



Faith Formation Update

November/December 2018

Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ



Dear Faith Formation Families,
Our Faith Formation year is well underway and we feel blessed that you have entrusted us with your children each Wednesday night as we accompany them on their journey of faith. Through God's love and the saving action of his Son, we are invited to an intimate relationship with Him. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to respond to God's word. Advent begins on December 2nd. The beginning of the liturgical year is the perfect time to prepare for Christ's coming as a family. You can share in God's mission by trusting Jesus, turning from sin, and saying Yes to the Holy Spirit.



Sixth Grade Disciples create a web to illustrate how each person in the church, though unique, is connected through the Holy Spirit.

Faith Formation Families Witness Christ through food collection and night of praise. On October 17, families who gathered in the Parish Hall were surrounded by over 2,600 servings of food donated for the Adel Food Pantry. Each week the Weekend Backpack program provides meals for nearly 125 students who suffer from food scarcity in our community. That night, families filled bags and transported the remaining food items to the Food Pantry, which stocked the shelves.



Thank you to all who shared with those in need!
We would like to give a shout out to our 3rd graders who did a special Halloween Food Collection, Trick or Treat so All can Eat! They donated over 50 lbs. of food to stock the food pantry shelves. Thank you!

Upcoming Events for K-8

- Nov 14-K-8 Class
 - Nov 21-No Class, Thanksgiving Break
 - Nov 28-K-8 Class
 - Dec 2-Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Breakfast following the 9:00 am Sunday Mass
 - Dec 5-K-8 Class
 - Dec 12- K-8 Class
 - Dec 19- Family Faith Night at 6:30
 - Dec 24-Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 and 6:30
 - Dec 25-Christmas Mass at 9:00
 - Jan 2- No Class
 - Jan 6-First Reconciliation Child/ Parent Retreat, 10:30-Noon
 - Jan 9-No Class, Catechist Appreciation Dinner
 - Jan 16- K-8 Class, 2nd Grade First Reconciliation
 - Jan 23-K-8 Class
 - Jan 30- K-8 Class
- Early Session: 5:00-6:00, Late Session: 6:30-7:30



Bishop St. Nicholas will be here! The Knights of Columbus will host the 2nd Annual St. Nicholas Breakfast on Sunday December 2nd following 9:00 Mass. All are welcome, especially the little children. Proceeds from the breakfast will support faith formation Mercy Experiences. St. Nicholas is a model of self-giving love, who shows us how we can be Christ for others.



First Reconciliation Retreat for parents and their children who will celebrate Reconciliation for the first time this year will take place on **Sunday, January 6th** from **10:30 AM to 12:00**. Through prayer, story, reflection, and ritual, this retreat will bring closure to the time of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A walk-through of the sacrament will help the children become more familiar and comfortable with the ritual. Call **Kelly Howard** at **993-4590** for additional information.



Save the Date: December 19th
Family Faith Night is for the entire St. John's family! Join us from 6:30-7:30 to PRAISE-SERVE-PRAY together. Details coming soon.

