

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

November 2017



Dear Faith Formation Families,

Our parish Elementary Faith Formation program is under way. We are already seven weeks into the catechetical year!

UPDATES

- **November 1 Feast of All Saints – Holy Day of Obligation**
- **All Souls Mass of Remembrance – Thurs., Nov. 2, 7pm**
- **Mon. & Tues., Nov. 6 & 7, 5:15pm Gr. 1 Parent Visitation**
- **Living in the Light 1st Reconciliation Event II Sunday, Nov. 26, 1pm & Thursday, Nov. 30, 6pm**
- **Thanksgiving Break – No Classes on November 21 and 22 and
No Pre-K classes on November 26**

NOTE: Monday classes will meet on November 20

MONDAY AND TUESDAY SAFE DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Thanks to all for complying with the Safe Dismissal Policy. It is working well as the children meet their rides home in either their classroom or for carpool in the first floor hallway. If dismissal arrangements for a child need to change, please inform the Office of Elementary Faith Formation.

HOMEWORK / ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY REMINDERS

Students are assigned homework every week. Every student brought home a Homework schedule entitled Family Faith Sharing in their folder on the first day of class. Homework must be completed well each week and signed by a parent/guardian. Noncompliance with Homework Policy is considered a discipline issue.

Students are expected to be on time and equipped with their religion textbook for class.

PLEASE SEE THE ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION FAMILY POLICY HANDBOOK ON THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR CLARIFICATION RE: ATTENDANCE & HOMEWORK

ALL SAINTS ASSEMBLY

ON OCT. 23 & 24 SOME OF THE EFF STUDENTS IN GRADE 1-4 PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL ALL SAINTS ASSEMBLY. ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA, ST. JOAN OF ARC, ST. PAUL. ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, TO NAME A FEW, WERE REPRESENTED. THANKS TO PARENTS WHO PROVIDED CREATIVE COSTUMES FOR THEIR CHILD'S PORTRAYAL!

HONEYWELL INSTANT ALERT SYSTEM

HAVE YOU LOGGED ON TO REGISTER YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE HONEYWELL INSTANT ALERT SYSTEM? THE E.F.F. OFFICE USES HONEYWELL AS A MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH YOU FOR UPDATES AND REMINDERS AS WELL AS EMERGENCY INFORMATION. HONEYWELL IS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION ONLY IF YOU INPUT MORE THAN YOUR HOME PHONE NUMBER. PLEASE CONSIDER ADDING CELL PHONE #, WORK PHONE #, AND EMAIL. THIS IS IMPORTANT – WE WANT ALL OUR FAMILIES TO BE IN THE KNOW!!

CLOW

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) continues during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses thanks to parents & parishioners who have accepted the call to this ministry. We can still use more help. Please call the Office of Elementary at 667-2440, ext. 346, 347 to join us. NOTE: CLOW is appropriate for children ages 5 years through 5th grade.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- MAKE SANDWICHES FOR CATHEDRAL KITCHEN, NEW VISIONS, JOSEPH'S HOUSE IN CAMDEN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 IN RCS CAFETERIA FROM 8:00AM – 11:00AM. PLEASE BRING: 1 KING SIZE LOAF OF BREAD, 1 LB. SLICED TURKEY OR BEEF BOLOGNA, ½ LB. SLICED AMERICAN CHEESE.
- PREPARE CASSEROLES AT HOME FOR JOSEPH'S HOUSE. PICK UP ALUMINUM PANS AND RECIPES AT THE WELCOME DESK IN THE CHURCH GATHERING SPACE. DROP OFF FROZEN CASSEROLES TO SAME ON SATURDAY, NOV. 4 BETWEEN, 3:30 & 4:15PM

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The liturgical year, sometimes called the "Church Year," celebrates the cycle of events in the life of Christ. The First Sunday in Advent (this year Dec. 3) is the "New Year" for the Church. The Church has a beautiful, yet mysterious rhythm to its seasons that renews us when we participate fully in them. Just as the calendar year follows the sun, so too the Church year follows the life of the Son!

During the liturgical year Catholics receive from the Church the means to reflect upon and live out the mysteries of our salvation in Jesus!

ADVENT BOOKLETS

Students in grades 1-6 will all receive Advent booklets to help them journey through the days and weeks leading up to the joyous celebration of Christmas. Sunday Pre-K children will receive manger puzzle refrigerator magnets on Dec. 3.

FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Shop for unique gifts crafted by artisans from economically compromised countries on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 & 3 in the Parish Center.

ANNUAL ADVENT STEWARDSHIP TO SACRED HEART

AS WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO CELEBRATE CHRIST'S COMING ON DECEMBER 25TH, WE HAVE TIME TO REFLECT ON ALL THAT OUR GOD HAS GIVEN US.

SACRED HEART PARISH IN CAMDEN OFFERS A DISCOUNT TOY STORE TO LOW INCOME FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY TO SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR CHILDREN 12 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. CHRIST OUR LIGHT IS CONTINUING A LONG STANDING TRADITION OF SUPPORTING THE "STORE". WE WILL COLLECT NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS, VALUED AT \$10.00 OR MORE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

PRE-K.....DECEMBER 3 & 10
MONDAY, GR. 1-6.....NOVEMBER 27 & DECEMBER 4
TUESDAY, GR. 1-4.....NOVEMBER 28 AND DECEMBER 5
WEDNESDAY, GR. 5-6.....NOVEMBER 29 AND DECEMBER 6

SACRED HEART IS IN NEED OF MANY VARIETIES OF TOYS. HOWEVER THEY REQUEST NO DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING:

- STUFFED ANIMALS



- PUZZLES, COLORING BOOKS & CRAYONS, PLAYDOH, CLAY
- CANDYLAND, CHUTES AND LADDERS, YAHTZEE GAMES
- SOCCER, HOCKEY AND TENNIS RELATED ITEMS
- WAR TOYS OR GUNS

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

On Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23, all Christ Our Light families and friends are invited to Mass at 9:00a.m. to celebrate, praise God, and give thanks for all God's blessings.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving ,

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Director

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Loving God,

*All that we have comes from your goodness
and the work of those who love us.*

Bless us and the food we share.

Watch over those who care for us.

*Open our eyes to the needs of the poor
during this time of harvest and thanksgiving.*

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus,

Who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.