



ST. GABRIEL
FAITH
FORMATION

APRIL
 2019

SPECIAL 2ND GRADERS ...

Please remember these students in your prayers as they prepare for 1st Holy Communion on Sunday, April 28 ~ Also, a special thank you to these students (& teacher Melissa Olsem!) for leading the Rosary each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6:30 p.m. prior to The Stations of the Cross!

**Abby Bertrand, Mara Clarke
 Colten Erdmann, Peysen Gutierrez
 Truman Olsem, Kaitlyn Wehking
 & Grace Sawadogo**

Upcoming dates to remember:

Wednesday, April 17: 7 p.m. ~ Practice
Saturday, April 20: Interviews with Msgr. Paul & banner making.

SAVE THE DATE ...

Our annual Appreciation Supper for those involved in our Faith Formation program will be Wednesday evening, May 1 at Brian's. This is a small way we can show our Faith Formation teachers/volunteers appreciation for their dedication. The high school program ended last week; and our elementary program will continue through April 15. *Thanks to all who have dedicated their time & talent to teaching our youth!*

~ **SUMMER FUN** ~

...warmer, brighter days ahead!

We have a number of really awesome opportunities ahead for our high school and middle school youth! **CAMP SUMMIT** is a great adventure camp for students going into grades 6-8th held at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center near Lanesboro, MN in late July. Cost of this camp is \$250. Our High School students in grades 9-12 are beginning to sign up for the **STEBENVILLE/ROCHESTER** conference to be held July 14-16. The cost of this conference is \$355. Students will be working to defray expenses. We will again be selling icecream at The Wood Duck Festival (look for a new, local vendor that promises to be a much better "deal" for our kids!) We are also considering a few more fundraising ideas. If you would like to sponsor a student who otherwise might not be able to attend; or make a donation towards helping to defray expenses for the larger group, please contact Peg. Thanks to all who have so generously supported our youth in their endeavors ... It really is appreciated!

How to Register:

CAMP SUMMIT: Online registration only. Go to: campsummitwinona.org, scroll down to "middle school camper" and then: 'Click here to register' & proceed from there. (Create an account; register for "Session 1" July 29-August 1).

Stebenville/Rochester: Paper forms must be filled out. You can find these online at www.dowr.org under the Youth & Young adults tab; or there are forms in back of church & at the school

CONFIRMATION NOTES ...

Students: PLEASE finish up your book assignment **ASAP!** They need to be turned in to Peg before our next meeting **Wed., April 10 at 7 p.m.** at St. Anthony's in Westbrook.

Spot Light on Faith Formation

This month, we highlight Faith Formation teacher, Jill Madison. Jill has taught Release classes at St. Gabriel's for an amazing 18 years! All of those years (with the exception of one) were spent teaching our 3rd grade youth. *What fantastic dedication!* Jill grew up in Esterville, IA. She and her husband Marquis moved to Fulda 20 years ago. They are the proud parents of four great kids (Who have blessed our parish with their commitment to serving ... a LOT ☺!) Daughter Nicole is a sophomore at University of Sioux Falls; Tyler is a junior at FHS, Emily a freshman, and Brady a 4th grader. **Thanks to Jill for her many years of service to St. Gabriel's!**