

FAITH FORMATION GROWING IN LOVE & KNOWLEDGE OF OUR FAITH

Sponsor a 7th Grade Student ...

BIBLES HAVE BEEN PURCHASED AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO EACH STUDENT AT MASS ON SUNDAY, DEC 4th

For \$23 you can donate a Bible (with your inscription inside the cover and a special message) to a 7th grade student. We have a few more Bibles looking for sponsors!

Contact Peg (507)329-6386 if interested!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Six second grade students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, Dec. 10. This is such an important Sacrament of Healing! Please keep the following close in prayer:

Jordany Chitay, Dalton Hakeneis, Evelyn Olsem, Bentley Peterson, Kenly Sanow & Jared Webking

Tri-Parish Advent Communal Penance

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. at St. Gabriel

THE BARE MINIMUM ... *Did you know that as Catholics, we are "required" to go to Reconciliation at LEAST once year? The Church puts these obligations out there for the betterment of our souls! Reconciliation is one way to draw closer to Jesus; and experience His healing POWER! Don't let fear keep you away! Get into the habit of going often – It's good for the soul!*

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

UPCOMING DATES ...

Wednesday, Dec. 14: SESSION 2

AT ST. GABRIEL– 7 p.m.

WHO: Students & Parent

WHAT: Topic: What is a Sacrament of Initiation?

(Hint: there are 3 of them ... Can you name them?)

Diving deeper into the Sacrament of Confirmation.

REMINDER: Bring your filled out "Commitment Packet" sheets that were passed out at our first session back!

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS AS THEY DISCERN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Caleb Appel, Everly Henning, Wyatt Kirchner, Zachary Kirchner, Ellie Kremer & Giselle Meza

YOUTH COFFEE & ROLLS

Sunday, Dec. 4

Join us for great fellowship in the church hall following Mass & help support our parish youth programs like Camp Summit & Steubenville!

ATTENTION PARENTS: If you have a son or daughter interested in raising money for their summer camp/conference experiences, let Peg know.

Release Time Notes

Our school year continues to go well; thanks to the help of so many good volunteers!

Those teaching this year include:

ELIZABETH BERTRAND, SHERRI BOEHNKE, SHARON FUERSTENBERG, SUE (MRS. JEFF) ZINS, SUZI ZINS, CATHY STEWART, CHELSEA HEIN, PEG OLSEM, CHRIS POTOCHNIK, DON OLSEM & RENEE DORPINGHAUS

Please keep these teachers in your prayers

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM OVERVIEW:

We are blessed with fantastic curriculum this year at every grade level (K-12); but in particular, in the the high school, we've incorporated some new and very up-to-date materials:

GRADE 7: ENCOUNTER the Bible

A seven-part introduction to the entire Bible for middle schoolers; which includes a 'smart' video and workbook with "Bible Geek" Mark Hart; a combination Bible Scholar/ comedian.

GRADES 8 & 9: CHOSEN

A new program, also including a fantastic combination of video/workbook which gives students a thorough look at our Catholic faith and all the teachings of the church.

SOPHOMORES: YOU

Drawing from St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body; this program covers God's plan for us in regards to our dignity and worth as men & women of God.

JUNIORS & SENIORS: ALTARATION

How little we know of what actually takes place at The Mass ... God comes directly to us in the Eucharist. How amazing is that?!! This curriculum dives deeply into the beauty & POWER of The Mass.