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St. Charles Borromeo Religious Formation Family Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates:

Jan 14	1 st Communion Parent Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Jan 17 & 18	Class
Jan 20	First Communion Signup open 12:00 p.m.
Jan 24 & 25	Class
Jan 31 & Feb 1	Class



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 COMMUNION PARENT REMINDERS

- The First Communion Parent Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 14 at 9:00. We ask that at least one parent/guardian attend to get valuable information regarding First Communion.
- An email will be sent to you on **Friday, January 20, at 12:00 noon** with a link to sign up for the Parent/Child Retreat, as well as First Communion Mass that works best with your family's schedule. Time slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

"CATHOLICISM" ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITY

Was one of your New Year's Resolutions this year to do something to boost your faith life? If so, we have an opportunity for you! We are offering "Catholicism" by Bishop Robert Barron during all Religious Formation sessions beginning January 17/18. This program was designed to explain what Catholics believe and why. No sign up is necessary just join us in the worship space when you drop your child off for class.

Learning about our faith never stops. We are all on the journey and need nourishment along the way. Use this to start the year off right. **NOTE:** You may choose to order the student study guide. These are available at Gloria Deo or can be ordered online. This is not necessary, but could help expand what was reviewed during class sessions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOOD DISCIPLES

Natalie Boozikee
Gabrielle Burns

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.



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

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.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION



SAVE THE DATES

1st year retreat is February 11 from 9am-12:00 at St Charles. If you would like to chaperone this retreat please email Sarah at sfinneran@scbccomaha.org

2nd year retreat is February 25 from 9am-12:00 at St Charles. If you would like to chaperone this retreat please email Sarah at sfinneran@scbccomaha.org

2nd year- please check the confirmation spreadsheet for missing paperwork. If your child is missing any of the following I need it ASAP -Baptism certificate - sponsor form (copies online-sponsor needs to fill this out and send it in) -confirmation info sheet -Saint paper.

Lastly, each 2nd year child should have 6 service forms turned in at this point. If you have questions about this or don't have your child's ID number please email Sarah.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION COLLECTION



The weekend of January 21/22 will be the next SVdP Food Pantry Collection. Items in particular need are rice, saltine crackers, canned fruit, cereal, canned tomatoes and sauces. Thank you for your support of the Corporal Work of Mercy!



The St. Charles Religious Formation program is on Facebook (StCharles RF) and Twitter (St Charles RF). Find us, like us, friend us. Stay connected and get up-to-the-minute information.