**Religious Education Newsletter**

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**November/December Class Schedule**

October 31/November 1 No class (Halloween and All Saints Day) November 7/8 Regular class schedule (Daylight Saving Time Ends on November 7) November 14/15 Regular class schedule November 21/22 Regular class schedule November 28/29 Regular class schedule December 5/6 Regular class schedule December 12/13 Regular class schedule December 19/20 No class (Merry Christmas) December 26/27 No class (Happy New Year) January 2/3 2022 Regular class schedule

**Parents: Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation**

Religious education is very important in forming our children's faith life and the expectation is that your child will be or has been attending Religious Ed classes from 1st grade through 8th grade either here at St. Constance, in another Religious Ed program or at a Catholic school.

Beginning in the 2022 - 2023 Religious Ed school year, students who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation in the 8th grade **must** attend both 7th and 8th grade Religious Ed classes. If your child did not attend 7th grade here at St. Constance, they **must** have attended 7th grade at another school or parish. The student must have at least 2 years of preparation and formation to receive the sacrament.

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**Important Dates to Remember for Confirmation Students and Parents**

**Confirmation Preparation Meeting**

Parents, please mark your calendars. On Monday, November 15 during regular class time (6:45pm-8:15pm), there will be a very important meeting for our **8th Grade Confirmation candidates and their parents and sponsors.** At this meeting, we will discuss the important steps/events necessary for our students to prepare to receive this sacrament. This meeting is mandatory and will take place in the church.

**Confirmation Inscription Mass**

On Sunday, December 5th at the 11:30am Mass, our 8th grade Confirmation candidates will be introduced and affirm their intention to continue their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Candidates are required to attend** with their sponsor. However, if they have not chosen a sponsor at this date, a parent may stand in for the sponsor. Candidates are asked to arrive no later than 11:00am and meet in the Religious Education Office to prepare for this Mass.

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**Christmas News**

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will not have a Children's Christmas Eve mass this year as we usually do. The virus has caused many changes in our lives. Hopefully, we will be able to continue our usual activities next year such as Vacation Bible School, youth masses, Children's liturgy and many more. Keep praying for an end to this virus.

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**Masks**

Just a Reminder: Even though most of us are fully vaccinated, our children under 12 years old are not. Therefore, we are requesting that all of our students, teachers and staff wear their masks while they are in the church and church hall during all class times. We will maintain social distancing and temperatures will be taken when students come into the building. (Temperature must be <100.4 or parent will be asked to take their child home. If your child is ill, please do not bring him/her to class).

**Food and Drink**

No food will be permitted in the classroom. The student may bring a bottle/container of water.

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**Attendance at Mass**

Parents, you are your children's first teachers of the faith. Please bring your children to mass.  Our church is clean and sanitized. If the children do not experience the mass themselves, they will not have a clue what we teachers are trying to teach them about the mass and the sacraments.  Our children watch us and imitate us. Let us show them the wonderful example of coming to mass and receiving the Eucharist, which is the great gift that Jesus gave us. Let's put our faith into action!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone or email.

Thank you.

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