

Holy Rosary Faith Formation Program

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November Newsletter

CALENDAR

December 7 – Advent Family Night

This year for our Advent Family Night we will be decorating cut-out cookies. Cookies will be given to the families who use the Helping Hands Food Pantry, to the homebound of our parish and for our Caroling event at the nursing facilities in New Holstein on December 14. Parents are most welcome to come and help us out.

December 11 - Faith Formation Sunday

All Faith Formation Families are required to attend Mass together as we celebrate Mass with our parish community. Grade 10 is required to participate by serving in various ministries at this Mass, but all of the students will be participating as we will be singing the song O Come, O Come Emmanuel to our Lord in the front of church.

December 14 – Christmas Caroling Activity

All grades will be Christmas Caroling at the Atrium (formerly Homestead) Care Center, Willowdale Nursing Home, Willowpark Assisted Living Center or, new this year, Caring Hands Assisted Living (across from the high school to the north). We hope to help bring the Christmas spirit to the residents and then spend some time talking to our senior residents about their Christmas experiences.

Grades 1, 7 & 11 will be at Willowdale.
Grades 3, 5, & 6 will be at WillowPark.
Grades 2, 9 & 10 will be at Atrium (Homestead).
Grades 4 & 8 will be at Caring Hands

Parents are welcome to stay and participate as well. Please bring your child to the assigned facility listed above. If you have children that will be going to different locations and would prefer to only go to one, please inform your child's catechist where they will be. We will be having the prepared cookies we decorated as a treat with the residents.

For those who did not return the yearly permission form at the beginning of the school year, permission forms will be sent home with those students this week.

December 21 – Class

HIGH SCHOOL CATECHISTS NEEDED

We are in need of at least two catechists for second semester for our high school students. Grades 9 & 10 are combined and we have a volunteer who is willing to teach some of the classes but is not available for the full semester. We are also looking for a catechist for Grade 11. PLEASE prayerfully consider helping us out. We will help you with the class planning if you wish

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

December 24 – Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 pm

December 25 – Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am

January 4 – No Classes, Catechist Inservice

January 11 – Classes Resume, 1ST Reconciliation
Parent Meeting at 6:15 pm

January 22 – Faith Formation Sunday, Grades 3 & 4
participate

February 11 - 1st Reconciliation at 1:00 pm

Advent 2016

What are you doing to prepare for
the coming of our Lord?



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Please remember in prayer the Brian and Christy Schmitz family. Brian passed away on November 25. Their sons Michael and Zachary are students in our program and Christy had been a catechist the last several years. May the abundant love of God bring them some consolation during this difficult time.

BAKING HELP NEEDED!

We are looking for some help to bake the cookies for our Advent Family Night. The cookies are frozen and come ready to bake. If you are willing to either bake some of these at home or get together and bake them at in the school kitchen, please let me know. (holyrosaryreled@gmail.com, 898-9248 or 898-4884)

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 holyrosaryreled@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING

Although Advent has just begun, many of us will be setting up and decorating our Christmas Trees in the near future. I wish to invite your family to gather and say the following prayer around your Christmas Tree:

Lord Jesus,

Encircle this tree with your blessing.

May its twinkling lights remind us of the hope and promise of your coming.

May we find joy in the memories we share in its tinsel and trimmings.

May the presents we place beneath it give rise to an appreciation for the gift of your presence among us.

We ask this in your holy name.

Amen.

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