



The Church of the Holy Redeemer

We, the diverse faith community of the Church of the Holy Redeemer,
are called to be church through Baptism to continue the mission of Jesus Christ.
With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we gather for word and worship.
We use our gifts to reach out in service to all.

Education Advisory Committee Monday, March 1, 2010 - 6:00 pm at (RR)

Opening Prayer:

Education Advisory: Members Present: Becki Johnson, Cindy Sanders, David Johnson, Gabe Pieper, Jill Gordon, Carol DeSmet, Lori Timmerman, Ryan Langr, and Ruth Larson. Excused: Kirstie Meyer

Review of Minutes:

Approval of Agenda:

Reports:

- School: Enrollment Management:** Letters were sent to prospective families explaining Come and See. Mrs. Lenz is working on a radio ad regarding Kindergarten Round Up on March 30th. Our committee meets again on March 3rd.
Extra-curricular: Speech students will be competing on February 25th, March 1st, and March 9th. Eighth grade play practice is underway with a goal of performing on March 25/26. The Science Fair will be March 3rd for judging and March 4th for viewing.
Calendar Items: Speaker on chastity is set for March 3rd at 2 p.m. Conferences will be held after school on March 3rd and 4th from 3:30 to 5:30. Parents also have the opportunity to set up a time that would be convenient for them. A technology meeting and Home and School meeting are set for March 9th. Avera is sponsoring a health career session for students in sixth grade on March 12th. The Camp Foley book fair and breakfast are March 14th. Band and choir concert is set for March 22nd. March 24th is the 1st Eucharist Retreat. Quarter three ends on March 26th. The eighth grade will host the Seder Meal on March 31st. We will have school on April 1st and have tentatively set the fifth grade Passion Play for that day.
Lenten Activities: Some of the teachers are participating in the Rediscovering Catholicism which takes place Tuesday after school. Students continue almsgiving for Habitat for Humanity. We had a turn in day and another \$175 was collected. All classes pray the Stations throughout Lent.
School Improvement Plan: Teachers have updated the plan. We are on course with the goals we have set.
Letters of Intent will be given to faculty by April 1st. The Diocese is working on new contracts and it is a goal to have them issued by April 15th.
- Faith Formation (Primary): Vacation Bible School** will be High Seas (the Catholic Version). It will run June 7-11. We'll have training May 26.
The First Communion Parent Meeting was held. They are completing books with their child. First Communion Banners were stenciled and are ready to be personalized by the students at their retreat. The First Communion Retreat is set for March 24 during the early out.
Lent the students are working on almsgiving. They are raising money for the Rice Bowl.
Reconciliation During the Lenten Season will be offered for students.
- Faith Formation (Secondary/Youth): Mission Trip:** We are up to 19 youth and adults. Fundraising is going well. We are now working on building community and learning about the culture of the area as well as preparing and learning how do to service work and experience a mission trip.

Greenwood Nursery: is underway and going well. It ends March 17.

LifeForce: I am trying to resurrect "LifeForce" under a new name and format. Applications for *Teen Action Group (TAG)* will be available soon, and I will give some personally to youth I feel would make good leaders. It will be a program that focuses on building leadership and character both spiritually and secularly, and will involve an active role in planning, leading, and recruiting for activities.

Confirmation is this Sunday. Everything seems to be set and planned to go smoothly. Practice is this Wednesday at 8pm.

The 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat was this last Sunday. As well as the 10th graders, we had some 11th graders making up the retreat, as well as guests from Redwood Falls and Worthington.

The Sandborn's will be speaking to youth at the school and FF this Wednesday about chastity and modesty issues.

The Sweetheart Dinner was a success. We had about 110 people in attendance and many youth and parents helping out as well. Bob Bartlett spoke about "Being Married and Staying Engaged" and there was a music performance as well. I am waiting to hear about final numbers concerning profit.

4. **RCIA: Rite of Sending and Rite of Continuing Conversion:** The Rite of Sending took place at the 10:00 am Mass this First Sunday of Lent. All but one of the candidates participated in the Rite and Breaking Open of the Word. After Mass five couples prepared and served brunch to thirty in the Roncalli Room. The Cathedral of New Ulm was filled and the celebration of the Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion was impressive. We now move into the Period of Purification and Enlightenment.

Candidates for Next Year: At this point we have twelve inquirers for the coming year.

RCIA Retreat: The Retreat will take place on March 29th the Monday of Holy Week from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM. It will include a period of reflection on the Readings of the Easter Vigil, and explanation of the rituals and customs celebrated during Holy Week services and a celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Rites celebrated during the Lenten Season: The First Scrutiny will be celebrated in class during the third week of Lent, the Second Scrutiny will be celebrated at the 10:00 AM Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, and the Third Scrutiny will be celebrated during class in the Fifth week of Lent. The presentation of the Creed will take place in class during the third week of Lent and the presentation of the Lord's Prayer will take place during class on the fifth week of Lent.

Mystagogy: There are four sessions scheduled during the month of April which is the period after the Rite of Initiation is celebrated.

5. **Adult Education:** "Rediscovering Catholicism" 25 small groups have formed, 500 books have gone out.

Bible Studies three groups continue to meet, 6 sessions remaining.

Parish Mission has been scheduled for next year (2011).

Liturgical Preparation Material: Material will be discussed and purchased for implementing and teaching the new reforms for the norms of celebrating mass which begin Advent of 2011.

Sub-committee:

1. **Home & School:** A spring fundraiser to replace the Family Fun Fest. It was voted upon to bring back the walk-a-thon. The walk-a-thon will happen in April.
Chair and vice-chair are needed for the 2010-2011 school year.
Up-dated wish list discussed various options and opportunities regarding H&S monies. Decisions will be made at the next H&S meeting.
Schwans Truck Fundraiser, will be discontinued.
The phone-a-thon is complete and although totals are not available, positive comments were received.
2. **Technology:** No report. Next meeting, March 9th
3. **Recruitment:** No report. Next meeting, March 9th

Unfinished Business:

1. **Early Catholic Family Life program (ECFL):** Planning for a Fall session.
2. **Lent:** See above reports.

New Business:

1. **Confirmation:** see above report under Faith Formation (Secondary/Youth).
2. **Budget:** process has begun.
3. **Membership:** new representatives are being sought for the coming year, please consider.
4. **Vacation Bible School:** see above report under Faith Formation (Primary).

Closing Prayer:

Next Meeting: April 5, 2010