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St. Charles Borromeo Religious Formation Family Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates:

Dec 19 & 20	Class
Dec 26 & 27	No Class
Jan 2 & 3	No Class
Jan 9 & 10	Class
Jan 13	First Communion and Confirmation Parent Meetings



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)

REQUIRED GRADE LEVEL PRAYER PACKET

Your child brought home a prayer packet last week. These are a list of prayers that they should be learning and practicing at home. Learning these prayers is part of the requirements that the Omaha Archdiocese sets forth for children in all religion programs. Please sit down with your child and log the prayers that they know by placing your initials next to the prayers that they can recite for you. When they know all of the prayers on a sheet (one sheet per grade level) have them bring that sheet back to class. This will be logged and then the student's name will then be entered into our raffle, once for every sheet that is returned. We will have one raffle winner per grade at the end of the year. If you have misplaced the prayer packet handed out at the parent meeting in August, the prayers can be found on the parish website:

<http://stcharlesomaha.org/faith-formation/religious-formation/grade-level-prayers>

If you have questions about this please contact the office at 402-916-9750.

RECONCILIATION

This year we chose to have an adoration service during class instead of a penance service. This means it is up to parents to see that their children attend confession on their own time. This week confession times at St. Charles are as follows:

December 14 5:00-6:00 p.m.
December 15 6:00-7:00 p.m.
December 16 9:00-10:00 a.m.
 3:00-4:30 p.m.

There are also penance services available at the following parishes:

St. Patrick - Gretna
December 14 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Gerald
December 17 at 7:00 p.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>



CATECHIST CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

If you would still like to participate in the group gift for our catechists it's not too late. Please drop off your contribution (cash or check made out to "St. Charles") to the office no later than Friday, December 15 in an envelope marked "Catechist Gift" along with your child's name. This is completely optional. Thank you in advance for helping us remember our volunteers this Christmas season.



We would love to see how your family celebrates Advent. Post your pictures on Facebook and tag us (StCharles RF) or send pictures of your traditions to jschuler@scbccomaha.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



December 16/17 will be the next SVdP collection for the Food Pantry. Our November collection was instrumental in helping 177 families have a good Thanksgiving and food for a couple of weeks. We need your help particularly this month for canned beans, dry beans, white rice, pasta and canned tomatoes. Thank you for your continuing generosity and support of this Corporal Work of Mercy.

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=0f2e244629d2fe da8401

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

1st and 2nd year prep- All Saint papers were due last week in class. If your child was absent please email me their saint paper at Sfinneran@scbccomaha.org by Friday.

Christmas Mass Guide 2017

Option #1: Saturday evening + Sunday evening

Option #2: Saturday evening + Monday

Option #3: Sunday + Sunday evening

Option #4: Sunday + Monday

Option #5: Sunday evening (before 4pm) + Sunday evening (after the first Sunday evening Mass)

Option #6: Sunday evening + Monday

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