Christ the King Parish

Parent Newsletter

JAN/FEB 2018

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN TO *KNOW*, *LOVE* AND *SERVE* THE LORD

Weather Watch

If school is canceled, due to poor weather, so are Religious Education classes. If you feel driving is unsafe in your area please use your discretion even if classes are being held. We make every effort to keep our families safe, but not all roads or locations respond to the winter weather in the same way.

Ash Wednesday

Lent is early this year, Ash Wednesday is February 14!

Rosary Drawing

Congratulations to Koffee Hansen, our latest rosary drawing winner! We have had a great response to this prayer! Thank you! Our next drawing dates are:

February 21
April 25

Class Mass

Each grade is responsible for a class Mass. There are two classes left:

Gr 4 - Jan 28
Gr 3 - Feb 4

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In a few weeks we are starting Lent!

Lent is only 3 weeks away! I hope that means an early spring!

FIRST RECONCILITION: Last week we celebrated First Reconciliation with our very large second grade class! Those students were definitely ready! Please pray for them as they celebrate this life giving sacrament!

PRAYER TESTING: Prayer testing was due before Christmas. We are wrapping up a few prayers, but it went well. In the future we will continue to test prayers before Christmas.

ROSARY DRAWING SHEET: I just had to say again that your response to praying the rosary is wonderful! We have had many entries and it is wonderful to see! Keep praying, your name may be drawn next!

SHADOW STATIONS: Save the date for March 21 as the Shadow stations will once again be presented at the Tack Center. This is a very unique presentation that we have been blessed to be able to offer. I encourage you to invite family and friends to attend as well. There is plenty of space at the Tack Center and this presentation will be offered in place of class that evening. Please include this as part of your Lenten devotions.

"Yes, the disciples followed Jesus... but not on Twitter."

Religious Education Schedule

January 17, 2018	First Reconciliation; Gr 8 TOB test
January 24, 2018	Grade 3 - presentation by Fr. S; Grade 4 Mass prep
Sun-Jan 28	Grade 4 class Mass at 10am
January 31, 2018	3rd grade Mass prep; Adventure Camp promo gr6-7-8
Sun-Feb 4	Grade 3 class Mass at 10am
February 7, 2018	TWL - grade 6 (@ SJ)
February 14, 2018	Ash WED Mass @ 6:40pm
February 21, 2018	class
February 28, 2018	Prayer retreat gr 5
March 7, 2018	Reconciliation (grades 10 & 9 then gr 8 & 7)
March 14, 2018	Reconciliation (grades 5 & 6 then gr 3 & 4)

Are you looking for ways to grow in faith? Check out these sites:

FORMED.ORG

You do need to setup an account and our parish code is c7b2ca. It is simple to setup and the parish is covering the cost. Formed contains digital books, audio talks, and videos that are both entertaining and educational. There is a section for children! I cannot encourage you enough to take a look!

RELEVANTRADIO.COM

Relevant Radio is also on the dial at 93.9 FM or you can download the Relevant Radio app for free! The app includes podcasts and prayers along with live listening! Our very own Father Martin appears on the 'Inner Life' with host Chuck Neff.

ASCENSIONPRESENTS.COM

Ascension Presents is an evangelistic platform bringing entertaining, faith-filled, and dynamic presenters straight to your newsfeed.
Fr. Mike Schmitz rocks! - check it out!

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

Christian tradition can name at least seven reasons for fasting:

1. From the beginning, God commanded some fasting, and sin entered into the world because Adam and Eve broke the fast.
2. For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin.
3. Fasting reveals our dependence on God and not the resources of this world.
4. Fasting is an ancient way of preparing for the Eucharist—the truest of foods.
5. Fasting is preparation for baptism (and all the sacraments)—for the reception of grace.
6. Fasting is a means of saving resources to give to the poor.
7. Fasting is a means of self-discipline, chastity, and the restraining of the appetites.

Taken from http://www.usccb.org

Understanding the Bible - *part 2*

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. (the first 5 points were in the last newsletter)

6. The sum is greater than the parts. Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.

7. The Old relates to the New. The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

8. You do not read alone. By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

9. What is God saying to me? The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

10. Reading isn't enough. If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective."(Hebrews 4:12).

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