

Youth Ministry- November 12, 2023

Agenda

- 11:30am Opening Prayer
- Lunch- Mac & Cheese
- 12:00 pm Welcome & Attendance (5 minutes)
- Voting (5 minutes)
- Students will be voting on which was better
- The chili or the mac & cheese
- This is a lead in to another event later in the year.
- Lesson: Celebration of the Christian Mystery (15 minutes)
- Small group activity- Celebration Charades (in small groups)
- Small Group Discussion (25 minutes)
- Announcements:
- High School Presence Retreat
- Lesson connection & Closing Comments (5 minutes)
- 12:55 pm Closing Prayer & Blessing

Reminder: Allow them to speak and encourage open honest conversation. Don't correct unless you have heard them out first and are confident in your knowledge of the subject; bring it to me if there is something that needs correction that you are unsure of, not everything will be expressed well. This time of sharing isn't about theological correctness; they are beginners and so their understanding is only in the beginning of development and we don't want to shut down the conversation; use Jesus' life as an example of how to keep the conversation going. This can be a challenge to do and takes practice; so don't be hard on yourself either.

Lesson 7 (CCC 1066-1209) Celebration of the Christian Mystery November , 2023

Why the liturgy? (1066-1068)

- Liturgy means (1069-1070)
- Liturgy is source of Life (1071-1072)
- Prayer & Catechesis & Liturgy (1073-1075)

The Sacramental Economy

- The Liturgy-Work of the Holy Trinity
 - Father- source and goal (1077-1083)
 - Christ's work in the Liturgy (1084-1090)
 - The Holy Spirit and the Church in the Liturgy (1091-1109)
- The Sacraments of the Church & Paschal Mystery (1113)
 - The Sacraments of Christ (1114-1116)
 - The Sacraments of the Church (1117-1121)
 - The Sacraments of Faith (1122-1126)
 - The Sacraments of Salvation & Eternal Life (1127-1130)

The Sacramental Celebration of the Paschal Mystery

- Celebrating the Church's Liturgy
 - Who celebrates (1136-1144)
 - How is the Liturgy Celebrated (1145-1162)
 - When is the Liturgy Celebrated (1163-1178)
 - Where is the Liturgy Celebrated (1179-1186)
- Liturgical Diversity and the Unity of the Mystery (1200-1206)

Small Group Discussion Questions:

What do you find helpful in the Liturgy?

Do you struggle with the Liturgy?

Do you have questions about Liturgy?

Small Group Activity

Do not tell the students about the charades portion until after your list has been completed.

Have the students write things that you celebrate. For example, birthdays, baptisms, promotions, etc. Make sure you have enough for each person in your group to have one. Write one answer per piece of paper.

Students will each draw one and act out the celebration and have the group guess (charades). No talking, just acting. Once it is guessed, the next person draws and the cycle repeats.

Lesson Plan Notes

Liturgy in its proper meaning is public work. It is no private

What we do in the church, in all sacraments, in all the ways that we glorify the lord.

The Greek meaning of liturgy means that we do it in the name of someone else.

It is participation of the people of God in the work of God. Meaning that when we go to Mass what we are doing is extending and pushing out into the world the work of God. We are participating in Jesus Christ who redeems the world. That is why it is so difficult to go to Mass? Tired, sickness, sports, waking up, busy, bad roads, Big buck on the trail camera,

We are called to participate in the work of God. We are called to do what Jesus does.

When you think about liturgy, how do you participate in liturgies already. Every village has a Department of Public Works, which translates into Department of liturgy because they are public works on behalf of someone else.

Liturgy has a structure. It gives people the known responses.

You need to know that Jesus Christ is present. It's not about the priest or the individual. It's about Christ being present. Christ gives the priest the ability to help show that Christ is present. It's not the priest, it's Christ that matters.

I do what the Lord wants. What better way to show everyone that Christ is in their life than to sacrifice my own desires for you.

Priests are celibate because they need to give up something, sacrifice something, on behalf of others. Christ could have commanded them, but He chose to invite us instead.

But the command makes him less loving.

Jesus invites us, body and soul, back to Him. None of us are saved by ourselves. None of us live or die to oneself. Whether we live or die we are the Lord's.

When we are in liturgy, in that moment, your participation matters.