

# Scenes from 2022 HySSoP High School Summer Program

## Day 1:

Dear Families,

*Letters from Catherine Wadhams to families....*

The answer to the age old question of, "What did you do today?"

is always seems to be either, "I don't know" "Stuff" "Things" etc.... So to make your life a bit easier and to give you something to talk about around the dinner table, here is what your child did today:

### Level I

These kids designed a Lego person with a backstory known only to God. The drawings were very creative. They also had an experience at the end of the day where they could spend some time with God and talk with Him in prayer through writing.

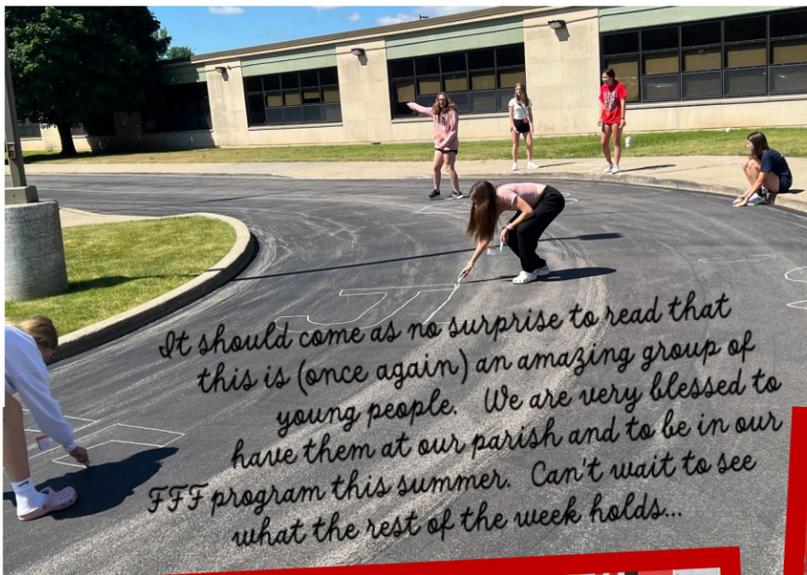
### Level II

In the morning our Level II teens read a Consecration Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They learned more about Mary and Marian apparitions around the world. In the afternoon, they took and rewrote a story from the Gospel of Matthew as if it occurred today.



### As a Group

The morning began with breakfast and praying the Amina Christi. We all attended Mass together at noon (*you are welcome to join us any day for Mass*), and the priest spoke the homily directly to our young people. It was wonderful to see them all together...and it felt like the Mass was just for them. After Mass, Sara Dworzanski from Youth Ministry took the teens to the Ministry Center for a traditional summer Mass, Lunch, & Games activity. They ate outside and then ran all over the St. Greg's campus doing a scavenger hunt. This was followed by ice cream floats.



## Day 2:

Another great day on Tuesday! Your children heard from our new

DRE at Family Faith, Michael Ruzsala in the morning and ate a very hearty breakfast. Mass was said by Fr. Leon and lunch afterward included a special treat of McDonald's french fries. I think that they were all eaten in less than 5 minutes ... it was impressive!

### More details about their day ...

**Level I** spent the day learning about saints and saints in the making. They also took some time outside to write chalk messages of Christian Unity.

**Level II** learned more about the Apostle, Paul. They also learned more about marriage and vocations and listened to a morality talk given by Mrs. Wadhams.

## Day 3:

Students received the Sacrament of Penance. By Divine plan, the Gospel reading was the gift of the forgiveness of sins from Jesus to Peter!!! Totally unplanned by human hands...but God's got our kids

in HIS!



## OUTREACH NEWS

Our students had a collection for **Sleep In Heavenly Peace**, a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering bunk beds to children and families in need locally. Their tag line is, "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town". Our students and their families generously donated 25 twin sheet sets, 9 mattress covers, 12 pillows and 12 comforters!! **Great job and thanks for your generosity!!**



## Day 4:

This has been an amazing week! All of the kids are so wonderful and respectful and kind to one another. I wish that we could have them even longer than these four days (*although they may not agree ... wink...wink*).

Today, all of the teens went to mass and Confession. We were blessed to have five different priests hearing the Confessions of the teens, including our newly ordained Fr. Joe Tokaz. Some of our teens took us up on the offer of lunch at the café for freshly grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, and we all ate outside in the cool summer air. For our final day of class, Fr. Dan spoke to the teens about the Mass and allowed them to ask questions. He followed this talk with Adoration and Benediction. You could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in the church during Adoration...it was wonderful!

**Thank you so much for entrusting us with your child's faith formation.**

May God bless you and your families!

- Catherine Wadhams, CRE High School