

## St. Anthony-Nativity Religious Education

# Catechist Newsletter

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January 16, 2019

### Please Read Before Class

Welcome back! Thank you to all of you who attended last week's in-service

As a reminder, I will not be available tonight as I'm in California for my brother's wedding. I will be back in town on Friday. Jen Even and Dave McDermott are in the office and around if you need anything.

To be sent home tonight:

- Parent letter with grade 2
- Parent letter with note takers – some will have permission forms attached (those families with students in grades 6 – high school)

Please note: next week if when 6<sup>th</sup>-high school will attend Eucharistic Adoration, not January 30.

Don't forget to use the question of the week as you break open last Sunday's Gospel with your students.

### May Be Read After Class

Prayer Tip: The environment in which you pray can be very beneficial to your prayer experience. When with your students, be sure to establish quiet before you pray together. This will help ensure that everyone participating is in the right mindset to pray and are ready to open themselves to the power that prayer holds.

Guided Reflection Idea: Invite students to imagine going back to the place where they had the happiest time over Christmas vacation whether it was with their family, with friends, on the road, at home, etc. Invite them to see the faces of the people who were there and then to picture Jesus there too. Finally, invite them to tell Jesus why this experience was so happy, to thank Jesus for such a wonderful moment, and to ask for his grace as the New Year unfolds. Play some soft instrumental music in the background. Takes about 6-7 minutes.

### Question of the Week

John the Baptist was the middleman. He pointed back to Isaiah and forward to Jesus, connecting the whole plan. What or who are the "middlemen or women" who connect you with God?