

# FAITH FORMATION NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

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## 🍁🍁 THANKSGIVING FUN FACT 🍁🍁

Did you know..... When we attend Mass and receive the Eucharist, we have our own Thanksgiving meal? The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word "eucharistia" (εὐχαριστία), which means "thanksgiving, gratitude"

## PARISH WIDE EVENTS

### ***Our Lady of the Assumption Annual Christmas Concert and Tree Lighting***

**Sunday December 7, 2025  
4:00pm**

Our Adult and Children Choirs will sing a festive Christmas Concert for all to enjoy. Following the concert our annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on the front lawn of the Church.

***Pasta Dinner to follow in the Hall.***

  
**CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**





**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:45 p.m.**

### **Pasta Dinner Fundraiser**



**After Christmas  
Concert and Tree  
Lighting - come to  
dinner!**

**\$25 adults, \$10 ages 5-12, free under 5**  
**Christmas Caroling, Fellowship, FUN.**

Dinner will include pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert (Christmas cookies & more), wine, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa.

**Money raised will help fund the Mission Trip  
to New Mexico in July 2026**

## GRADES 1-6 PARENTS AND FAMILIES

### Reminders and Updates:

1. If someone other than a parent is picking up your child, please email Emma Belske [oloareligiousdirector@gmail.com](mailto:oloareligiousdirector@gmail.com) or Mary Federico [oloafaithformationsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:oloafaithformationsecretary@gmail.com)
2. If your child will be absent from class, please email Emma Belske [oloareligiousdirector@gmail.com](mailto:oloareligiousdirector@gmail.com)
3. Please remind your children that we expect good behavior on the buses. This is a safety concern for all. It is extremely important that the bus driver is able to focus on transporting the children safely and not be distracted by bad behavior.

Here are a few basic reminders for all children:

- a. Stay in their seats
- b. No shouting or screaming
- c. Keep their hands to themselves.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**THURSDAY, Dec. 4, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.**

**Join us for Advent Eucharistic Adoration and decorating Christmas cookies!**



## GRADES 7-10

### REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

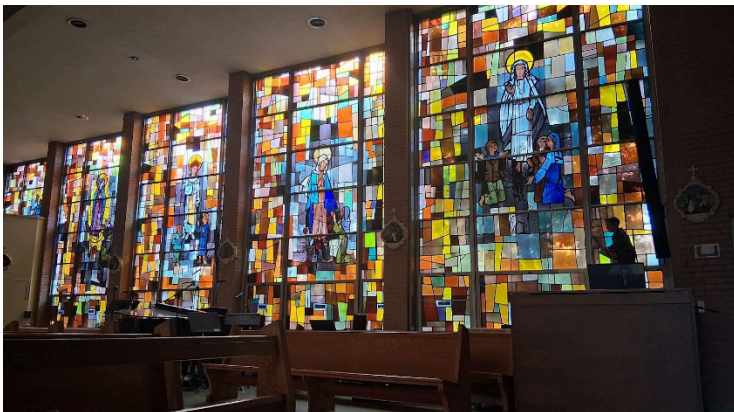
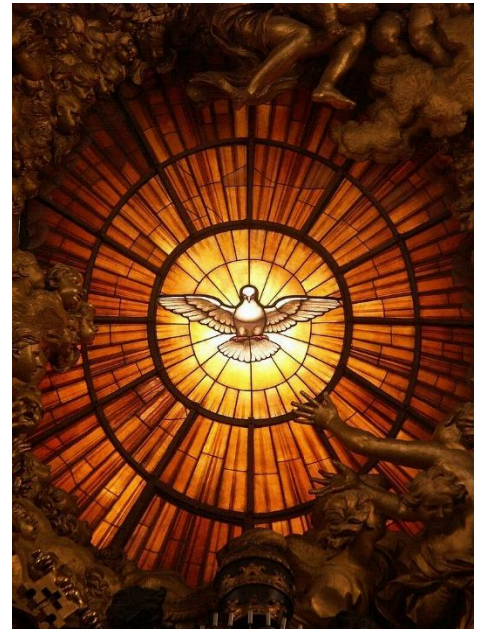
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### ~ ~ ~ CONFIRMATION RETREAT ~ ~ ~

REMINDER: **NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>** is the retreat day for **ALL Confirmation Candidates!**

- 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders – 2-8pm
  - o Arrive at OLOA at 2pm, stay until 8, attend Vigil Mass at 4:30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Graders: 4:30-8pm
  - o Arrive for 4:30 Vigil Mass, stay until 8



### CHOIR NOTES

Children's choir has started and all children are welcome Grades 1-6!  
Rehearsals are Tuesdays 4:45-5:30 pm.  
Adult choir is in session and has started Christmas preparations! All new members are welcome!

Please contact Keith Smolinski  
[smolinsk.Keith@snet.net](mailto:smolinsk.Keith@snet.net) if you or your children are interested or have any questions.