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## November News

This Monthly Newsletter will be sent home the first Sunday of each month. After reading the enclosed information, please return any necessary forms the following week. Permission slips, fundraisers, and notes to the catechists and Miss Stacey should be placed in the folder. Reminder: due to the holiday, we will not have religious education classes on November 26, 2023. Happy Thanksgiving!



Thank you to the Mylet Family for participating in the Family Mass last Sunday.

Pictured with Father Joe are Sonya, Jackson, Jiana, Juliana, Joshua, & Josh Mylet.

The next Family Mass is November 19. Please call the parish office if your family would like to participate. There are also Family Masses scheduled in February, March, and April. Thank you!

### **VIRTUS: Empowering God's Children YOUTH SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM**

The Diocese has implemented a new Safe Environment Program for students. The parent letter with important information is included in your child's folder. Please call Stacey or the office if you have any questions. Our classes offer an open-door policy. Parents are always welcome to sit in on class.

### **Mass Attendance Record**

All students in second, seventh, and eighth grades need to record their Mass attendance. Students are asked to sign the sheet on the clip board in the front vestibule. If you attend Mass at another church please bring their bulletin to your next class. The priest does not have to sign the bulletin.

### **Advent Family Class**

We look forward to connecting to our faith as a family. Please attend class with your child on November 19. We encourage the whole family to attend including both parents (and grandparents) as well as older or younger children.

This year we will be making Advent Calendars

Each family is asked to bring small items to fill 24 cups:

Treats, stickers, erasers, hair clips, or small ornaments.

Scriptures to read or fun holiday activities to do written on little slips of paper, or other items that would fit into a 4oz cup (1 7/8 H x 2 7/8 W).



### **We Need You!!**

We need Altar Servers! Students in third grade and older are invited to "Serve at the Table of the Lord." Commitment is usually once per month. You choose the Saturday or Sunday schedule. Holidays are by sign-up. Please call the parish office to be added to the class list or return the slip below.

My Child \_\_\_\_\_ would like to become an Altar Server.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose the schedule you prefer: Saturday \_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_

## UPCOMING PARISH AND CLASS ACTIVITIES



Saint Theresa's Guild will be holding a Gift Card Bingo on Sunday, November 12, at 1:00 PM. Doors open at 12:00 PM. There will be specials and raffles. The kitchen will be open. The Guild uses this

fundraiser for the Children's Christmas Party and to offset the cost of the First Holy Communion Breakfast. Entrance is \$10 per person. This is an all-paper Bingo.

**Children's Christmas Party:** For parish children aged newborn — 10 years old will be held on Sunday, December 3, at 1:00 PM. Please remember to sign up your child/ren for the Christmas Party by Sunday, November 12. We want to ensure every child receives a gift and that there is enough food for everyone.

**Thanksgiving Dinners:** We will again be helping our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving. We are accepting food items prepared for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, turkeys, gift cards, and monetary donations. Donations are needed by November 15.

**Angel Tree:** Our parish will be sponsoring an Angel Tree for Christmas. Parish families who are in need of an elf this year are asked to contact the parish office with a clothing wish and a toy wish by November 17. Parishioners who know of someone in need may also contact the office. Family name and contact information are needed. We do deliver if necessary. Let us make this a Merry Christmas for All!!

**Wafer Dinner:** Saint Theresa's Guild invites all parishioners to their Annual Wafer Dinner on Sunday, December 10, at 6:00 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the front vestibule. This is a covered dish dinner. All attendees are asked to bring an item to share. The Guild provides appetizers and beverages. Please RSVP by November 26. A counted is needed to ensure we have enough seats.

**Gertrude Hawk** candy is expected to be ready for pick-up the weekend of December 10/11. Boxes will be on the bar in the social hall. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser.

**Thanksgiving Raffle Tickets** have been mailed to families. Tickets are \$5 each or a page of 6 for \$25. Thank you for your support.

**The 2024 Yearly Calendar Tickets** are on sale. They make great Christmas presents. Cost is \$30. Prizes range from \$35-\$200. Stop in or call the office for yours. If all parishioners purchased one and sold one, we would sell out!

**Youth Group:** Our next Youth Group meeting is Sunday, November 12, from 6-8 PM, in the social hall. Youth Group is for all students in seventh grade and older. Youth Group fills the obligation of religious education from first through twelfth grade as mandated by Bishop Bambera. Service projects count for Confirmation and school service requirements. Adult volunteers are invited to join us.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Christmas Eve, December 24, prior 4 PM Mass.** We are excited to bring back our Children's Christmas Program. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to participate. Please return the form below by next week, November 12. You will be notified about practice times and times.

Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_