



ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

April 14, 2024

This Sunday's Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples and invites them to touch him to see that he is really alive. He calls the disciples to be his witnesses. They have Good News to tell— that love is stronger than death, victory can come from suffering, and life can come from death.

Pre-school-Your child will learn that after rising from the dead, Jesus came to visit his friends. He gave them a message of love and peace. Ask your child to share with you the booklet he or she made in class. Talk about sad feelings and happy feelings. Remember that even the simplest of these chats helps your child grow in faith.

Kindergarten & 1stgrade- : Your child will learn that Jesus visited his friends on that first Easter and gave them the gift of his peace. The class will also learn about the importance of being peacemakers. Discuss how your family members can be signs of peace to one another and the importance of offering the Sign of Peace to others at Mass. There may be a place to prominently display your child's peace banner made during the lesson.

Grades 2 & 3- This Sunday's Gospel tells us that Jesus is alive and is still with us. Your child will also learn how stories help us remember those we love even if they have died. Ask your child to tell the story titled, "Remembering Buddy." Share the ways your family shows faith that Jesus lives in you and that you will live forever with him. Talk with your child about what the Real Presence is. The class will study about Real Presence as a Catholic Faith Word this week.

Grades 4 & 5- This Sunday's Gospel recounts how two disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Your youngster will explore how we celebrate Jesus in the breaking of the bread at Mass. The class also learned how missionaries carried the Good News of the Gospel throughout the world. Discuss how important the celebration of Mass is for your family. Share ways in which your family can spread the message of the Risen Jesus to everyone you meet. Study the missionary map together.

REMEMBER: Our 2nd Grade

Students will be celebrating
Reconciliation with Fr. Ernest
during class time this week.

Examination of Conscience

A GUIDE TO RECONCILIATION
1. The priest will welcome you and together you make the Sign of the Cross.
2. It is helpful to tell the priest how long it has been since your last confession (but not required). Tell him how you have turned from God and why.
3. The priest may ask you questions and/or offer you counsel.
4. The priest will give you an appropriate penance to do later.
5. The priest then invites you to make an Act of Contrition:
My God, I am sorry and repent with all my heart for all the wrong I have done and for the good I have failed to do because by sinning I have offended you, who are all good and worthy to be loved above all things. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid the occasions of sin. Through the merits of the Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ, Lord, have mercy
6. The priest then prays the prayer of absolution (forgiveness).
God, the Father of mercies, through the Death and Resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and cured out the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the church may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You answer, "Amen."

Christian Formation Registration for 2024-2025 Wait? What? Now?

End of summer, start of school can get so chaotic, that Christian Formation often gets forgotten! This year we're going to try something new! Register for 2024-2025 before classes end.

Fees not collected until July!

Will also be looking for volunteers-catechist, aides, office managers, etc.

EARLY REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITY
2024-2025 REGISTRATION FORM
2024-2025 ELEMENTARY CALENDAR (tentative)



EVALUATION TIME!

With the recent staffing changes, the time is perfect for an evaluation of our programming. Do we like Pflaum? Add something in? Take something out? Want to try something else altogether? Pros? Cons? As a parent, would you be willing to gather for a time of evaluation OR complete a written evaluation? Please contact Elise if you are interested:) I take evaluations very seriously and would truly value your input!



Vacation Bible School is right around the corner...So save the Date!

We are looking for:

"Scuba" deco items needed: Empty plastic Easter eggs, egg cartons, 2 liter bottles, paper towel rolls, bottle caps, Googly Eyes, Fish Nets, Pool noodles always welcome!

Dollar Tree specials: kickboards, Loofas, clear plastic bowls(various sizes), shower caps, colored tissue paper, anything "fishy"!

Volunteers: Parents or interested adults, Middle School and High School students as crew leaders, snacks, drama, outdoor games, music, etc. Watch for more ways to

help out!

Contact Tiffany at tiphilpot7@gmail.com OR
Alison at alisondev79@gmail.com to volunteer or if you have any questions!



1st Eucharist Retreat

Saturday, April 13

9a-1p

Bring a lunch & drink

Condon Hall

We still need a parent volunteer and 2 loaves of
homemade bread. Thank you:)

Pray Together

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN

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