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St. Charles Borromeo Religious Formation Family Newsletter

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Information regarding Religious Formation can be found on the parish website at www.stcharlesomaha.org

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Upcoming Dates:

Nov 1 & 2	No Class - All Saints Day Mass
Nov 6	RF Family Potluck
Nov 8 & 9	Class – Circle of Grace
Nov 12	First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat
Nov 12 & 13	Vocations Weekend – after all Masses

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOOD DISCIPLES

Emme Castillo	Addy Vcelik
Mara Bosworth	Colin Perry
Clayton Heilman	Sam Hoppe
Michael Ross	Cora Weis
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Cooper Westering	
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Our Mission Statement

To be Christ for one another living the command of Jesus: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how we all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." - John 13:34b, 35 (New American Bible)

CIRCLE OF GRACE



The Archdiocese of Omaha, out of concern for all God's people and in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, has developed a program for Safe Environment education of children and young people. This program is called Circle of Grace.

The Circle of Grace lessons will be taught on November 8 & 9 for all grade levels. It is imperative that you as parents/guardians read though the Circle of Grace Parent Information Packet and your child's corresponding grade level information in regards to this program prior to November 8/9. You can find this information on the St. Charles Borromeo website of www.stcharlesomaha.org under the Faith Formation tab. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the RF office at 402-916-9750 or jschuler@scbcomaha.org.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION FAMILY POTLUCK

The Religious Formation Family Potluck will be Sunday, November 6 at 12:00 noon in the gym. Join us for some good food and fellowship with other families in our program. **Please RSVP by November 2 to Jackie at 402-916-9750 or jschuler@scbcomaha.org** The planning committee is also looking for some items to be donated. Please visit the following link if you are able to help. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45adaf23abf94-rffamily>



There will be no regular classes on November 1/2. In lieu of class all children are asked to attend Mass with their family to celebrate All Saints Day, which is a holy day of obligation. There will be a sign-in sheet in the narthex to take attendance. Mass times at St. Charles are October 31 at 7:00 p.m. and November 1 at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

SPRITUAL BOUQUETS

During our Religious Formation classes we put together spiritual bouquets for Thomas Matya, our first seminarian. Thomas will be back in Omaha the weekend of October 29. We would like some children to present him with our prayers. If your family is planning on being at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, October 29, please meet with me in the narthex at 4:45 p.m. This presentation will be done during announcements at the end of Mass. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this.

**Thank
You!**

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Band-aid drive for St. Vincent de Paul. We collected over 70 boxes of bandages to help those in need!



RECONCILIATION RETREAT

Volunteers are needed to help with station crafts/games during the 2nd grade Reconciliation Retreat. Volunteers must be 6th grade or older. Positions available:

Nov. 12 9:40-10:40 a.m.

Nov. 12 2:10-3:10 p.m.

RECONCILIATION RECEPTION

Volunteers are needed to help serve at the First Reconciliation reception. Volunteers must be 6th grade or older. Positions available:

Dec 2 5:15-6:30 p.m.

Dec 2 7:15-8:30 p.m.

Contact Jackie if you are interesting helping.

VOCATIONS WEEK

Join us for the 3rd Annual St Charles Borromeo Vocation's Fair in the gym after each Mass the weekend of November 12th and 13th. Participating will be a seminarian representing the Priesthood, several Sisters representing the Consecrated Life, and members of St. Charles to discuss the role of laity. They will be available to meet and visit with you. Snacks will be served.

The Knights of Columbus are also sponsoring a Vocations Art Contest.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VOCATIONS ART CONTEST

All entries are due by November 9, 2016

- The contest is open to ALL students from first to sixth grade.
- Design should be on a paper 8 ½ x 11 inches (standard). Paper can be any color.
- Picture/drawing must have a VOCATIONS message or theme; pencils, crayons, markers, paints, etc. can be used. (No glitter please).
- Entries must be received by November 9, 2016. Art will be displayed in the gym during Vocations Weekend (November 12/13). Winners will be announced that weekend.

Entries can be dropped off in the office or brought to class. Entries must include **Name, Age, Grade on the back of the poster.**

**Prizes will be awarded by age groups
(1-2, 3-4, and 5-6)**

1ST PLACE - \$15 gift card

2ND PLACE - \$10 gift card

3RD PLACE - \$5 gift card

POSSIBLE THEMES/TOPICS FOR POSTERS

- * What are vocations?
- * Is God calling?
- * What is a priest, deacon, religious sister/brother, married or single?
- * What does it mean to be a priest, deacon, religious sister/brother, married, or single?
- * What might my vocation be?

2nd GRADE FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDERS

If you have not yet signed up for the First Reconciliation Retreat or First Reconciliation service please do so ASAP. You should have received an email on Friday, October 7 with instructions to sign up. If you have questions regarding this please contact the Religious Formation Office.

All baptismal certificates need to be turned in to the office ASAP, for children receiving their First Reconciliation this year.

PIANO NEEDS A HOME

We are looking for a temporary home for one of our parish pianos. If you are interested please contact the parish office.



During the month of November we spend extra time focusing on all of the things we are thankful for. To this end, the Religious Formation Program will have several Thanksgiving Trees in the narthex. On these trees will hang leaves with all of the things our students are thankful for. Be sure to stop and see them and even add your own leaf to the tree.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION



Service logs are being updated this week so they should be up to date next week. There will be two different service logs (1 for 1st year prep and 1 for 2nd year prep). For the 2nd year students your numbers are the same as last year. For the 1st year students an individual email will be sent with your child's number. Please contact Sarah Finneran at sfinneran@scbccomaha.org if you have any questions.

1st year prep classes (7th grade)

- We need your sponsor information (name, address, and email) ASAP.

2nd year prep classes (8th grade)

- Baptism certificates, confirmation information sheets, and sponsor sheets need to be turned in ASAP.

CMG Connect Parents

In conjunction with CMGConnect Parents, we are offering parents the tools you need to protect your children and enable them to use technology responsibly. In just 20 minutes, you'll learn about digital threats and how to best avoid them. Strengthen your relationship with your children and build trust and accountability through this simple, effective program. Visit ww.cmgparent.org to sign up. Please see the flyers at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.

October 19, 2016

Dear Parents:

As a parent, the Archdiocese of Omaha recognizes that you are the first educators of your children, and understands the struggles you face in keeping your child safe. One of the greatest threats to children's safety is found online – pornography, sexting and other dangerous practices are found everywhere, from computers to mobile phones. The majority of teenagers spend over 70% of their time attached to a screen or electronic device. These numbers are staggering and it leaves young people at increased risk for behavioral issues as they get older. Early exposure to pornography, violent videos games, and social media overload can shape attitude, values, sexual inhibitions, as well as violent tendencies.

We encourage you to visit the new **CMG Connect: Parents website**, which has resources and a free video A Safe Haven Starts at Home. The purpose of **CMG Connect: Parents** is to help educate parents, teachers and other adults in risk factors and unhealthy internet usage.

We hope that through this free platform, parents can learn dangerous behaviors to watch for, set realistic computer/internet usage time, and establish open communication with their children or other young people.

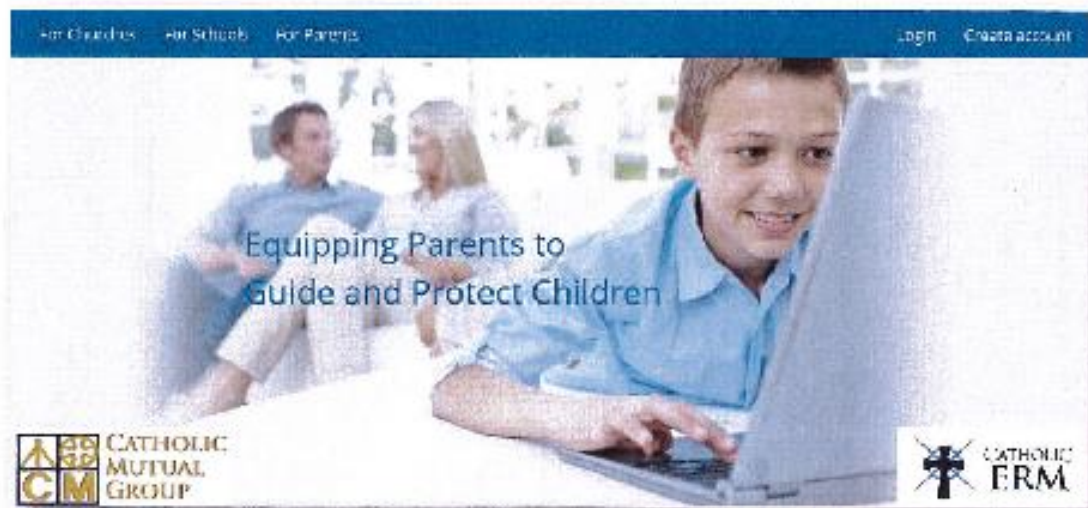
In supporting the formal Bishop's statement on pornography, "Create in Me a Clean Heart", the Archdiocese of Omaha is offering this new parents education webpage. To utilize these valuable resources, please create a free account at: www.CMGparent.org, watch the 18 minute video, and take the short quiz.

Thank you for your service to the Church and commitment to keeping all children protected.

Archdiocese of Omaha

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A New Online Learning Tool Brought to You by Catholic Mutual Group

- **FREE** training platform.
- Provides the missing piece to child protection programs.
- Helps parents be proactive in protecting their children in today's digital world.
- **Effective**—this program is based on current information as well as proven studies.
- **Easy**—it takes only 20 minutes for parents to watch the video, take a quiz, and print their certificate.
- Offers parents a new solution and resource to fight unhealthy internet usage.

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