

St. Charles Borromeo Religious Formation Family Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates:

Sep 16	2 nd year prep Confirmation retreat
Sep 19 & 20	Class
Sep 26 & 27	Class
Oct 1	Parish Festival
Oct 3 & 4	Class

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GOOD DISCIPLES

Lidia Gilfry



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)

STEWARDSHIP CARDS

Last week a stewardship card sheet was sent home with your child. In class they discussed how everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and that we should use those gifts to love and serve Him. Each card has a space for them to write what they are going to do/give God this week. This can be a donation they are giving, something they are doing for someone else, or a way they are sharing their talents with others for God. They should cut these sheets into six pieces and return one card each weekend to Mass. Please have them put their name and date on the card and drop it in the collection basket during Mass. If they forget to bring their card extras will be available on the small round table in the narthex. If your family attends Mass at another Catholic Church please have your child drop this card in the offertory basket at that church.

PREPARING YOUR FAMILY FOR MASS

"Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families" books were sent home last week with the oldest/only child in each family. These books share one of the Sunday readings for the week as well as discussion questions for the family for before and after Mass. Please use these to help prepare your children (and yourself) for Sunday Mass each week. There are also some practical ways to keep the Gospel alive in your family life at the end of each reflection. The books are perfect size to keep in the glove compartment so they are readily accessible each week as your family drives to Mass.



Fr. Jeff is now on YouTube! Each week he will be sharing a brief clip on what to watch for at Mass, as well as other fun information. Subscribe today so you don't miss out on any of the fun!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5wRM9cN2Je2Q66g06kqUIw>

GOOD DISCIPLE AWARDS

Throughout the year we will be recognizing students who exemplify what it means to be a good disciple. Students who achieve this award will be given an award certificate, a Good Disciple band and will be recognized in the family newsletter.

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST



Pumpkin decorators of all ages please enter the Fall Festival Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

- Pumpkins will be sold the weekends of September 16/17 and 23/24 after all Masses.
- Decorate however you want
- Return before RF classes September 25/26 or Thursday, 27th or Friday, 28th between 4:00 and 6:00pm to the grassy area outside of the main church doors.
 - Be sure to write your name and grade on the bottom or back of the pumpkin
- Pumpkins will be judged and ribbons awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
Grades K-2nd Grades 3-5th
Grades 6-8th Open class – all ages
- Pumpkins will be displayed at the Fall Festival and are to be picked up between 4-6pm the day of the Festival.
- Questions – contact Jake LaRue, jake.larue55@gmail.com or (402) 312-9387



OCTOBER 1, 2017
12:00-6:00 P.M.

It's just a few short weeks until our third annual Fall Festival! We are still looking for volunteers to help with the games and especially inflatables. Please visit this site to sign up for a shift (or two).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094ba9a82aa31-2017>

The Religious Formation Program is also holding a contest for donations of 2-lit bottles of soda. The class to bring in the most bottles will choose a dress up night for all of our classes. We are also looking for donations of bags of individually wrapped candy (no nuts please). Donations can be brought to class or dropped off in the narthex..

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES

All baptismal certificates need to be turned in to the office no later than October 1 for **children receiving their First Reconciliation and for Confirmation students in their 2nd year of preparation**. These can be dropped in the office, faxed to 402-916-9740 or mailed to the office at St. Charles Borromeo, Attention: Jackie Schuler, 7790 S. 192nd St. Gretna, NE 68028. If your child was baptized at St. Charles we do not need this.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

2nd year confirmation prep

- The 2nd year retreat is this Saturday from 8 am- 11:30am. Please arrive 10 minutes early to get checked in and settled. Permission forms were sent home last week with the kids. They will need to have a signed permission form to participate in the retreat. If parents or high school age youth would like to volunteer to help, please contact Sarah at sfinneran@scbcomaha.org

1st year confirmation prep

- As we are nearing the end of bible boot camp, all students need to continue to bring their bibles and journals every week. Also, all 1st year students are encouraged to wear camouflage the last week of bible boot camp (September 26/27).