



1st Sunday of November, 2009

Dear Parishioners:

Last week I found this listing in the Monastery Newsletter. Maybe some of these ideas would fit your situation too. Enjoy!

**LESSEN THE STRESS!**

1. Do not answer the phone during dinner.
2. Carve out one hour of every day (24) for solitude
3. Never make a promise you cannot keep.
4. Allow an extra half-hour for everything you do.
5. Always carry something interesting to read.
6. Breathe deeply and often.
7. Cultivate gratitude.
8. Go to bed at nine o'clock twice each week.
9. Begin and end the day with a prayer.
10. Nurture friendships.

Some of these ideas would make good resolutions for the season of ADVENT - Start now for good results.

**REL. ED. CLOSING:**

If it should become necessary to close Rel. Ed. Classes due to the weather, please tune in to any of the following T.V. channels to verify: Channel 6, 8, or 13. You would also receive a call from the teacher/helper of your oldest child registered in our Rel. Ed. Program.

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN GRADE 3 – 8:**

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Parish Reconciliation Service on **Wed., Dec. 2nd @ 7:30 P.M. IN CHURCH.** This is a **very important** opportunity for you and your children to begin your family preparation for ADVENT. Many children are deprived of the chance to receive this sacrament for years after their "First Confession." This is a great family opportunity! Don't miss it.

**ADVENT BEGINS**

on Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. Plan now to make an ADVENT WREATH for your home, and be sure to use the family booklet that will be sent with the oldest child on Nov. 22nd

Nov. 1	<i>All Saints' Day (Holy Day) time change move back 1 hr. Class 10:15 – 11:30</i>
Sat. Nov. 7	<i>Reconciliation Retreat for PARENTS &amp; CANDIDATES 10:00 A.M.-NOON in Church</i>
Nov. 8	<i>Class 10:15- 11:30</i>
Sat. Nov. 14	<i>First Reconciliation for Candidates &amp; families – 10:00 a.m. in Church</i>
Nov. 15	<i>Class 10:15 – 11:30</i>
Nov. 21 & 22	<b>CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH Hispanic/ Women's Retreat</b>
Nov. 22	<b>Class 10:15 – 11:30 &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project at Holy Cross &amp; GIVING TREE BEGINS receive Family Advent booklets The Priest Installation set at 9a.m. Mass</b>
Nov. 29	<b>NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Weekend Advent Begins</b>
Wed. Dec. 2	<i>Parish Penance Service – 7:30 PM</i>
Dec. 6	<i>Class 10:15 – 11:30</i>

**MANNERS AT MASS:**

During the Mass, please try to keep excursions for bathroom breaks to a minimum by encouraging this errand prior to the beginning of the Liturgy. Regarding drinks of water, -- only in case of emergency, not a casual stroll for exercise or diversion. Regarding chewing gum at Mass,-- **NO, NO, NO!**

**ATTENTION 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:**

On Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families will have the opportunity to do donated service at Holy Cross. That morning you may attend Mass THERE at 10:15 and then after Mass, you can help with the assembly of food baskets. Regular Rel. Ed. classes will be held for those students who can not participate with this donated service project.

**THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU**

There are 70 families who have their fees **"PAID-IN-FULL"**.

This makes our bookkeeping an easy task.

-----God Bless You!-----

**REMINDER – REMINDER – REMINDER**

There are about 26 families who have a **"BALANCE DUE"**.

Please put this item on your **"TO DO LIST"**.

-----God Bless You!-----

**THANK YOU - THANK YOU- THANK YOU!**

First of all, thanks to the Catechists and their helpers for the generous service they give to the children in the Rel. Ed. Classes. Everyone is doing fine work from my point of view. What do you think? Do you have any suggestions or observations...please call me, Sr. Joann at 357-6915. It takes the efforts of all of us to make this program the best it can be. Secondly, thanks to all of the volunteers who contribute support services--there are lots of you and you are such a plus to the basics of the program. Thirdly, thanks to everyone who enables us to save and recycle.

As for the CAMPBELL'S LABELS that were turned in, we have in the past received a Combination Emergency AM/FM radio, flashlight, fluorescent lamp, & alarm siren that can be used in all our programs.

As for the SCRAP PAPER that we re-use, I'm sure we have saved lots a trees and many \$'s due to the paper you bring in.

Regarding the ALUMINUM CANS we can report:

<u># of Years:</u>	<u>Total Profit:</u>
13	\$11,676.49

Regarding the GARAGE SALE we can report:

<u># of Years:</u>	<u>Total Profit:</u>
15	\$20,347

Regarding the NEWSPAPER RECYC. we can report:

<u># of Years:</u>	<u>Total Profit:</u>
4	\$7,857.94

Regarding the GEN. MILLS BOXTOPS we can report:

<u># of Years:</u>	<u>Total Profit:</u>
10	\$4,766

**GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:**

We have been collecting "Box Top for Education" logos since March of 1999. Each box top is worth ten cents! To date we have received **\$4,766** If you normally purchase General Mills Cereal and/or Betty Crocker items, please take a moment to cut off the box top, save them, and send them into the Rel. Ed. Office. At ten cents each, we can't afford NOT to save them!

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Actually, we could double these amounts if more families would participate -- Saving aluminum cans, General Mills Box Tops, Newspapers, and Campbell Soup Labels would be great projects for ALL Rel. Ed. Students in grades 1 - 8.  
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**GIRL'S CLUB:**

Girls ages 10-15 are you looking for something more? Are you looking for something to build your leadership skills, grow in spirituality and develop a deeper friendship with Christ? Then perhaps our Club is for you. This is for girls ages 10-15, we meet on Tuesday evening from 6:30 until 8:00 P.M. We focus on deepening our love for Christ and His Church as well as the value of forming an apostolic heart. If this sounds like something for you, please call Ann Asher #353-0548 as soon as possible. We would love to have you!