

YOUTH NEWS

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1st Reconciliation Retreat

On Saturday February 1st we had 18 parents and 10 students participate in the 1st Reconciliation Retreat. It was a morning filled with food, faith sharing, and ended with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to Father Letona for coming to hear the parent's confessions. Thank you to Karen Koehler (2nd grade teacher), Connie Walhovd (catechist), and Father John for their work with the children leading up to this beautiful Sacrament, and thank you to Ann Benz for the food and creating a welcoming atmosphere in which the parents were able to share about their family's faith life. As one child said, "That wasn't bad at all! Can I go tomorrow?" Let's hope that we take that approach into Lent and allow the grace from this Sacrament to transform our own lives.

Congratulations to:



Theron Miller



Kellen Housworth



Cooper Thayer



Nolan Klapps



Sawyer Fredrick



Leia Kocyan



Will Schanke



Ryleigh Vinopal



Logan Randall

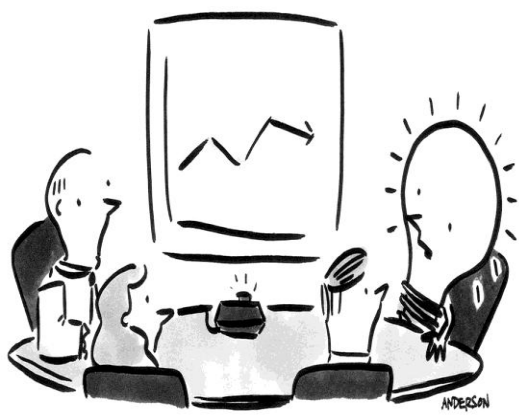


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February

- 9th ~ YOUTH NIGHT 6pm-7:30pm in the School Gym
- 12th ~ RE Classes / Mass @ 6pm
- 19th ~ RE Classes / Mass @ 6pm
- 25th ~ Holy Happy Hour @ State Street Tap 6:30pm-7:30pm
- 26th ~ ASH WEDNESDAY No RE Classes Mass @ 8am & 6pm





"I think I have an idea."

We have had some great ideas brought forward from various young people and adults. The first is that the High School students would like to start planning Youth Nights again. Our first one will be this Sunday at 6pm in the school gym. This will go until 7:30pm. Please come dressed in your "try-hard apparel" and get ready to have some fun playing 3 on 3 basketball. This is open to grades 7th through 12th. Please invite your friends and thank you to our Confirmation II Green group for planning! We look forward to adding some more nights in the future. The second was an idea brought up at one of our Education committee meetings and an idea you might have seen in the bulletin. Our Couple's Fiesta will be on Saturday February 29th from 6pm-8:30pm. Our hope for this night is to have a chance to engage with others by playing some games, talking, and eating some great food! Please see the details in the bulletin. If you have more ideas that you would like to see tried please contact Mrs. Thayer at re@stpatricksmauston.com or 608-847-6054.

Over 50 adults took advantage of the past Lenten/ Advent retreats, Journaling workshops, and our Deanery Pilgrimage



22 young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation

11 High School Seniors attended our Baccalaureate Mass

Seventeen of us attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN

Twelve 2nd graders received Jesus for the 1st time

We had over 30 adults attend our monthly Holy Happy Hours

36 young people and parents came to the Frisbee and Fire Night

38 Junior and Senior Counselors, 10 adults, and 61 campers participated in our Vacation Bible School

12 adults and 26 kids participated in the Summer and Christmas Parades

This year we added online sign up options for: First Friday Adoration and Altar Serving. Also we added a 6pm Mass that is offered on nights when we have our Religious Ed Classes.

And I can't forget to mention how grateful I am for the countless prayers, and support that has been shown, monetary and otherwise, to our Religious Ed and Youth Programs. I am looking forward to 2020!!