

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM EVENTS – GRADES K-8

### Kindergarten

- **Kindergarten Mass** **March 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 am**
- The children will wear hearts that they make in class & joyfully sing “Love The Lord Your God.”  
**Children should arrive at 9:45 am for rehearsal**

### Grade One

- **First Grade Mass** **February 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30 am**  
First Grade Children will sign and sing “Hail Mary.”  
**Children should arrive at 9:45 am for rehearsal**
- **Baptism Cards** **During class Feb 24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**  
After learning about Baptism, our First Grade Students will make Welcome cards for the newly baptized babies. The Baptismal Team will distribute these cards.

### Grade Two

- **Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation**  
**First Reconciliation Parent Meeting** **November 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (during your child’s class time)**  
**First Reconciliation Retreat** **December 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:30 (child/parent)**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation** **January 26<sup>th</sup> or February 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:00 (as assigned)**
- **First Holy Communion Retreat & Mass** **March 9<sup>th</sup> 3:00-6:00 pm**  
Children and their families will be blessed and recognized at this mass. Children will receive a special cross to wear as a sign of their love for Jesus
  - **First Holy Communion Parent Meeting** **February 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am or 7:00 pm**
  - **First Holy Communion Mass** **May 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00 (rehearsal April 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm)**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30 (rehearsal April 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm)**  
**May 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00 (rehearsal May 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm)**  
**May 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 (rehearsal May 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm)**

### Grade Three

- **All Saint’s Day Mass** **November 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30 mass**  
After learning about their favorite saint, our third grade students will come to this mass dressed as this holy person. Children will process in and with the entire parish community, celebrate our Communion of Saints.
- **Apostle Creed** **During class March 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Third Grade Students will lead all students as they pray the “Apostle Creed” after walking the Stations of the Cross

### Grade Four

- **Grade Four Mass & Creation Fair** **April 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30 mass**  
Pope Francis wrote his first encyclical on Caring for our earth (*Laudate Si*). Fourth Grade students will focus on one way we can make a difference and develop a learning center and presentation about their topic. We will have all our 4<sup>th</sup> graders come to mass and then go over to Monument Hall to make their presentations to all of our Religious Education students and all parishioners.
- **Mardi Gras** **During class March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Fourth grade students will learn about Lent by celebrating Mardi Gras in their classrooms. They will make masks, create colorful beads, eat pretzels and dance! They will end the day with a prayer service that will prepare them for Lent!

### Grade Five

- **Grade Five Mass** **December 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 mass**  
Fifth Grade students will bring the rosary beads they made to mass and have them blessed.
- **Learn to Make & Pray the Rosary** **During class November 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Fifth grade students will make and learn to pray the rosary and discover the power of Mary’s ‘yes’ to God and how her life is a model for us to follow as we come to know, love and serve her Son, Jesus..
- **Sacrament Fair** **March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Each class will be assigned two or three Sacraments to research. They will create a learning center using art, poetry, photography, posters, and by collecting objects that best represent that sacrament. Each of these learning centers will be displayed in the Parish hall for all of the students in the program and all parishioners to visit.

## Grade Six

- **Grade Six Mass** **October 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30**  
In the Sixth Grade, students study the Old Testament (Hebrew Scripture) and are given a bible to use as part of their textbook. Students will have their bibles blessed at this mass.
- **Let's Make a Jesse Tree!** **During classes in Advent**  
Sixth Grade Students will come to know some of the characters they are learning about in Scripture through this fun Advent Project. Students will read scripture and make ornaments that tell the story of Jesus and his heritage, starting from Adam and Eve and finishing at his birth. We will display the Jesse Tree's around Monument Hall for the Advent/Christmas season.
- **Seder Supper Lesson** **During class February 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Jewish families remember the Exodus from Egypt every year during the feast of Passover. They eat a special meal called the Seder. As they remember how God freed their ancestors from slavery, they celebrate God's freeing actions in today's world. To help our students understand this celebration, we will invite them to taste some of the food and say a few of the prayers that are used in a Seder meal.

## Grade 7 and 8

- **Youth Ministry Time with Rick Chasse** **During Classes Dec 9/11 & Feb 24/26**  
Our Youth Minister Rick Chasse will gather the kids for games, goodies and a fun lesson!
- **Middle School Mass and THE SPIRIT IS MOVING ALL AROUND US!** **March 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30**  
Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will learn about the Holy Spirit, through their lessons, their prayers and their own faith experiences. Classes will do research and create learning centers about the Holy Spirit!

## Other Events

- **It's a Charlie Brown Christmas!** **During class December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Grade K-6**  
We will all discover the 'real' meaning of Christmas after viewing this fun movie. After the video children will make Christmas Angels – we will use these to decorate our building and our church board as we prepare to welcome our Savior Jesus

## Adopt A "Senior" Project **During classes throughout the year**

- Some of our classes will 'adopt' a resident living at Newbury Court. Throughout the year, classes will send their Senior, cards and greetings to bring cheer to their lives!

## Safety and Chastity Program **During class January 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

- **Grade K-5 Child Safety Program**
- Focusing on the gift of life that God bestows on each of us, we teach children basic skills to help keep them safe from dangerous situations such as dealing with strangers, bullying and internet safety.
- **Grade 6, 7 & 8 Created In Love – Chastity Program**  
Dr. Elizabeth Smith, will help our middle school students understand God's plan for life, love, relationships and marriage. Parents are invited and welcome.

## Breaking Open The Mass with Fr Fleming **January 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

- **Grades K-8 All Sunday Class at 11:45 Tuesday Class at 4:15**  
**We will gather in the Church to learn about the Mass with our Pastor. THIS IS NOT A MASS.**  
**All Sunday classes will meet at 11:45 – Tuesday classes will meet at 4:15 as usual.**

## Stations of the Cross **During class time (in the Church)**

- **Grade 1-6 March 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade 7-8 March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## Mini-Vinnie Children Helping Children Lenten Service Project **Lent**

- **Grade K-8**  
Using our Adult Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry as our model, Gr K-8 students will do a Children Helping Children Project –Children will make Easter Cards and sell them after mass. We will use the money we earn to help a child in our parish or towards an endeavor in our neighborhood that helps children.

## End of Year Celebration **April 28<sup>th</sup> After the 10:30 mass**

How will we celebrate our year of coming to know and love God more faithfully and joyfully? Come and See!!!