



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS



November 2025

Dear Faith Formation Families,
Happy Autumn! We are well into the catechetical year!

UPDATES

- Nov. 1 All Saints Day
- Nov. 2 – RCS Christmas Bazaar
- Nov. 10 & 11 – Gr. 1 Parent Visitation
- 1st Reconciliation Prep Event II Thursday, Nov. 13, 6pm OR Sunday, Nov. 16, 1pm
- Annual Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar, Nov. 22 & 23
- Annual Toy Drive to benefit Sacred heart Parish, Camden, begins Nov. 17
- Nov. 24 & 25 – Grandparent Ministry Advent & Liturgical Year lesson for EFF Gr. 2
- 1st Reconciliation – Saturday, Dec. 13, 10:30am

HOMEWORK / ATTENDANCE / PUNCTUALITY REMINDERS

Students are assigned homework every week. Every student received a lesson schedule in their blue folder. Homework must be completed each week.

CLOW

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues during the 8:30am & 10:30am Sunday Mass. CLOW is appropriate for children ages 5 through 5th grade.

NOVEMBER – A MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

The Church honors, in a special way, during the month of November, those who have died. There is a “Chapel of Remembrance” in the alcove of the Gathering Space in COL church. Families are invited to place a picture there of loved ones who have gone home to God.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- MAKE SANDWICHES FOR CATHEDRAL KITCHEN AND/OR JOSEPH'S HOUSE IN CAMDEN. SANDWICH MAKING TAKES PLACE IN THE ST. MARY ROOM OF THE PARISH CENTER, 8:00 – 11:00AM, EVERY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.
SANDWICH INGREDIENTS: 1 KING SIZE LOAF OF BREAD, 1 LB. SLICED TURKEY OR BEEF BOLOGNA, ½ LB. SLICED AMERICAN CHEESE. ASSEMBLE SANDWICHES, PLACE EACH IN A ZIP LOCK BAG, THEN PLACE ALL IN THE BREAD LOAF SLEEVE.
- 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 SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS BEFORE OR AFTER ANY MASS.
- DONATE YOUR FREE SUPERMARKET TURKEY TO THE COL FOOD PANTRY FOR THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED.

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 November 30th) is the “New Year” for the Church. The Church has a beautiful,

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

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 REPORTS THAT THE NEED FOR DONATIONS IS GREATER THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE.

- **SPORTS EQUIPMENT – BASKETBALLS, FOOTBALLS, NERF BALLS (NO BLASTERS)**
- **DOLLS, ESPECIALLY AFRICAN AMERICAN & HISPANIC**
- **DOLL ACCESSORIES (HOUSES, STROLLERS, ETC.)**
- **LEGO SETS**
- **GAMES (CONNECT 4, OPERATION. TROUBLE, MEMORY, SCRABBLE JR.)**
- **PLAYSCHOOL & FISHER PRICE ITEMS**
- **MINECRAFT**

A collage of various children's toys. It includes a red tricycle with a yellow bell, a yellow rubber duck on wheels, a colorful xylophone, a beach ball, a red alarm clock, and a yellow elephant.

- **STUFFED ANIMALS**
- **PUZZLES, COLORING BOOKS, CRAYONS, PLAYDOUGH, CLAY**
- **GAMES: CANDYLAND, CHUTES & LADDERS, YAHTZE**
- **SOCCER, HOCKEY, TENNIS ITEMS**

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE NEW AND UNWRAPPED

COLLECTION DATES: NOV. 17- DEC. 5. CHILDREN / STUDENTS CAN BRING TOYS WITH THEM WHEN THEY COME TO EFF CLASS.

**GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY!**



On Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 27, all Christ Our Light families and friends are invited for Mass at 9:00a.m. to celebrate, praise God, and give thanks for all God's blessings.

*Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving ,
Ginny Grogan
Director
ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION*



*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.*