

RE NEWSLETTER

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November 1

Holy Day of Obligation - don't forget to go to mass!

November 4 & 6

This will be the only week of RE classes in November

November 11-27

There will be no classes from November 11th through the 27th due to Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving being so close together. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

December Dates

December 8 @ 7-9pm

- Interested RE kids will sing at the Christmas Concert put on by the Music Ministries

8th Grade Reminders:

- Fired Up Permission Slip & \$35 Fee due by Dec. 4
- Confirmation Sponsor, Information, and Robe Order Forms due by Dec. 18



Welcome to the October Newsletter!

The Fall season is in full swing and we are all eagerly awaiting the holiday season! Thank you all for your continued commitment to your children's faith formation as well as patience amidst all the beginning of the year changes. Here at St. John the Baptist we are committed to providing our families with the best resources for faith formation. You have continued to express your love for the online curriculum and we are overjoyed by your enthusiasm. Thank you for your commitment to Catholic excellence and modeling to your children the priority of our faith.





“There is not your truth or my truth - just THE truth.”

The Saints are such an incredible part of our faith. We turn to them for hopeless causes, when we’ve lost something, when we need to sell a house, etc.

How reassuring is it to see other people just as imperfect as we are actively striving for our universal call to sainthood and actually achieving it?

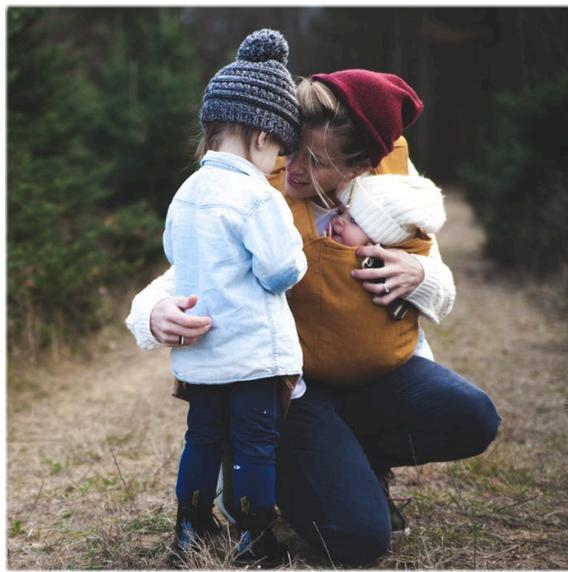
How do we strive for sainthood individually and as a family? How do we model to our children that there is always time in our day to dedicate towards growing in prayer and knowledge of the faith?

More importantly, how do we use the lives of the saints as a model of how we are to defend THE Truth rather than what society presents to us as “truth”?

October in a Nut Shell

This was a busy month for RE. Thank goodness we all get to relax and spend time with family before December hits! October was the month of Circle of Grace lessons and the RE Mass. Our Circle of Grace days went very well and our Catechists did a wonderful job at presenting such delicate and important information to your children.

Thank you so much to all our wonderful children who volunteered to assist with the mass! It was so beautiful to see children participating in the mass in this way. As October closes, we are beginning to prepare for Christmas, which means our Christmas concert practices will be beginning soon!



If your child is interested in singing at the Music Ministry Christmas Concert on December 8th from 7-9, please contact Danielle Leyva via phone or email. RE students will be singing 15-20 minutes worth of Christmas

music in the middle of the concert and joining in for the finale. Participating in this Christmas concert will also count towards 6-8th Grade parish service hours!

“If they, why not I? If these men and women could become saints, why cannot I with the help of Him who is all powerful?” - St. Augustine

Question the Faith!

How often do we feel helpless and realize it is not our will but His will? It is incredibly difficult to train ourselves spiritually and mentally to "let go and let God".

One of the most incredible ways to train our hearts and minds to surrender and trust is through praying a novena.

What is a novena?

A novena is 9 days of constant prayer and meditation to ask God for a special prayer request or intention. All you have to do is say the daily prayers with sincerity.

Some of my favorite novenas are:

- **Novena to St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower**
(those who receive miracles by her intercession are often given roses or flowers as a sign)
<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-therese-novena>
- **Novena to St. Joseph**
<https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-joseph-novena>
- **Our Lady Undoer of Knots Novena** (for complex problems)
<https://stjohnboscowoodstock.files.wordpress.com/2016/03/olknotsnovena.pdf>

Give one a try. No petition is too big or too small.

Reminders

Christmas Concert practices are scheduled for November 6, 13, 20, 27, & December 4 at 5:15pm. Practices will be held at the school. If your child is interested, please contact Danielle Leyva. We are also in need of parent volunteers to assist! The Christmas Concert is December 8 from 7-9pm in Gallagher Hall.

The holidays are coming! Don't forget that our absence policy permits 3 absences. Remember that your child can make up an absence by attending the other scheduled class day OR Edge (for 6th-8th grade) on Wednesdays from 6-7:30. For more information on Edge, contact [Rachel Teresi](mailto:rteres@folsomcatholic.org) at rteres@folsomcatholic.org or 985-7338

Each year Religious Education adopts families for Christmas through St. Vincent de Paul. Each class will be assigned three children. If you would like to help, students will be sent home with slips with more information on the children, their ages, and instructions. Help us to bring the joy of the Christmas season to families in need.



Reflection for Your Holiday

With Thanksgiving right around the corner and the chaos of the holidays about to ensue, what are some ways that we can ensure we continue to radiate Christ to our children and others during this time? Check out this article on how "Hospitality Challenges Us to Put Our Faith into Action" from *Ascension Press*.

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/2018/10/10/hospitality-challenges-us-to-put-our-faith-into-action/>