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St. Charles Borromeo Religious Formation Family Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates:

Nov 22 & 23	No Class
Nov 27	Advent Begins
Nov 29 & 30	Class
Dec 2	First Reconciliation
Dec 6 & 7	No Class

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOOD DISCIPLES

Kinslee Bosak
Lucy Black



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)

REMINDER



There will be no class next week

(November 22 & 23).

We pray for God's blessings for you and your family during the Thanksgiving holiday. May you take time to be thankful for the many blessings you have been given and to think of those who may be less fortunate.

God Bless – Jackie, Sarah, and Kathy

THANKSGIVING MASS

Mass will be offered on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 a.m. Families are encouraged to bring the bread and/or wine that will be used in their Thanksgiving feast for a special blessing.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations for Thanksgiving dinners for those in need after all Masses this coming weekend. Any donation is greatly appreciated. A gift of \$30 will provide a family with a complete dinner.



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.



COLORS OF CHRISTMAS

The *Catholic Voice* "Colors of Christmas - Plus" art contest is fast approaching. Dec. 2 is the deadline for submissions. Winning artwork will be published on the front page of the December 16 issue of the *Catholic Voice*! Prizes for the top entries will also be awarded. Details are outlined in the flyer below. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate. We would love to have a winner from St. Charles this year!!

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

1st and 2nd year prep

I am going over Saint reflections with your children this week. For the 1st year students, they are asked to write a paper on the Saint that they hope to choose for their Confirmation names. These are not set in stone, but try to see that they look into multiple saints before selecting one. For the 2nd year students, I am giving back a copy (I am keeping the original) of the paper that they handed in last year with corrections. If your child wants to change their saint, they are more than welcome to but I will need a saint reflection on the new saint. The final copy of the Saint reflection (2nd year students) will be on their confirmation saint name. The Criteria for this reflection were included in the parent packet and are also on the SCB confirmation website. These reflections (both grades) are due back to me at class the week of December 13/14.

I have updated the service logs for both years of confirmation prep. This can be accessed through the SCB Confirmation website. The 2nd year students have the same numbers as last year. If you have forgotten the number or would like a clarification, please email me. I will be sending an email to the 1st year parents with their student's number this week.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION COLLECTION



The weekend of November 19/20 will be the next SVdP Food Pantry Collection. Items in particular need are: canned meat, hearty soups, cereal, white rice, cake and brownie mixes and baking supplies. Thank you for your generous support each month as you are making a difference!



Happy Advent! We would love to see how your family celebrates Advent. Post your pictures to our Facebook and/or Twitter pages (StCharles RF) or send pictures of your traditions to jschuler@scbccomaha.org.

TRAVELING VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

Each week, the Vocations Crucifix is given to a family at one of the Sunday Masses. This family then takes it home and prays that week for vocations. The crucifix is then brought back to Mass the following weekend to be passed on to another family. If your family is interested in participating please contact the parish office.

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2016 Colors of Christmas

Honoring artists ... feeding the poor

Last year, about 2,500 students from across the Archdiocese of Omaha entered the fifth annual Colors of Christmas art contest. But that contest was more than about art. The 2,500 entries produced 104 cases of canned goods divided among four pantries in Omaha.

This year, young artists again will compete for honors and prizes and help the needy. For every student's entry, Woodhouse Family Auto will donate one unit of food to pantries in Columbus, Norfolk and Walthill.

Will we meet or exceed last year's effort? It's up to the students. Those who have entered before are encouraged to enter again. And for those who haven't entered in the past, why not try this year?

The overall winning entry will be published as front page art in the Dec. 16 issue of the Catholic Voice. Eight other winners will be featured in that same issue and all winners will receive gift cards (see contest rules).



* Must be a student in a Catholic school or parish religious education program or a Catholic schooled at home in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

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Here's how it works:

- * Create art based on the Christmas story told in Matthew 2:9-11.
- * Draw and color – using crayons, markers, glitter, oil or water color paints, pastels ... whatever you want.
- * Use an 8 1/2 X 11 or 9 X 12 sheet of paper.
- * Submit your entry to the Catholic Voice at the address listed below. Include a contest form (signed by a parent or guardian), available Nov. 1 on the Catholic Voice website: catholicvoiceomaha.com.
- * Entry deadline: Dec. 2

Send your entry (please don't fold), along with the entry form, to:

Colors of Christmas
Catholic Voice
P.O. Box 4010
Omaha NE 68104-0010

Gift card prizes!

The top three entries in each of three grade categories (K-1, 2-3 and 4-6) will receive gift cards from participating book/gift stores:

- * \$75 in gift cards for first place
- * \$50 in gift cards for second place
- * \$25 in gift cards for third place

Plus: The overall winner will receive an additional \$50 in gift cards!

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