

Faith Formation & Sacrament Preparation

Newsletter



Important Dates:

1. Weekly faith formation classes: Faith Formation: February 8th, 15th, 29th
2. March Generations: 7th Dinner: 5:15pm - 6:00pm Gathering: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

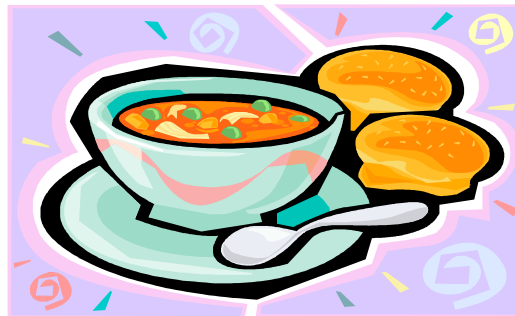
DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER AT THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR THE DINNER PORTION: www.stpatricktc.org

Remember to bring your dinner donation envelopes. If you forget, we have extras!!!

3. February 22nd is Ash Wednesday: NO CLASS



Lenten Schedule For Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross



Soup Supper: 5:45pm to 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross: 6:30pm

Ash Wednesday: February 22nd
5:pm to 6:30pm is the soup supper
Soup Supper Sponsored by: CCW
6:30pm is the Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

Tuesday, February 28th
Soup Supper Sponsored by: Men's Group
Stations Sponsored by: Clutts Family

Tuesday, March 6th
6:00pm Mass ONLY

Tuesday, March 13th
Soup Supper Sponsored By: Sacrament Prep.
Stations Sponsored by: Faith Formation Families

Tuesday, March 20th
Soup Supper Sponsored By: CYU
Stations Sponsored by: CCW

Tuesday, March 27th
Soup Supper Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus
Stations Sponsored by: CYU



HOW WONDERFUL IS THAT

Congratulations and a job well done to the January Faith Buddies!!! These children were able to take part of the student mentoring because they attended class, did their weekly homework assignment and were paying attention during class. I am truly proud of these children.

The following students that were able to participate (IT IS ALL OF THE 5TH GRADERS)

- * Jonathon Fredo
- * Ashley Brown
- * Sophie Stoops
- * Jonah Malaski
- * Jan Pinkowski
- * Tom Ross
- * Atlas Rosenberg
- * Aaron Kjeldgaard



Here's What's



Sacrament Preparation Reconciliation



Please pray for these families. On February 7th and 9th, these families will be celebrating their first Reconciliation. Part of what makes this evening so wonderful is that not only do the children go for their first confession, their parents also go to confession. What better example for these children than to see their parents making their confession. We must lead by example!!



ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

Some of you may have already noticed that in the vestibule on a table is the poster of pictures of the children in Reconciliation or Confirmation/First Eucharist Sacrament Preparation. This poster as well as yellow blank prayer cards will be up until May of 2012. I am asking all parishioners to please periodically fill out a yellow prayer card for either one or several of the children that are featured on the poster. The simple instructions can be found on the table for you to follow. Once you fill out a card, please simply slide it through the slot on the model of a church. Once a week, I will then pull the cards and

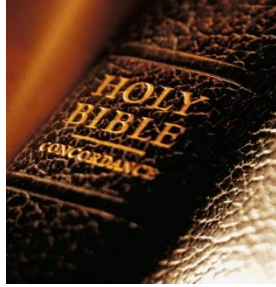
send them to the corresponding families. Can you imagine the joy and pride these children will receive by simply getting this card in the mail and knowing that a parishioner is praying just for them!!! Thank you to the parishioners that have already filled out prayer cards. They have been sent to the families. Again, thank you for **Helping to be part of something wonderful.**

Below is a copy of what the yellow prayer card looks like:

Dearest child of God, _____, I will humbly:
(name of child)



So far the number of yellow prayer cards that have been handed in for the children has already reached well over 100 cards. I can't begin to tell you the wonderful comments that I have been hearing from families the families that have been receiving them. You have helped to make a very special child feel wonderful.



Kindergarteners and First Grade

Welcome to our buzzzzzzzzing bee hive



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN THE BEEHIVE??

Our bee hive has been very active with the Honey Bee Christians working very hard to learn their many tasks that have been assigned to them, and they are doing this by buzzzzzzzzing from flower to flower collecting all the pollen they can carry back to the bee hive to make a sweet honey for God.

They are doing this by learning certain tasks that have been assigned to them, (and these are not easy tasks), but being a hard working Honey Bee, they are accomplishing their goals. The Honey Bee tasks are, learning their prayers. THE OUR FATHER AND THE HAIL MARY, also on their lists of tasks is the TEN COMMANDMENTS and the BIBLE.

Being Honey Bee Christians they are also learning how God wants them to beeeeeee. So the honey Bees are studying the Eight Beatitudes, which teaches them exactly how God wants them to live their lives.

To help the Honey Bee with these tasks they each have been given a prayer folder and a beatitude lap book, which have helpful tools for them to use as they accomplish each task.

But it is not all work, the Honey Bee Christian takes time out from their hard work to have fun, which includes going on a safari hunt and searching for Gods amazing animals, listening to stories, playing games and they even were in the belly of the whale that swallowed Jonah. In the future the honey Bees will be having fun with Noah and the Ark and more surprises tucked away in the bee hive.

Ohhhhhh yes they also love their snack.

We want to thank you for stopping by and visiting the bee hive, please feel free to stop by any time and watch the Honey Bee Christians in action. Keep your eyes open, you never know when you just might see that little Honey Bee fly right by you as he collects the pollen for Gods sweet honey.

Please keep these Honey Bee Christians in your prayers, they are such little Honey Bee Christians, but with a great big heart, and with a little encouragement from you, their tasks will be easily accomplished.

The Honey Bee Christians mottos are;

BEEEEEE KIND

BEEEEEE OBEDIENT

BEEEEEE FAITHFUL

BEEEEEE CARING

BEEEEEE LOVING

And if you haven't already guessed;
flower-----represents Gods word

pollen-----is knowledge

sweet honey-----our sweet prayer to God.

Again thank you and all the Honey Bee Christians thank you,

EMILY

ADAM

JAMES

OLIVIA

JADA

EVELYN

FAITH

CONOR

AMARI

GRACE

MARIE



Second Grade

The kids are earnestly learning to say the following basic prayers: Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. PLEASE don't assume that your child knows these prayers. Once they are able to say each of these prayers without fail to Mrs. Preston, they receive a prize from the prize box and a gold star on their prayer chart. They are also learning about these prayers as well and why they pray.



Third Grade

Margaret Kjeldgaard has been working very hard with her students. One thing she has incorporated into her class every week is the "GOD JAR". The God Jar is a special decorated container that holds the special prayers of her students. Each week they add their prayers. Once a month they will empty this jar full of prayers and present it to God in a special way by using the St. Clair's Day Chapel. Parents: Do you have a special prayer that you would like to add to the God Jar? I encourage you to stop in and put your prayer in their jar during class. How wonderful would your child feel seeing you add your prayer to the container !!!!!!!

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS THAT DID PUT THEIR PRAYERS IN THE GOD JAR. I ASKED YOUR CHILD HOW IT MADE THEM FEEL BY YOUR SIMPLE GESTURE. THEY ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT. SO PARENTS, PLEASE CONTINUE TO DO SO.

They are also "preparing" for Sunday by listening to the reading ahead of time. In this process they are taking the readings apart and talking about what they mean. The children have already told Margaret that when they hear the readings on Sunday they now can understand what is being said.

GREAT JOB!!!



Fourth/Fifth Grade

We were able to shake things up a little in my classroom on the 18th. While the 5th graders were all able to be Faith Buddies this month, my 4th graders were also able to get a glimpse as to what being a Faith Buddy is all about. Miss Pat, the kindergarten and first grade teacher, was in need of some help with all of her students. The 4th graders were asked to be faith buddies for her classroom. They helped the little ones make their Beatitudes Folders. Both of the grades did enjoy being partnered with another class.

I am also working on doing skits during the last Wednesday of every month. The skits will be of what we have learned that particular month. Each and every student will have the opportunity to be part of the skits.

.Quote for the Month:

Christ said, "I am the Truth"; he did not say "I am the custom." -- St. Toribio

