

DRE REPORT

March 2024

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FORMATION

- Please see our Lenten flyer for more information on Lenten activities and events at the parish.
- I will be doing the Seder presentation for RCIA on Wednesday, March 20th. This presentation is open to the whole parish.
- The diocese has purchased access for each parish to the Catechetical Institute from Franciscan University, Steubenville. I will be adding information regarding this to the bulletin and website. The Catechetical Institute is primarily for catechetical leaders, catechists, teachers, RCIA coordinators and others involved in the ministry of catechesis. However, the courses will be available, prepaid, for anyone who wishes to take them. Look for more information from my office in the weeks ahead.
- Children's Formation:
 - PSR will be taking the Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK), as required by the diocese, on March 25th.
 - Children's Liturgy of the Word is running smoothly. I have it scheduled through June. Proclaimers like to take the summer off so their personal schedules are more flexible. I will leave a schedule template and all contact information in my computer along with notes regarding where to get the books.
 - Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 17-20.

SACRAMENTS

- First Eucharist parent/child retreat is Thursday, March 21st.
- Confirmation retreat plans are underway. The retreat is April 14th.
- First Communions will be celebrated at special masses on April 28th and May 5th.
- Confirmation will be celebrated on April 25th.

COMMUNICATION

- I thought Parish Council might like to see our February report from Google Profiles: Our profile on Google was viewed 2,267 times in February. There were 301 clicks on directions and 679 clicks on our parish website from the Google Profile.

PREPARATION FOR JOB TRANSFER

- Website: I have obtained the latest manual for our website software and arranged an online tutorial with a member of LPi's tech team for Sarah Gillum. (LPi owns the software and hosts the website). I gave Sarah all the contact information, and she can schedule that tutorial whenever she wishes. I have also offered to create

a page for her on which she can “experiment,” without going live, and I will do that whenever she is ready.

- I have offered to show Sarah how to schedule mass streaming, and I will do that whenever she is ready.
- I showed Sarah how to delete videos from our YouTube page so it doesn’t get cluttered. She did it once to demonstrate for me that she knows how to do that. She can take that over whenever Fr. Hils decides.
- I have created a template in Constant Contact that Sarah can use when she takes over parish-wide emails.
- Sarah asked me to give her access to event flyers I have made so she will have examples when she takes that over, and I’m in the process of putting that together for her.
- I have created a file in my computer that contains examples of what I give out at parent sacramental meetings, programs for sacramental celebrations, registration forms and handbooks for PSR, sacramental event calendars, and other things that might be useful for the next director of religious education. I will also include contact information for PSR catechists and subs, and anything else I think might be helpful to someone coming in new.