

Religious Education

Confirmation

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The sacrament of Confirmation was received by 46 youth of Sts Peter and Paul parish on Wednesday, November 11th. Archbishop Joseph Naumann was the main celebrant . The youth have been preparing for Confirmation over the past 1 1/2 years. The preparation included choosing a saint name and writing a report over that saint, learning prayers, completing community service hours, choosing a sponsor, and attending the Kelly Youth Rally and the Confirmation retreat.



The retreat was held on Sunday, October 11th from 10-7pm at Benedictine College. The youth

were lead in this retreat by a team of college students . They lead the youth in prayer, performed skits, and explained the meaning of Confirmation through discussion in both large and small group sessions. The theme was "A Soldier of Christ". The retreat included a penance

service and confessions. During confession, the college students sang beautiful praise and worship music. It was a wonderful day. May God bless the youth and their families.

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Respect Life Breakfast

October is Respect Life month and in honor of this our high school youth held a biscuits and gravy breakfast on Sunday October 25th. We raised \$2080 with the proceeds being given to Birthright of Topeka and to the

March for Life group going to Washington DC.

A big thank you to all the youth, parents, Religious Education teachers who worked at this breakfast and made it a great success. Thank you to all who

came and supported this event and to Brenda (Gary) Niehues, Julie Suther, and Donna Elder for organizing it. Also a special thank you to United and Community National Banks for donating cups and napkins.

Ice Cream Social

To start off the year, our high school CCD youth joined together and prayed the rosary outside and then enjoyed an ice cream sundae party.



Youth Take An Active Role In Mass

Getting involved in the weekend Mass is an important role for our high school youth.

Many of them participate in the high school choir, commentate, lector, and are Eucharistic ministers as well as having a CCD class on the second Sunday of each month be in charge of the entire Mass. It is important for our youth to take an active role and we are proud of them for their participation.

On November 8th the following youth

were commissioned as new Lectors and Eucharistic ministers: Lectors: Zach Wassenberg. The Eucharistic ministers are: Alex Cross, Abby Holthaus, Kyle Hunninghake, Taylor Kuckelman, Jacob Nordhus, Derek Rottinghaus, Erica Rottinghaus, Melissa Sperflage, Garrett Steinlage, and Adam Wassenberg.



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1st Reconciliation

The 2nd grade classes at Sts. Peter and Paul parish celebrated their 1st Reconciliation on Wednesday, November 4th. The 2nd grade at SPPS received the sacrament and then enjoyed lunch with

their parents. Their teacher is Mrs. Julie Lierz. The 2nd grade CCD children received their 1st Reconciliation and a reception was held in the parish hall following the service for the children and their parents. Mrs. Francine Haverkamp and Mrs. Lisa Hunzeker are their teachers.

The children who made their 1st Reconciliation are: Will Bartkoski, Corley Becker, Jessica Deters, Emma Elder,



Rachel Gudenkauf, Taylor Hammes, Jackson Holthaus, Andrew Leonard, Hannah Meyer, Ainsley Nordhus, Michelle Olberding, Josie Osterhaus, Jada Rusche, Sydney Schmelzle, Christian Schmitz, Trenton Schmitz, Kinsey Scott, Hunter Steinlage, and Bryce Uphaus.



12th Annual Kelly Youth Rally

The 12th annual Kelly Youth Rally was held on Sat. August 15th. We had 96 youth attend from Sts. Peter and Paul parish. The theme was Apostles For Peace. The afternoon began with a welcome in St. Bede's church followed by a hayrack ride to the

Winkler pond. There the activities began with opening words from Fr. Arul Carasala. Judy McDonald, a Catholic Comedian then took the stage and entertained the youth. A great BBQ supper was then enjoyed by all.

The main speaker for the evening was Mike Patin. Mike used energy, humor, and stories to affirm the goodness of God's presence among us and talked about how to continue on our everyday journey with God. At 8:30pm the outdoor Mass was



held and Fr. Mike Koller was the main celebrant. The weather was great and the rally was enjoyed by all. A big thanks to the St. Bede's parish for their continued success of this great event!



NCYC

"It's very energizing experience to see these young people gathered because they love Jesus and are engaged in the church." Archbishop Joseph Naumann (from the *Leaven*)

NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) 2009 was held in Kansas City in November and 11 youth and 2 chaperones from Sts. Peter and Paul parish attended. The theme was "Christ Reigns" and he truly reigned in KC for those 3 days. We had awesome fun filled days of workshops, speakers, great Christian bands, Mass and 21,000+ youth praising God. During this time, the youth made new friends, bonded

more closely with old friends and had many opportunities to grow in their relationship with God. One of the highlights was adoration in the Sprint Center with 18,000+ people. So many people yet the silence was so that you could have heard a pin drop during this time. The adoration continued outside with a procession of youth and chaperones in the street. To see 21,000 people

following the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Kansas City was breathtaking. As the procession passed people bowed on their knees while others prayed the rosary and yet others sang praise and worship songs. What a glorious procession! The atmosphere everywhere was full of joy, friendship, and excitement. God was the main focus but there were also fun activities which included: the Reign Forest full of games, booths for shopping and a dance was held on Saturday. The youth that attended were: Quinn Deters, Madison Rottinghaus, Andrea Stallbaumer, Kayleigh Bontrager, Gabby Deters, Annie Elder, Emily Suther, Greg Stallbaumer, Zach Rottinghaus, Lucas Schmelzle, and Veronica Rottinghaus. The chaperones were: Julie Suther and Susan Stallbaumer! We all had a great time and we are looking forward to NCYC 2011 in Indianapolis, Indiana!



Hayrack Ride

A soup supper and hayrack ride was held for the high school youth on Wed. Oct. 28th. The evening began with a soup supper in the church basement where chili and chicken noodle soup was served along with relishes, cinnamon rolls and

cookies. The youth then went on a hayrack ride. The evening was enjoyed by all. Thank-you to the parents and teachers that made the event a success.

