



# November, 2018

# Children's Faith Formation

## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

So you have ample time to make travel plans, there are **no Faith Formation classes on Sunday, November 18 or Sunday, November 25!** Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holidays with family, friends and lots of turkey and dressing (or stuffing if you prefer!), and we'll see everyone back in class on **Sunday, December 2, which is also the First Sunday of Advent.**



Our annual **BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS** is scheduled for **Sunday, December 9 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Join us for a delicious breakfast (courtesy of our fabulous Knights of Columbus), visit with St. Nicholas (bring your own camera to take pictures!), listen to the joyful sounds of our Children & Youth Christmas choir and enjoy several other exciting festive activities available during our annual Children's Christmas Program!



**Cost of breakfast - PER PERSON - is a new child's toy,** which will be donated to Brighter Tomorrows, one of Dallas County's largest women's shelters. Or, if you forget your toy, a monetary donation per person will be gratefully accepted. *All monetary donations go to Brighter Tomorrows!*

We'll need both teen and adult volunteers, **ESPECIALLY FACE PAINTERS**, so if you can help out, please contact Deborah. *We are also graciously accepting bags of Christmas candy and treats for our St. Nicholas goodie bags. Just drop them off at the Community Center front desk.*

And, speaking of candy, a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who brought Halloween candy, treats and prizes for our **Halloween Spooktacular!** *If you thought last year's attendance was incredible, you should have been in the gym Halloween night! Because this event runs solely on parish donations,* without all the goodies that so very generously came in during the past week and the evening of the event, there would have been a whole lotta disappointed ghosts and goblins. In fact, we had just enough of candy, treats and Cat Walk prizes to make it to the very end of the Spooktacular...whew! **We also gratefully thank the many teens, adults and families who came out to help with games, snacks and general crowd control. Special thanks to Cecilia Pecararo for donating all the cotton candy and Jessica Huckeba for baking and donating all those yummy Halloween cupcakes. And P.S....It took two grocery carts to wheel all the donated canned goods and miscellaneous food items to the pantry! Awesome! Our Outreach Ministry is exceptionally grateful.**

Parents, don't forget our Attendance Policy allows for a total of six absences for the Faith Formation year. This is especially important for those already in our sacramental preparation program or are first year students. We understand emergencies, illnesses and life in general sometimes happens but don't forget to contact the Children's Faith Formation office to report the absence. Please feel free to leave a

voicemail at 972.298.4971, extension 14, or send a short email to [deborahpearson@holyspiritcc.org](mailto:deborahpearson@holyspiritcc.org). Be sure to leave your child's full name, grade and time they attend class. If you have any questions about our Attendance Policy, don't hesitate to ask!

**If you would like to be part of this year's Children's Christmas Choir (which does include singing at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass & Breakfast with St. Nicholas),** a sign-up sheet is located outside the music room in the church building. The only requirements are you must be able to read and be in the 2nd Grade through High School. Practices are every Saturday beginning November 17 through December 22 (except for November 24, which is Thanksgiving weekend) from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Contact Mary Russell at 214.773.1293 for more information.



### Thanksgiving Dinner Prayer

Our Father in heaven, we give thanks for the pleasure of gathering together for this occasion. We give thanks for this food prepared by loving hands. We give thanks for life, the freedom to enjoy it all and all other blessings. As we partake of this food, we pray for health and strength to carry on and try to live as you would have us. Amen.

## CATECHIST'S BIRTHDAY CORNER NOVEMBER, 2018

- Maria Arellano—November 5
- Melanie Gibbs-Fifield—November 5
- Josephine Larez—November 6
- Rita Jasso—November 7
- Rebecca Garza—November 10
- Alyssa Perez—November 11
- Anne Rodriguez—November 12
- Michelle Blakey—November 16
- Fatima Hernandez—November 16
- Joanne Lopez—November 16
- Mary Russell—November 17
- Debra Seeley—November 18
- Estela Reimbold—November 19
- Cynthia Roman—November 20
- Rolando Sobalvarro—November 20
- Cecilia Pecararo—November 22
- Jose Luis Munoz—November 24
- Christine Camarillo—November 28
- Lisa Easdon—November 29
- Jackson Kowal—November 30