

7th & 8th Grade

Confirmation Newsletter

MASS OF ENROLLMENT FOR 7TH GRADE

The Mass of Enrollment for 7th grade students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be Dec. 5 at 6:45 pm. This is a special evening where the 7th grade will receive the Catechism of the Catholic Church and commit to preparing for their last Sacrament of Initiation. Please have your student arrive at 6:30 pm so they have time to sign their name before Mass. Parents and sponsors should be present at the Mass (you have a part)! If you have questions, please contact the Religious Ed Office at [659-8556](tel:659-8556)/hturchi@strobertschool.com

THANKSGIVING SERVICE DRIVE

This Thanksgiving, we will be helping the Flushing Christian Outreach Center in their ministry to provide for people in our Flushing community who are having a difficult time. Nov. 11th-15th, we are asking that you bring an item to class that your grade has been assigned. Thank you!

7th grade: Canned Vegetables

8th grade: Spaghetti Sauce

SERVICE & FAITH CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

The following options are coming up:

FAITH CREDITS:

* Thursday, Nov. 8 is Family Holy Hour for Vocations @ 7 pm. Part of the Holy Hour is the Children's Rosary. (1 credit).

SERVICE CREDITS:

* St. John Vianney needs help with their annual Christmas party for children in need on Saturday Dec. 15 from 12pm – 3pm. They also need help on Friday, Dec. 14 from 5-7 pm to help with last minute decorating and setting out gifts. Please call the Religious Ed. Office if you know you will be able to help. (1 credit per day).

* American House in Flushing needs help with Bingo beginning in January. Bingo will be Saturdays at 2:30 pm. Please call ahead if you are able to help them (1 credit).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Nov. 8:** Holy Hour & Children's Rosary @ 7pm.
- **Nov. 11-15:** Food Pantry Collection
- **Nov. 21:** No Class
- **Dec. 5:** Mass of Enrollment for 7th gr. @ 6:45 pm
- **Dec. 14:** Set out gifts @ SJV, 5-7 pm
- **Dec. 15:** SJV Christmas Party for Children, 12-3 pm.
- **April 10:** Practice for Confirmation @ 6:00 pm @ SJV. Sponsors should be in attendance
- **April 11:** Rite of Confirmation @ 7pm @ SJV

“Prayer itself, born in Catholic families, nurtured by programs of Christian formation, strengthened by the grace of the sacraments, is the first means by which we come to know the Lord's will for our lives.

To the extent that we teach young people to pray, and to pray well, we will be cooperating with God's call.

Programs, plans and projects have their place; but the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples.

Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call.”

~Pope Benedict XVI

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NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocations Awareness Week is a time set aside for parishes to foster a culture of holy vocations to marriage, the priesthood, and religious life. This year it is November 4-10:

Seminarian/Novitiate Prayer Cards: During the week of National Vocation Awareness, *each religious ed. and school family will be receiving a picture of a seminarian or novitiate that will include a prayer for them. We are asking that you spiritually adopt that person preparing for the priesthood or religious life* (who knows? Someday that seminarian may be your pastor!). We ask that you add your person into your family's daily prayer and that throughout the year, you send him/her Christmas cards or little notes of affirmation. In this small, but powerful way, our families can help support those preparing for priesthood or religious life!

Spiritual Bouquet: We are inviting the whole parish community to participate in a spiritual bouquet for our awesome priests, Fr. Gordon, Fr. Anthony, and Fr. Jonathan! We are so blessed by these men and their vocations! A spiritual bouquet is an offering of prayer. Please fill out a card and return it to the Parish Office, drop it in the collection basket, or email it to socialmedia.strobert@gmail.com.

Please continue to pray for good and holy vocations for those from St. Robert called to be married, to be priests, and those called to religious life!

SPONSOR INFO NEEDED:

We are now requiring a letter from the sponsor's parish priest that says that he/she is a practicing Catholic; attending church regularly and active in his/her parish community. *These letters are due by January 1, 2019.* If you have any questions, please contact Miss Turchi.



Give the Gift of Prayer

Father Gordon

Fr. Jonathan

Father Anthony

(Please circle who you will be praying for)

With love and gratitude for your priesthood, we are offering the following prayers for you:

 A Rosary A Mass An Hour of Eucharistic Adoration A Chaplet of Divine Mercy Other _____

Write a personal note below:

From:

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION SHEET

All eighth graders who are receiving Confirmation this April must turn in their Sacramental Information Sheet as soon as possible. This vital sheet of information is in your Confirmation Handbook and can also be found at the parish website (strobertparish.org). It can be turned into your teacher or dropped off at the office. If you have any questions, please call Jenny at 659-8556.

**“We all have a vocation.
We believe that God has placed
us in this life to fill a special
need that no one else can
accomplish.”**

~St. Francis de Sales