

Christ the King Parish Parent Newsletter

NOV/DEC 2017

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN TO KNOW,
LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

Thank you volunteers!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who make our program a success! God Bless you all & Thank you!

Rosary Drawing

Congrats to the Becker family! They were rosary drawing winners from April.

We are offering the rosary drawing again this year - Parents you need to complete the orange form.

Drawing dates are:

November 8
December 20
February 21
April 25

Mother Mary, pray for us!

Class Mass

Each grade is responsible for a class Mass. Please make every effort to attend your child's Mass.

Our 8th grade assists with Opening Mass, the remaining grades are or have been as follows:

Gr 7 - Oct 15
Gr 6 - Oct 22
Gr 5 - Nov 12
Gr 4 - Jan 28
Gr 3 - Feb 4

Another year well underway!

We had our **opening Mass** on October 4! The kids did a nice job! That Mass is always a little longer due to the Anointing but it gives our students a chance to see the sacrament and we had over 20 people anointed! It was a busy night.

PRAYER TESTING: We had 18 students who have already completed their prayer testing! **Way to go!!** They earned a special reward for their hard work and extra effort! December 6 is the

due date for all prayers to be finished for students in grades 3-10. Please keep practicing your class prayers!

ROSARY DRAWING SHEET: Once again we are holding drawings for praying the rosary. Parents you need to complete or sign the little orange form for it to count. Drawing slips may not be completed by students. A rosary prayed by the stu-

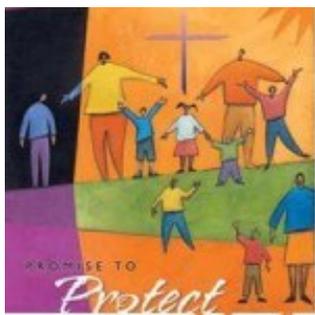
dent (alone) is perfectly fine!! We are also adding drawing slips for rosary's prayed in class, or before class and these are white slips that our catechists or rosary leaders will submit to the drawing jar.

Our next rosary drawing is **November 8!** The month of May is a great time to pray the rosary - and if you pray it before Mass you are able to turn in a slip.



Religious Education Schedule

November 1, 2017	All Saints Day Mass (6:40)
November 8, 2017	Gr 5 Mass prep, grade 8 rally
Sun-Nov 12	Grade 5 class Mass at 10am
November 15, 2017	SE classroom training
November 22, 2017	No Religious Ed classes, Thanksgiving break
Sun-Nov 26	No Sunday School, Thanksgiving break
November 29, 2017	class
December 6, 2017	Final Prayer testing
December 13, 2017	Reconciliation for Grades 7 & 8, 9 & 10
December 20, 2017	Reconciliation for Grades 3 & 4; 5 & 6
December 27, 2017	No Religious Ed classes, Christmas break
January 3, 2018	No Religious Ed classes, Catechist in-service



The Diocese of La Crosse strives to protect all children in its care. Volunteers complete yearly training and a background check (every 3 years). Staff attend additional training to ensure understanding and adherence to the standards that are set. We have a brief training for the classroom and the details are to the right. Classroom training is **November 15**. Parents are welcomed to attend! There will also be adult training in the conference room that same evening.

If you wish to opt your child out of this training, an opt-out form must be signed. Please stop by the office to pick up this bright yellow form. It must be in the office before Nov 15. Thanks!

Diocesan Safe Environment Program - classroom training **November 15**

Classroom training for the diocesan Safe Environment program includes the following goals and objectives:

Kindergarten-Second Grade: Students learn about their dignity (their incredible worth) as children of God and the respect that each person deserves as a child of God.

Grade Three-Five: Students will learn about the virtue of respect, which is based upon the dignity of each human person. Students will learn the importance of saying "no" to inappropriate, harmful actions, behavior and touch that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Children will be encouraged to tell immediately a trusted adult when these situations arise and will learn about the buddy system.

Grades Six-Eight: Students will learn about how each person, including themselves, must be treated with respect. Students will learn about, and seek to develop or further develop, the virtue of prudence-making good decisions. Students will learn practical tips for keeping themselves safe.

Understanding the Bible - part I

The following is taken from the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/understanding-the-bible/index.cfm>

Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

1. Bible reading is for Catholics. The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.

2. Prayer is the beginning and the end. Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer

asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.

3. Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition. A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

4. The Bible isn't a book. It's a library. The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books in-

clude royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

5. Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't. The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.

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