their notebooks by either writing or drawing a picture.



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Toby Vinopal is modeling his crown that he made in Crafts. This went along with Queen Esther who they learned about in their Bible class on Tuesday.



Who doesn't LOVE ice cream! This year the children got a sweet treat when the Ice Cream Truck showed up for snack time. A very generous parishioner bought treats for all the kids!



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Harper Marien, Dylan Walsh, Lauren Laridaen, and Adelia Lenorud were all smiles for Ice Cream!

*Little children follow and obey their father. They love their mother. They know nothing of ill-will, bad temper, arrogance and lying. This state of mind opens the road to heaven. To imitate our Lord's own humility, we must return to the simplicity of God's little ones. - St. Hilary of Poitiers*



# Vacation Bible School All Stars

There are so many people that helped with VBS this year and a few who we actually know the names of!! I would like to give a huge public thank you to:

- The Fairchild Family (especially Jim, Russell, and Alice) for the prayers, encouragement and generosity that they show to our Youth year after year.
- Candi Brow
- Barb Nicksic
- Veronica Sustar
- Bette Smart
- Kathleen Quinn
- Jennifer Laursen
- Bill and Joelle Curran
- Eagle Promotion
- Bob and Therese Severson
- Rhonda Ready
- Jodie Rubenzer
- Steve and Kim Hesprich
- Carrie Kudick
- The members of our Knights of Columbus
- Jeri Kolba

And all the other people who helped by sending out prayers, words of encouragement, and helped in ways I may not have even seen that led up to VBS.

# September Schedule

- Wednesday September 8th ~ Online Registration for Religious Ed opens up!
- Sunday September 12th ~ Fall Festival 11am-2:30pm
- Sunday September 19th ~ Catechetical Sunday
- Wednesday September 22nd ~ In Person Supply Pick Up for Religious Ed 4pm-7pm Reardon Hall
- Sunday September 26th ~ Following the 10am Mass Donuts, Juice and Coffee in Reardon Hall! All are welcome! :)
- Tuesday September 28th ~ Holy Happy Hour 6:30pm-7:30pm @ State Street Tap
- Wednesday September 29th ~ Confirmation I & II Parent Meeting 5:15pm



Father John and Ari Pokorney on the First Day of VBS!

Here are some of our 2nd and 3rd graders sitting around waiting for their Bible lesson of the day! Makayla Manning, Jael Krause, Arianna Pokorney, Michalee Koca, Anton Erickson, Cecilia Marien, Mary Vinopal, Liza McLaughlin, Vivianna Becker, Henry Stauffer, and Isabella Kolba



Our 4th and 5th graders in Adoration on Thursday. Each grade from PreK to 5th spent 30 minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament.



Holden Eckerman and Landynn Miller helping to create the props for the concert. Great Job!

# Religious Ed

This year we are really looking forward to having a more personal interaction with everyone for Religious Ed. We took into account your thoughts through the survey that was offered to the Religious Ed Parents and are excited with what we have come up with. ONLINE Registration will start on September 8th and we will have a supply and calendar handout on September 22nd in Reardon Hall. This year we will be diving into **Family of Faith Volume II: The Sacraments**. In every way, the Sacraments are about God's love, fully revealed in Jesus Christ. The seven Sacraments—the foundation of Christian living—are the focus. With our older kids we are really looking forward to bringing our Youth Nights back once a month and having that be a time of prayer, play, and service.



The First graders practicing their songs for the concert that was held on Friday. Jeffery Franck, Toby Vinopal, Brix Barnharst, Harper Marien, Whitney Klapps, Liam Powers, Declan Housworth, Solomon Becker, Adelia Lenorud, Nellie Erickson, and Beckett Finucan



One thing that came through on the Religious Ed Parent survey was that parent's were looking for more of an opportunity to just come together and be social...and what better way to do that then with donuts and coffee! We will be having "Social Sunday's" starting **September 26th**. Plan to stay after the 10am Mass for donuts, coffee, juice and fellowship **in Reardon Hall**.