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# St. Charles Borromeo Religious Formation Family Newsletter

## Contact Information

Information regarding Religious Formation can be found on the parish website at [www.stcharlesomaha.org](http://www.stcharlesomaha.org)

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### Upcoming Dates:

Dec 20 & 21	Class
Dec 27 & 28	No Class
Jan 3 & 4	No Class
Jan 10 & 11	Class
Jan 14	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting 9:00 a.m.



### 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)

## First Reconciliation



**Congratulations to all of our children who received their First Reconciliation!**



## RECONCILIATION

As the Advent Season is upon us we, as Catholics focus on preparing our hearts and souls for the coming of Christ. One way to do this is by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If your child missed the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation during class they can do so outside of class time. Reconciliation times at St. Charles Borromeo for the remainder of Advent are as follows:

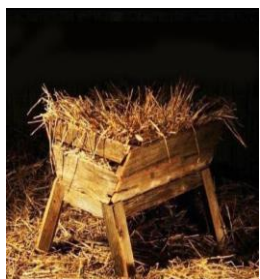
**December 17**                    9-10:00 a.m.  
   3-4:30 p.m.

**December 21, 22, and 23**  
   6-7:00 p.m.

**Every Tuesday-Friday**  
   11:40-11:55 a.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOOD DISCIPLES

Brendan Spangler



During class we have been sharing with the children that Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming. The children have been asked to come up with at least one good deed per week that they will perform in preparation for His return. The children are writing their good deeds on "hay" during class and lining the manger with their kind acts. This manger is located in the narthex. Make sure to stop by to see the many acts of kindness the children in our parish have been performing.

## FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SIGN IN

If for some reason you attended Mass and did not get your child signed in, please let us know so we can adjust our attendance sheets accordingly.

# CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year prep

Saint reflections were due this week at class (Dec.13/14). If your child is in their 2nd year of confirmation prep I will be reviewing these over the break, and if they have not met the requirements they will be asked to revise the reflection again. The students have all received rubrics and checklists to aid in their writing. I am looking forward to reading them!

I am finalizing plans for retreats and will be notifying you within the week with the details. Thank you for your patience in this.

## Weather / Text Messages

It is that time of year where the weather can be unpredictable. As a rule, if Millard Public Schools are canceled for the day or if they cancel evening activities, we will **NOT** have class. However, the

Religious Formation Department may need to cancel classes at the last minute. If you would like to receive a message on your cell phone when classes are cancelled, please log onto the following website to sign up for this free service.

[https://www.rainedout.net/team\\_page.php?a=0f2e244629d2feda8401](https://www.rainedout.net/team_page.php?a=0f2e244629d2feda8401)

You will just need to enter in your 10 digit cell phone number or email address and you will receive an immediate response with your validation code. Once you have entered this code, you will be registered. As long as your cell phone number or email address remains the same, you will continue to receive message from our Religious Formation program whenever classes are cancelled due to weather. If, at any time, you wish to discontinue this service, simply go to the website and click on "Opt Out".

An email will also go out to notify parents of cancellations.

## CATECHIST APPRECIATION LUNCHEON DONATIONS

We are holding our annual Catechist Appreciation luncheon to show our teachers how much they are appreciated. If you are interested in helping or donating any items for the luncheon please sign up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b45adaf23abf94-stcharles>



Help is needed to help decorate the church for Christmas. Volunteers should be 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older. This would be a fun way to fulfill some of your parish Confirmation service hours!

Thursday, December 22  
9:30 a.m.

## ONLINE SHOPPING WITH AMAZON SMILE



When doing your holiday shopping, shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to St. Charles Borromeo. Bookmark this link and support us every time you shop.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-0672912>

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Happy Advent to all! The SVdP conference wants to thank you for your generosity for the 4,470 pounds of food you have donated! We have one more collection this year the weekend of December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The recent WOWTV collection brought in lots of food but the food pantry still needs **bags of rice, hearty soups, canned fruit, tomato sauces, canned tomatoes and canned chili beans** to fill in the gaps.