



October, 2017

Children's Faith Formation

Now that our very successful Fall Festival is over and our first long stretch of the year is about to get started, here's a sampling of some of the exciting activities coming up this month in Children's Faith Formation!



Make plans now to join us on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31** from 6-8 p.m. (*this is a change from last year!*) in the gym for Holy Spirit's annual **HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!** Sponsored by Junior High Youth Ministry, this is a fun, safe way to celebrate the Halloween holiday. There will be games, prizes, crafts and snacks. Parents, we'll even have a special

place where you can sit and enjoy all the festivities. So put on your costume (no scary ones, please!), grab your treat bag and join us for fa**BOO**lous time on the 31st!

We are also graciously asking for donations of individually bagged Halloween candy, treats and prizes, especially for our Pumpkin Walk. Based on past years' attendance, we're gonna need a lot! Please drop off your donations at the Community Center front desk, attention Deborah.

Mornings with Mom & Dad officially kick off Sunday, October 1 with the 6th Grade! Parents, join your child during their normal Faith Formation class time and see what they're learning! Mornings with Mom & Dad are designed with you, the parent, in mind so please make every attempt to attend. Your child will definitely not have as much fun if you're not there to enjoy the prayer, fellowship and that special **one-on-one** time with them. Here's the remaining schedule:

- 5th Grade—October 8 (TOB Presentation)
- 3rd Grade—October 15*
- 4th Grade—October 22 (TOB Presentation)*
- 2nd Grade—October 29
- 1st Grade—November 5
- Kindergarten—November 12
- PreK 4—December 3
- PreK 3—December 10

Childcare is always available for younger siblings to help ensure a favorable learning environment. Plus, it's just considerate to everyone else who is there with their children. We have an awesome nursery staff so take advantage in order to spend quality time with your student. *Please be aware that these grade level MORNINGS with Mom & Dad sessions ARE NOT the same as the separate, AFTERNOON sacramental preparation meetings!*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MEETINGS:

Confirmation Parent & Student Session:
Sunday, October 8—1:30-3:45 p.m.

Reconciliation Parent ONLY Meeting (for all those in First Communion!): Sunday, October 15—1:30-3:45 p.m.

PARENT'S CORNER: Know Any Saints?

When we use or hear the word *saints*, our thoughts most often turn to those who are canonized (officially declared a saint), such as martyrs, patron saints, doctors of the church—those known for doing extraordinary things in Christ's name. It is good to remember these saints and to reflect on what we can learn from their lives.

But did you know there are many saints other than the ones who are canonized? You may know some of them. You may be related to some of them. You may even be one of them!

Communion of Saints: This is a term used by the Church to indicate the relationship among all those already in heaven, all those who have died and are being readied to enter heaven and all those still alive who are living a faith-filled life. We use this term every time we say the Apostles' Creed.

All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1, 2017, and is when Catholics celebrate all the saints, known and unknown. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.



CELEBRATING OUR CATECHISTS!

Analia Miller—October 1
2nd Grade A @ 9:15

Angie Gonzalez-Roland—October 2
3rd Grade A @ 11:15

Andrew Fifield—October 3
2nd Grade A @ 9:15

Lynn Hyles—October 4
6th Grade A @ 11:15

Isabella Jarecke—October 10
3rd Grade A @ 9:15

Amanda Martinez—October 10
1st Grade B @ 9:15

Mike Denoy—October 13
2nd Grade A @ 11:15

Emilia Blobner—October 18
2nd Grade B @ 11:15

Alisa Aguinaga—October 24
PreK 4 @ 11:15

Juan Perez—October 26
4th Grade B @ 11:15

Valeria Zaragoza—October 29
5th Grade A @ 9:15

Mike Ciprian—October 31
2nd Grade B @ 9:15