



ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN FORMATION

May 5, 2024

Congratulations to our 5th Graders who are preparing to move to Middle School! What an exciting time!

This Sunday's Gospel: John 15:9-17 In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you." The Gospel is taken from a long talk Jesus had with his disciples at the Last Supper. He calls them to live on in his love and gives them a great commandment: "Love one another as I love you."

Seeds (Preschool): This week, your child will learn that love brings us together. Remember that your child learns about love from experiencing the caring and loving actions he or she receives at home. He or she will also learn to pray the Rosary. Practice the prayer at home. Ask your child to share the stand-up story cards and to tell the family what he or she remembers about story that goes with the pictures. The message of the story is that love brings us together.

Promise (Grades K-1): Your child will learn about Jesus' one rule—love. Make sure your child understands that Jesus is always with us to help us grow into people who love other people the way he loves us. Pray that your family will always love others as Jesus loves your family.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child's class will talk about Jesus' new Law of Love. Talk about the ways you show love in your family. Talk as well about the ways your family shows love to those outside of it. Make sure your child sees our call to love as their lifelong mission. Pray the Prayer of Mission from the lesson as a family this week.

Venture (Grades 4-6): In class, your son or daughter will learn that they need to put Jesus' commandment to "love one another" into action. He or she will also explore the Church's devotion to Mary and how her life is revealed in the Bible. Have your child show you the Living the Gospel activity. How did your child do putting the timeline in order? Discuss the Summer Prayer for the Holy Spirit. How will the Holy Spirit guide your youngster this summer? Finally, have your son or daughter tell you about Saint Mother Theodore Guérin, founder of the Sisters of the Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods.

Our 5th Graders will be hosting Celebrate Youth Mass at the 11:15a Mass on Sunday. A separate email was sent just to 5th grade parents regarding roles the students signed up for and copies of the readings so that students can practice prior to Mass time. Students will meet at the church at 10:30 to practice and prepare so do NOT plan to get them from their classrooms. If your family will NOT be at Mass on May 5th, please make sure to let us know so that i can make alternative arrangements.

Pray Together: Each night before bed, say the following Holy Spirit prayer together: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Sprit, O Lord, and our hearts shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the world. Amen.

The Holy Rosary

1. On the crucifix, make the sign of the cross and then pray the Apostles' Creed.
2. On the first large bead, pray the Our Father.
3. Pray the Hail Mary on the following three small beads.
4. On the chain before the next bead, pray the Glory Be.
5. On the large bead, meditate on the first mystery and pray the Our Father.
6. Pray a Hail Mary on each of the 10 smaller bead.
7. On the chain before the next decade, pray the Glory Be & The Fatima Prayer.
8. Repeat each decade (steps 5, 6 & 7) starting with the Our Father until you reach the medal in the center.
9. Finish by praying the Hail, Holy Queen and closing prayer.

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WANT TO MISS
THIS!**

**FINAL
CELEBRATE
YOUTH
MASS
May 5, 2024
11:15a**

**Sponsored by
Our
Rising
6th Graders**

**All rising 6th graders should plan to arrive
by 10:30a to help greet people
and to practice.**

**This is part of our class for the weekend.
Students are expected to participate.**

All are welcome!

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

Packets including the registration form, tentative calendar, Altar Server sign up sheet, and a Save the Date postcard (and special treat) for VBS were passed out at classes last weekend and are available for pick up in the school office. Please stop by when you either drop off, or pick up, your child!

Sacramental forms for 1st Eucharist/Reconciliation are NOT included as there was a computer glitch and they will have to be re-created. Thank you for your patience!
Thank you!



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



Vacation Bible School is right around the corner...June 17-21...Our Theme? SCUBA! The preparation begins NOW! Registration should be up and running soon! How you can help:

- **ADOPT A PROP:** Interested in putting together some of our Scuba props in the quiet and comfort of your own home? Watch for adoption kits to appear in the Commons soon!

“Scuba” deco items needed:

- **ODD NEEDS:** Blow up boats, single or double person tents, fake rocks (large), wet suits (all will be returned!)

- **NORMAL NEEDS:** 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, shower caps, colored tissue paper, “spiny” dusting gloves, anything “fishy”!

- **FINANCIAL NEEDS:** Gift card donations for Amazon, Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart

- **VOLUNTEERS:** Parents or interested adults, Middle School and High School students. 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!

VBS Registration Form
SCUBA VBS 2024



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