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St. Charles Borromeo Religious Formation Family Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates:

April 18 & 19	Class
April 22	First Communion Rehearsal
April 22 & 23	First Communion Masses
April 25 & 26	Class
April 29	First Communion Rehearsal

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

Wednesday, April 26
6:00-7:30 p.m.

No regular classes for 8th grade that week.



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)

LENTEN FAMILY PROJECT

To help celebrate Lent, we are asking that each of our families participate in at least one of the many Lenten opportunities at our parish. Once your family has attended the event please fill out a blue check-in card. These will be located in the narthex on the round table by the trophy cases. The following are a remaining list of the various events:

- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper** – Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** – Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION



We hope that you have had the chance to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with your child. All attendance forms for this are **due April 19**. If you have misplaced your form, one is attached to this newsletter.



If your child participated in The Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project and forgot to bring their rice bowl to class this week you can still drop those off at class next week. All donations will be mailed on Thursday, April 20.

DIAPER DONATIONS



Thank you to everyone who donated diapers through our Lenten Outreach Program. If you forgot to bring those to class this week and would still like to make a donation, packages of diapers can be brought to the office before noon on Thursday, April 13.

We are looking for 1-2 more families to help with delivering our diaper donations to the Juan Diego Center and Walthill Indian Reservation. If you are interested please contact Jackie in the office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Join us at Totally Catholic Maker Fun Factory – Created By God, Built For a Purpose! Registration forms for Vacation Bible School are available in the narthex and on the parish website. The dates for VBS will be **Monday, June 5 – Friday, June 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Space is limited to the first 150 children who register and submit payment, so get your forms in today!

ATTENTION 6TH-8TH GRADERS!!

Are you good with kids? Looking for an opportunity to give back? We need YOU!! Get pumped for Maker Fun Factory Totally Catholic VBS! We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to serve as Crew Leaders. Help our kids look for God's creativity in the world around them. Volunteer forms are available in the narthex and on the parish website. VBS runs June 5-9 from 9:00 a.m. until noon each day. Contact Jackie Schuler with questions or for more information.

Note: *Volunteering does fulfill part of the Confirmation service requirements.*



GET CONNECTED

St. Charles Borromeo Parish and the St. Charles Religious Formation (StCharles RF) program are on Facebook. Find us, like us, friend us. Stay connected and get daily reflections and up-to-the-minute information.



VBS DONATIONS

We are looking for donations of construction materials (i.e. carpet tubes, PVC pipes, rubber AC tubing, concrete forms), as well as metal cans (vegetable, soup, large juice), rope lights, fake greenery, and latex paint (contact us for colors). If you have any of these you are willing to donate please contact Jackie at 402-916-9750 or jschuler@scbccomaha.org.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

1st year

-Please turn in your first 4 service projects no later than April 18/19 to stay on track for next year

* if your child needs parish service hours please see below*- if interested please email Sarah at sfinneran@scbccomaha.org

Altar servers – please consider serving at the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00pm
Non Altar servers- please consider helping at the reception following the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday, May 3

2nd year

Mark your Calendars

-Letters to the Archbishop are due April 11/12

-Confirmation Rehearsal will be April 26 from 6:00-7:30pm. No regular class that week.

-Confirmation Interviews are Saturday April 29 from 1-3:00pm, please use the sign up genius below to sign up for a 10 minute window. Sponsors or parents need to accompany students. If you have not signed up for a time for please see the signup genius below:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4badad2da5fa7-confirmation>

-Confirmation will be Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00pm with a reception following the Mass. **Students and sponsors are to arrive no later than 6:30pm**



Over 450 children and young people, grades 1-8, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith this fall. You can help them learn and grow by becoming a catechist for Religious Formation. Classes begin in August and are offered Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. We provide you with training, materials, and support. If you are interested, know someone who is, or would just like more information please contact Jackie Schuler.

TOP 10 REASONS TO BECOME A CATECHIST

1. You will grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You have much to share with those you'll teach and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
6. Our catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
8. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus (you'll be evangelizing!)
9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to "go and teach all nations."

2017/2018 RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION



Registration forms for the 2017/2018 RF program are now available! Classes will be offered on the following days/times:

Tuesday

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Wednesday

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

5:45 pm – 6:45 pm

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Classes fill up quickly so please get your registration forms turned in ASAP. If you are interested in volunteering your time in any way, please fill out the volunteer form on the backside of the registration.

All forms can be found in the Narthex and on our website at stcharlesomaha.org under the "Faith Formation" tab.

THANK YOU!!

A big thank you to our 7th grade classes and catechists who helped present the Stations of the Cross to all children in the Religious Formation program during Holy Week.

February 15, 2017

RE: Religious Formation Homework

Dear Parents:

The Church views the role of parents in the religious formation of children as both a privilege and an obligation. When we present our children to the Church to be baptized, we are distinctly reminded that we have the responsibility "to bring [their children] up in the practice of the faith" (*Rite of Baptism of Children 56*). This obligation and privilege extends to regularly celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is important to remember that it is within the family that our children first come to faith. And, it is within the family that our children will continue to practice their faith and witness the daily example of Catholic believers.

It is a parish expectation that all children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation twice a year, at the very least. This usually means once during the Advent season and once during the Lenten season. The Religious Formation Department provided the opportunity for your child to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Religious Formation class in the season of Advent. Since we have limited time with your child during Religious Formation classes each year we would like to ask that you, as parents provide the second opportunity for your child to receive this Sacrament during Lent.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Once your child has completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please return the bottom portion of this letter to the Religious Formation office. If for some reason your child chooses not to celebrate the sacrament, we ask that he/she visit with a priest and ask for a prayer of blessing.

St. Charles Borromeo offers several options for your family to receive Reconciliation. Below is a partial list of times when the Sacrament is offered during Lent:

- Every Thursday from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Every Friday following Stations of the Cross (beginning at approximately 6:45p.m.)
- Every Saturday from 3:30-4:30 pm.
- Special times will also be available during Holy Week – see the bulletin for more information.

Please note: There tend to be longer lines during Holy Week so you may choose to attend one of the earlier times to avoid that. If none of these times work for your family, feel free to visit neighboring parishes to receive the Sacrament.

Please complete the bottom of this form and **return to the Religious Formation Office by April 19, 2017**. If you have any questions, please contact me at jschuler@scbccomaha.org or 402-916-9750.

God Bless!
Jackie Schuler



Child's Name (first and last) _____ Grade _____

Religious Formation Class Day and Time _____

Parish where Sacrament was received _____ Date received _____

Parent Signature _____