

# Holy Rosary Faith Formation Program

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# January 2017 Newsletter

## CALENDAR

**JANUARY 22** - Faith Formation Sunday. All are invited. Grades 3 and 4 will be participating

**JANUARY 25** – High School has class. Grades 1-8 will have their Safe Environment Night.

**FEBRUARY 1** – Grades 1-8 has class. Grades 9-11 will have their Safe Environment Night at Kiel beginning at 6:30 pm.

**FEBRUARY 8** – Youth Ministry Night

**FEBRUARY 11** – First Reconciliation at 1:00 pm.

**FEBRUARY 15** - Class

**FEBRUARY 19** – Faith Formation Sunday. All are invited. Grades 2 and 9 will be participating.

**FEBRUARY 22** – Class & First Eucharist Parent Meeting

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT NIGHT

Safe Environment Night for Grades 1-8 will be next Wednesday evening, January 25. Grades 9-11 will travel to SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Kiel on Wednesday, February 1 for a presentation by Sr. Carol Hannon on human trafficking beginning at 6:30 pm.

Parents, you are more than welcome to come and attend either class with your child(ren). For those children not attending these sessions, materials will be sent home. If you do not wish your child to participate in these session, you must **request an Opt-Out form from the Faith Formation Coordinator.**

The Diocese of Green Bay requires us to have at least one class session each year of an age appropriate Safe Environment topic. We are also required as part of the yearly Safe Environment audit from the diocese to submit to the diocese the number of students trained, the number of students receiving the materials sent home, and sending copies of the Opt-Out forms to Green Bay.

## FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 25 for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Potato Pancake Supper beginning at 4:30 pm in the gym. Our Pancake Supper was again very successful last year and we look forward to providing a great meal again.



This project is also a great way for parents and students to work side by side. We will again need volunteers and donations to make the supper a success. If you are interested and willing to help us organize it this year, please contact Sue in the Faith Formation office. More information will be coming in the near future.

## CATECHISTS

Thank you to Angie Feider, Tracy Schmitz and Lori Hess for stepping forward to work with our high school students during the second semester. Angie is working with the juniors and Tracy and Lori are working with our freshman and sophomores. Thank you for answering God's call.

## NEW SERVER TRAINING

Information was recently sent out to all parents in grades 5-8 whose children currently are not servers about the New Server Training that will be held on Wednesday, January 25 beginning at 5:00 pm in church. Please encourage your children to consider this very important ministry in our church.

## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

A sign-up sheet is available in the school entry way for students who would like to help out at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry during the months of February-April.

## **GRADE 7-11 FAITH FORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

Forming disciples/followers of Christ is a life long journey. Parents, you have entrusted us with helping you to form faithful followers. To help us do our part, we have a few requirements in the Faith Formation program.

In addition to attending classes, service is a required element in the journey to Confirmation. We have several students who have never turned in any service hours. If your child in grades 7-11 have completed any service hours this year, please remind your child to request a Community Service Hour Form from their catechist and turn in the completed forms. The forms are also available in the Faith Formation office and on the parish website.

This year for our high school students, we have added the requirement of attending a weekend Mass at least three times in each semester. You and your high school student can pick the date, the time and the church. Our requirement is for the high school students to complete a form for each Mass attended including such information as what the homily was about, how did it relate to the readings, what was their favorite song at Mass and why, and then have a parent sign the form. If education is truly important, then Jesus is the ultimate Teacher and where better to hear him than at His Mass. Please, encourage your child to attend. If you have any questions about the program requirements, please feel free to contact me.

## **CHRISTMAS COOKIE PROJECT**

WOW! Kids and parents, you did an amazing job decorating over 800 cookies during our Advent Family Night. The cookies were either donated to the Food Pantry for those families they serve, given to the homebound people our Communion Distributors take communion to each week or were eaten at the Christmas caroling trips at the care facilities in New Holstein. Thank you to those who baked the cookies (Tammy, Jenny, Chris & Sue), donated decorations and frosting (Lori, Chris, Sue and Kristalyn Barta-Sue's daughter), and to Blattner's Piggly Wiggly for donating the trays for the cookies.

## **REVISED 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER CALENDAR**

The revised 2<sup>nd</sup> semester calendar is included with this newsletter as a second attachment.

## **A PRAYER FOR WINTER**

There is a winter in all of our lives,  
a chill and darkness that makes us yearn  
for days that have gone  
or put our hope in days yet to be.

Father God, you created seasons for a purpose.

Spring is full of expectation  
buds breaking  
frosts abating and an awakening  
of creation before the first days of summer.



Now the sun gives warmth  
and comfort to our lives  
reviving aching joints  
bringing colour, new life  
and crops to fruiting.

Autumn gives nature space  
to lean back, relax and enjoy the fruits of its labour  
mellow colours in sky and landscape  
as the earth prepares to rest.

Then winter, cold and bare as nature takes stock  
rests, unwinds, sleeps until the time is right.

An endless cycle  
and yet a perfect model.

We need a winter in our lives  
a time of rest, a time to stand still  
a time to reacquaint ourselves  
with the faith in which we live.



It is only then that we can draw strength  
from the one in whom we are rooted  
take time to grow and rise through the darkness  
into the warm glow of your springtime  
to blossom and flourish  
bring colour and vitality into this world  
your garden.

Thank you Father  
for the seasons of our lives

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## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please do not hesitate to contact the Faith Formation Office at anytime if you have questions or concerns. I can be received at 898-9248 (Faith Formation Office), 898-4884 (Parish Office) or at [holyrosaryreled@gmail.com](mailto:holyrosaryreled@gmail.com)