

Assistant Director of Faith Formation Report | January, 2017

Elementary
Faith
Formation

In-services were held for the elementary catechists last week, February 6th and 8th. Mandie DeVries, the Director of Faith Formation at All Saints Parish in Des Moines, presented on the topic of catechists as evangelists. The title of her presentation was “The Heart of a Catechist” and she offered a great deal of insight and encouragement regarding our call to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel to the children we serve. The in-services were both well attended and we received positive feedback from the catechists.

I am in the process of preparing Lenten activities for the elementary children in an effort to encourage prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent.

- To emphasize the importance of prayer, each of the classes will make a visit to the adoration chapel on a rotating basis.
- As a reminder to fast, make sacrifices and offer little acts of love for God and others, each child will be making a set of sacrifice beads similar to those used by St. Therese.
- We will also be raising funds for Mary’s Meals, an organization which provides meals to children in their place of education. They are currently feeding 1,187,104 children each school day in 12 countries across Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. Through Mary’s Meals, it only cost \$19.50 to feed a child for a whole school year. To learn more, please visit www.marysmealsusa.org

Sacrament
Preparation

First Eucharist parent meetings are in progress this week!

Parent meetings will be held later this month for the Hispanic families who are part of the First Eucharist preparation program. Jarrett Wendt is helping coordinate and lead these meetings so that we can more effectively meet the needs of these families.