

Challenge update Winter 2023-2024

Provided by Melissa Stegman – President of Blessed Sacrament Challenge

Participants & Team Leaders:

- We currently have 60 girls participating. We average 50/meeting (due to other commitments)
- We have 22 High School Team leaders. We average 18/meeting (due to other activities)
- We continue to meet 2 Fridays a month in the Undercroft until end of April

Service Projects from November – January:

These are the service projects the girls have participated in by making blankets, cards, collecting items, touring facilities & learning about their services to others. We also have worked in conjunction with the BS student council to serve St Charles outreach Program for seniors.

- Madonna House (tour and made blankets to be handed out to the new residents)
- Highland Cemetery (pray for the deceased, why we pray for them and the respect their final resting place deserves by cleaning headstones)
- Madonna Manor (play games with the elderly and sing Christmas Carols)
- St Charles Outreach Program (collect nonperishable necessities to be given to elderly in need)
- Mall Missions (went to town center to ask for prayer intentions and to spread kindness and pay it forward with money they earned at several stores – learn how to go out of comfort zone to be disciples)
- Blessed Sacrament School Open house (assist others in their awareness of Challenge Club)
- 8th Grade Tea Party (Focus on Manners & Real Beauty as given to us by God. Speaker – Bridgette Hunt Lentsch spoke- she is former Challenge lady & BSC parishioner)

Adoration & Prayer:

- All participants have attended & participated in an engaging Adoration time during Advent. This was led by the Consecrated women of Regnum Christi
- Each meeting participants are led in gospel reflection to experience “Jesus Moments” and how Christ can change their hearts to know and serve him.
- Our focus has also been placed on Blessed Carlos Acutis and his practices that led him to Christ each day.

Fundraising:

- Babysitting nights in December & February – which is at the service of the parish. Designed to help the girls to grow in leadership, service and love of others.
- All funds from the babysitting nights are allocated for Scholarships for those that have helped at the events to attend retreats and Camps. Each babysitting night brings in approx. \$450 - \$550.

Community & Evangelizing:

- Held our 1st Annual Mother-Daughter Evening on January 21st. 54 people attended!!!
- Fun had by all! Dinner, Mother Daughter Game (like newlywed game) each answered their questionnaires and then tried to see how well they knew each other. God was present in their discussions and laughter. We also had Crafts by Sue come in and lead us in a painting activity.