St. Patrick Parish

Faith Formation Ministry

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**MondayNightFaithFormation**

 **March 2020**

Month of St. Joseph

We do not know much about St. Joseph except what is mentioned in the Gospels. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a “just man”, and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection. This month I challenge the students to bring in something that represents St. Joseph. This can be on a necklace, bracelet, small one, on a key ring, picture, statue, or really any kind that you can come up with. Prizes will be given out to those who participate.

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Stations of the Cross

Thank you all who came out for Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper.

We had another great turn out due to your participation. Thank you,

Catechists for volunteering to read. There wasn’t one class in

particular that had the most in attendance, so all who did will

be rewarded with a free Slushie. Thank you, parents, for all the

wonderful soups and bread. There was not much left over!

**PSIC-Baby Bottle Challenge**

This service project is well on its way. The students have donated a total of **$125.78** for the month of February. The **3rd grade class** made the most change in an infant life by providing them with **$36.60**. They will be rewarded with their choice. Thank you to all who sacrificed to help change the lives of others. The challenge will start over in March, so keep collecting to change lives. This will also be the last month to donate.

**First Communion Information**

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All Mass celebrations have been scheduled. An email was sent out with your child’s Mass date and time. If you did not receive this, please contact me right away. If for some reason you need to change or reschedule your Mass, please contact me right away. I will be sending out more details the closer the dates get here. Due to the changes made with this Sacrament preparation, there will not be a First Communion Retreat or banners made. This is a trade off by parents attending the adult sessions.



**Confirmation Information**

This celebration will take place on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 pm at St. Andrew’s Cathedral in Grand Rapids. I will be contacting families for different parts in the Mass. I will need volunteers for Altar Serving, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Gift Bearers. If anyone in your family that will be attending and would like to help out, please have them contact me right away. I will send out more details closer to the date.

Due to the changes made with this Sacrament preparation, there will not be any projects to do or a NET Retreat. This is a trade off by parents attending the adult sessions. The only thing I will need from students is a Confirmation name. I will need to make name tags with this on it for the Bishop. More discussion on Confirmation names will take place in class.

**Calendar of Events**

 **March 2020 April 2020**  1st- (SUN) 2nd & 8th Sacramental Prep Sessions **6th- NO CLASSES (Spring Break)**

 **(6:30-8:00pm) 13th- NO CLASSES (Easter Monday)**/CONGO

 Meals 4-6 pm

2nd -Classes (Stations of the Cross 7:30pm) 20th- Classes

8th- (SUN) 2nd & 8th Sacramental Prep Sessions 27th- Classes

 **(6:30-8:00pm)**

9th- Classes/CONGO Meals 4-6pm

**16th - NO CLASSES (Catechist In-Service)**

22nd- (SUN) 2nd & 8th Sacramental Prep Sessions

 **(6:30-8:00pm)**

23rd -Classes

29th- (SUN) 2nd & 8th Sacramental Prep Sessions

  **(6:30-8:00pm)**

30th- Classes

*“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”*

(Matthew 4:1-11)