



January, 2019

Children's Faith Formation

We're already off to a busy start of the second half of the Faith Formation year so mark your calendars now for the following awesome events and activities!

The Children's First Reconciliation Celebration and Reception is Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m. in the church. Please arrive by 6:45 p.m. to check in. We invite you to enjoy a cake and punch reception immediately following in the Narthex sponsored by the 3rd Grade catechists.

 **On Sunday, January 20, children in Grades Kindergarten through 3rd will be attending Mass as a class, as part of their lesson on liturgy & sacraments.** It will be imperative that your children arrive to class **EARLY—by 8:45 a.m. or 10:45 a.m.**—to attend Mass and ensure an orderly flow. **Children arriving after 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. will be sent with their parents to attend Mass as a family.** We hope we've given you ample time to prepare and arrange your morning schedule for this event and appreciate your cooperation very much! This trip to Mass has become a much anticipated part of our curriculum and enjoyed by the children. **Additionally, Grades 4-6 will be attending a teaching class on the Mass in the dining room.** They will meet and be picked up in the dining room. Parents, you are also invited, and encouraged, to attend our Mass teaching class.

WE'RE ON A MISSION to celebrate YOU!
 **Our Annual Catechist Appreciation Dinner is Monday, January 21.** Congratulations to the following catechists for their valuable years of service to our parish community: Christine Camarillo, Carol Cardoza, Maria Delgado, Andy Fifield, Isabel Gonzales, Isabella Jarecke, Jayda Kile, Jackson Kowal, Luis Limones, Olimpia McAllister, Sandra Rios, Jim Russell, Monica Salas, Robert Tovar, Sr., and Robert Tovar, Jr. for 5 years of service; Jessica Huckeba, Danielle Perez, Juan Perez and Mary Russell for 10 years of service; Michelle Hernandez and Ana Horner for 15 incredible years; Angie Gonzalez-Roland, Diana Lopez, Maria Smith and Clifford Winter-Roach for an amazing 20 years of service; Leslie Olsovsky for an impressive 25 years of service; and lastly Mario Tiambeng for, quite frankly, and unimaginable 40 years of service! This is an unbelievably large group of volunteers, which tells you everything you need to know about their dedication to our children's program! Parents, take a moment this month to thank your child's catechist for taking the time to actually hear and answer the call to serve in this wonderful ministry. *And if you'd like to donate a door prize for our dinner on the 21st in support of the catechists, stop by and see Deborah! These are greatly appreciated!!*

Join us on Sunday, January 27 for our Wacky Waffle Sunday CFF fundraiser! We'll have waffles with wacky, but yummy, toppings to enjoy with all the proceeds going to purchase new walkie talkies. Come support a great cause while enjoying a great breakfast! *From 8:00 a.m. till they're gone!*

Sponsored by the Faith Formation & RCIA Commission.

 **Congratulations to the 109 students who had Perfect Attendance for the first half of the Faith Formation year! Kudos to both the children AND the parents for getting here every Sunday.** Speaking of attendance, for those of you in 1st Grade, 7th Grade or first-year sacramental preparation, **satisfactory attendance for this year is mandatory in order to continue in the sacramental process next year.** That means six (6) absences or less. Currently, some children are borderline in their attendance and others have now exceeded our attendance policy requirements. Please be aware that attendance records will be verified at the time of registration for next year so make sure your children are in class the remainder of the year. Contact the office with any questions.

On Sunday, February 3, 2019, wear your favorite football jersey and bring a can of soup, as we **"Score Big for Outreach!"** All cans of soup  *(please make sure they have current expiration dates)* will be collected for Holy Spirit's food pantry. Just look for our "Souper" Bowl display in the parking lot connecting the church and Community Center. You'll even be able to pick your favorite Super Bowl LIII football team (sorry, Cowboy fans) by dropping off your soup cans at the appropriate team's goal post. We also invite you to our "tailgate party" where we'll be serving coffee & donuts in the morning and hot dogs in the afternoon, courtesy of the KC's. **Come out and show your team spirit while supporting a fantastic cause!** *In the event of rain, we will move to the gym.*

Just a friendly reminder that with the cold and flu season upon us, please be considerate of your child's classmates, catechists and the office staff and **DO NOT SEND** them to Faith Formation class if they are ill and/or running a fever. We truly appreciate your dedication but want to keep everyone well! But do remember to call in to the CFF office to report their absence. And since we are officially in the winter season with the potential for wintry precipitation, **please be sure we have your most current contact number on file in the office in the event Faith Formation classes are canceled due to inclement weather.**

- CATECHIST BIRTHDAY CORNER**
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- Simeona Sembrano—January 1
 - Patricia Dominguez—January 2
 - Natalie Palomares—January 7
 - Antonio Garza—January 11
 - Michelle Hernandez—January 14
 - Laila Limones—January 16
 - Lizzie Perez—January 18
 - Jayda Kile—January 24
 - Tammy Rios—January 28
 - Irene Silva—January 30
 - Robert Tovar, III—January 30