



St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation

Religious Education Newsletter

November/December 2018

Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 4th Confirmation Sunday session #3 (9:30-11:30am)

Tuesday, Nov. 6th **No Class (Election Day)**

Tuesday, Nov. 13th Class

Sunday, Nov 18th Confirmation Sunday session #4 (9:30-11:30am)

Confirmation Parent Meeting with Fr. Jim 1:30pm in church. One parent or sponsor to attend.

Tuesday, Nov. 20th Class

Sunday, Nov. 25th **All RE students encouraged to attend 11:45 Mass**

Tuesday, Nov. 27th Class (prep for the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Sunday, Dec. 2nd Beginning of Advent

Tuesday, Dec. 4th Class/Reconciliation **First Reconciliation for 2nd grade**

Saturday, Dec. 8th **The Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day)**

Sunday, Dec. 9th Confirmation Sunday session #5 (9:30-11:30am)

Tuesday, Dec. 11th Class

Thursday, Dec. 13th Sacramental Rosary Hour in church 5:45pm. All 2nd and 8th grade students required to attend.

Sunday, Dec. 16th **All RE students encouraged to attend 11:45 Mass**

Tuesday, Dec. 18th Class

Tuesday, Dec. 25th **Christmas break**

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 **New Year's Day**

Tuesday, Jan. 8th Class

Resource Table

Just outside the Religious Education office is a table that has lots of information on it for parents. Please feel free to help yourself to a prayer card, or any of the flyers on this table. You are the first educators of the faith for our children. We want to help you by letting you know what is going on around our vicariate, by letting you borrow books, giving you prayer cards, and inviting you to parish activities. There are also copies of the bulletin available. If you have any questions, please let Mrs. Swayze know. God bless you.



The Month of November

During the month of November, the Catholic church remembers all those who have gone before us. We pray for those in heaven, and those who are in purgatory, awaiting heaven. In church we have the book of remembrance in front of Joseph. Please be sure to write in the names of all your loved ones and they will be remembered in all the prayers said in church. Be sure also to stop and look at the reliquary, which holds the relics of many known saints. We are all called to be saints!!

The Month of December

Sunday, December 2nd is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time when we prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Most of us get caught up in the hustle and bustle of Christmas. Hopefully we can also spend this time reflecting on the coming of Jesus, truly God and truly man. He came to save us from sin, dying on the cross for all. On December 8th, we also celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Mary. **This is a Holy Day of Obligation.** (Please check the bulletin for Mass times.) We know how busy families are these days, but we also know how important our faith HAS to be in our homes. Your children have to see Christ in you and one of the best ways to show that is to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass together. All of us at St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation wish all our families a very Merry Christmas!



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

This Advent, our students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be First Reconciliation for our 2nd graders who are also preparing for First Holy Communion. Our catechists will go over the format for Confession; they will explain to them the examination of conscience, and the proper prayers to say following confession. What a beautiful gift we have been given in this sacrament of forgiveness!! How long has it been since you've been to Confession? Make sure your children see you celebrating this liberating sacrament!