

Holy Rosary Faith Formation Program

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January Newsletter

CALENDAR

JANUARY 13 – 2nd Semester Classes Resume

JANUARY 20 – Class

JANUARY 27 – Vocation Night

This year, we will have all grades staying in New Holstein for our Vocation Night. Deacon Pat will be spending some time with Grades 7-11. We are still looking at opportunities for Grades 1-6.

JANUARY 31 – Faith Formation Sunday

All students and families are invited to come to our January Faith Formation Sunday Mass at 10:00 am. Grades 4 and 9 will be participating.

February 3 – Class

February 10 – Ash Wednesday

All students will attend Mass with their family. However, attendance will be taken so sheets will be available at each entrance of church for your children to sign in.

With Lent just five weeks away, I invite you to plan now to set some time aside this Lent to make Christ more a part of your life for you and your family.

CATECHISTS

Thank you to our catechists who are taking the time out of their busy schedules to help teach the students about our faith. We are all busy so I wish to thank these men and women who take the time to prepare each week for class. God Bless You for your Efforts!!

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISTS

At this time, we are still looking for a catechist for our sophomores and juniors for the second semester. The book they will be using from the St. Mary's Press series is called 'Jesus Christ.' I wish to encourage all of you to prayerfully consider giving back to God and sharing your faith with our parish youth. It is so easy to say I don't know the faith well enough to teach. Well, any catechist will tell you they learn just as much as their students.

Ideally, I would love it if we had one person (or two people who would work together) dedicated to learn and teach one of the six different book series we offer in the high school (one book per semester per grade 9-11). With this kind of commitment, a catechist would only need to teach one semester. For those dedicated to teaching, they could learn two books. Thank you to our freshman catechist who currently teaches both semesters.

With the direction our country and world are going in, our youth need as much spiritual direction as we can provide them, so they can help fight off all the negatives forces against them and lead better Christian lives. Please prayerful consider helping our program.

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 13 beginning at 5:00 pm in church. Please encourage your children to consider this very important ministry in our church.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 19 for our Potato Pancake Supper beginning at 5:00 pm in the gym. Our Pancake Supper was 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. More information will be coming in the near future.



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 January-April.

CHRISTMAS TREATS

Thank you to those parents and students who provided treats for our Christmas caroling and Advent Family night. The treats were delicious. The residents had a great time with the students visiting and caroling. I hope you all enjoyed our Advent Family Night with the 7 & 8th graders, with the assistance of the 2nd graders, putting on the Nativity play.

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.

WINTER HAS ARRIVED!



A reminder if we have inclement weather on a Wednesday, here is our procedure. When New Holstein Public Schools are closed or close early due to inclement weather, Faith Formation classes for that

day are also canceled. If bad weather conditions develop after school hours, your catechist will call and notify you regarding cancellation. If unsure, please call the Faith Formation office at 898-9248, but parents, please use your best judgment. Your safety and the safety of the children are foremost.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has declared this year, December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016 a Jubilee Year of Mercy. He asks us to open our minds and hearts to Jesus' examples of mercy. "As merciful as the Father so shall we be."

Our parish is taking this year to look at the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Each month we will look at one (sometimes two) of these Works and examine how we as Christians can follow Jesus in being merciful. The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- Feed the Hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Clothe the naked
- Care for the sick
- Help the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- Share knowledge
- Give advice to those who need it
- Comfort those who suffer
- Be patient with others
- Forgive those who hurt you
- Give correction to those who need it
- Pray for the living and the dead

For all of us, mercy needs to start within each of us, in our homes. The following is a Mercy Prayer I invite you to use at home with your family. Whether it is in the morning, at meal time or a prayer before bedtime, take a few minutes with your child(ren) and offer the prayer.

Prayer for a Merciful Home

Christ Jesus,

You open your heart to us with unconditional love and devotion.

Help us to follow your example of mercy.

May our homes provide a warm and welcoming space for all who enter our door.

May we strive each day to ask for and extend forgiveness with generous and open hearts.

May the words we say be ones of kindness and respect.

And may we listen twice as much as we speak, ever willing to remain open to one another.

Enfold our home in your merciful love. In your sacred name, we pray.

Amen.

