

We had a wonderful year with our children of St Thomas & St Kilian. It's amazing how eager they are to learn about God and our church, and so fulfilling to talk to them about how the stories about Jesus can apply to their lives every day. You should all be proud as parents of these great kids!

Thank you to all that have supported our program by teaching, assisting in the classroom or office, attending rosary camps, supporting our fund-raising initiative and attending our events throughout the year. I think we can say, in light of not having a grade school coordinator, things went pretty smoothly. We greatly appreciate and thank our Faith Formation Teaching Team and the Board of Education for their dedication; and Lisa Laurent who stepped up and carried our program forward.

As this faith formation school year comes to an end we'd like to make you aware of some of the upcoming events and changes taking place on next year's enrollment form and process.

We will again be hosting Totus Tuus at the Religious Education Center July 10-15. Many of our children have enjoyed the weeklong camp in past years, please consider enrolling your child(ren). The registration form and program information is included with this letter. This is also a great opportunity for our high school students to work on their service hours. We will be needing volunteers to assist during the day with events and in the classrooms.

You will find a few changes made to the Registration Fees form for this upcoming year. A copy is enclosed for your reference. We are happy to be able to keep our tuition fee at \$50. Bibletime is now included under our total faith formation umbrella and the registration process for that program will be handled the same as the grade 1-11 program.

We will continue to offer the option to select if financial assistance is needed to pay the tuition fee. We do NOT want any child to go without growing and learning in their spiritual and catholic development due to financial factors. As we promote the *Sponsor a Child* program within the parishes and continue to do extra fund-raising to keep our program operational, we encourage you to select this option if the alternative is to not enter your child in faith formation or take them to a program outside of our parish. We welcome any involvement you can to give of your time and talent to participate and volunteer in the classroom, rosary camps, fund-raising events, administration and committees. Father volunteers are always needed at rosary camp! Completion of an online application for a background check and attendance at a one-time Protecting God's Children Adult Awareness Training session is all that is needed to participate in the lives of educating our children. Included is the Safe Environment requirements sheet and agreement form.

As we review our program instructional and operating expenses we feel it is important to share with you and all parishioners the true cost of educating our children. Our Coordinator wages and building overhead are parish expenses and relied upon from all financially contributing parish family units to support. However, factoring in these "parish expenses" it is approximately \$200/per student per year to educate. Taxing our parents with high tuition fees is not an option but we hope all family units realize the importance of supporting our parish financially.

Our Registration / Ice Cream Social will be held in August where all forms for the new faith formation year can be completed. The class schedule, to begin in September, will be available then. Again, thank you for a successful faith formation year. We look forwarding to seeing your children at mass and in class again next fall. Please feel free to contact Pat or Vicki with any questions.

Sincerely,

Vicki Treml (VanLangendon) - Business Manager; Pat Donovan – President, Board of Ed and Father Kurz