

R.E. October Newsletter

Parish Festival

Sunday, October 8

Our annual Parish Festival will be held at the Victoria Community Center on Sunday, October 8 beginning with dinner serving at 11:00 a.m. Family style dining at \$9 per plate until 2 p.m. Dine in or drive thru.

Items needed in the following areas: Bingo, Cake Wheel, Dessert Wheel, Dinner Cakes and Plant Booth. For the Country Store items such as Homemade goodies (baked goods, pickles, jelly etc) wreaths, seasonal decorations, etc. Call Margaret Pruett at 532-9942.

Auction Items for both the Live and Silent Auction are being accepted. If you or your business would like to donate towards the auction, Please call Charla Ybarra at 935-3323.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Festival please call the Rectory at 575-4741 or the Religious Education office at 575-8132. Please come out and support this effort. All benefits the Parish, School and Religious Education Program!

Cathedral Repair Update

As most of you know the new Cathedral Center was damaged in the heavy rains of Sunday, September 24. An internal drain pipe did not work properly so all the rain water from that afternoon's down pour came into the building. Some of the ceiling collapsed, walls were soaked and flooring was damaged. It will be unusable until repairs are made so for the next several weeks all Masses will be held in the school gym. The Cathedral itself is still being worked on and will need much work before we can move back. But as our Pastor Fr. Gary said the church is the people, not the buildings and we will recover and continue to grow. We ask for your prayers and support in the coming months. Please note Masses will be in the gym as follows: Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Weekdays : Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 6:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and Fridays 6:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Confessions Wednesday and Saturday 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Safe Environment – Adult Volunteers

Required class for all adults who wish to work with young people, children or vulnerable adults Thursday October 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Office, this is the LAST schedule class here at OLV. Call 575-8132 for more information. No need to sign up, everyone is welcomed, no fee!

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday October 1st - 2 to 3 p.m. Join families from all Churches in Victoria to stand for the Right to Life. Let's make this a show of peace and support for all unborn babies. This will count as a **spiritual exercise hour for Confirmation Students. An adult must stand with you!**

Youth Ministry

The Cathedral's Youth Ministry will be meeting every Wednesday for Mass at 5:30 p.m. and then a post-confirmation meeting in the Youth Hut until 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited and there is no fee. This is NOT a traditional class but a time to share your faith with other juniors and seniors and caring adults. Please join us any Wednesday. For more information please Call the R.E. office at 575-8132 or call our Youth Minister Matthew Schaefer at 484-1632.

Family Nights and Parent Meetings

On our calendar this fall we had several family nights and parent meetings and due to the damage in the Cathedral Center and Church itself we have postponed those dates until repairs can be completed. Once we have an idea of when either of those places can be used we will announce the dates and topics. Parents please attend Mass weekly with your children in the gym!

Students Safe Environment Class

In the pastoral effort to respond to the need for the protection of children and youth the Diocese of Victoria has its Keeping Kids Safe program in all for all children and youth in grades K thru 12. As a part of that program held during our regular classes they will be given information on how to protect themselves and become aware of their surroundings. We will begin these sessions in October. Parents are invited to call for more information. Religious Education Office 575-8132. Parent forms to opt out from this program may be picked up in the R.E. office.

Mothers of Grace – Mom Support Group

This is a group of moms that gather to share experiences and ideas along with supporting each other in raising their children and keeping their families strong through God's Grace. All Moms are welcomed to join! Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Early Childhood Center For more information call the R.E. office at 575-8132 or email Jennifer Ruiz at jenniferschobey.ruiz@yahoo.com.

Public Square Rosary

Join others from our Parish in publicly praying the Rosary **Saturday October 14 at Noon** on the front steps of the Cathedral. **This will count as a Spiritual Exercise hour for Confirmation Students.** A parent or adult family member must attend with you. Everyone is welcomed.

Solemn Vespers – Monthly 1st Sunday of the Month.

This Sunday at 4 p.m. in the gym. In this service hymns, psalms, and scriptures are sung to uplifting music. Bring your entire family to this moving prayer. This will count as a Spiritual Exercise hour for Confirmation Students. A parent or adult family member must attend with you. Everyone is invited!!!