

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER – FEB. 2018

ASH WEDNESDAY – Feb. 14

The beginning of the **Season of Lent is February 14**. We will be having Mass at 7:00 p.m. that evening in the Cathedral. Everyone is invited – we are counting this as a regular class session so please make every effort to attend with your children. Ashes are only given out during the Mass. Teachers will NOT be supervising or sitting in groups so you **MUST** attend with your children – **please do not drop off children unattended**. Students will be dismissed from church. Mass and ashes should last about an hour.

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS!!!!

Reconciliation (First Confessions) for the students making First Communion this spring will be in February. Please check the dates listed, they are grouped by their teacher. Children should be in their classroom by 6:15 so we can promptly go to church. They will return to class when completed and be dismissed from the classroom. Parents are asked to go to the parent meeting during that time which will be held in the library. Starting at 6:30 p.m. one adult for each child should be present to get the handouts and important information. Please be working at home with your child on their prayers.

Wednesday Feb. 21 - Mrs. Pruett, Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Cheremie

Wednesday Feb. 28 – Mrs. Ortega and Ms. Soto

CONFIRMATION UPDATES !!!!!

Wednesday March 7 is the deadline for ALL requirements and paperwork for any student being confirmed this spring. This is a firm deadline and the students are being updated each week on outstanding requirements. If you have any questions or concerns call the R.E. office well in advance of this deadline. Students **NOT** desiring the Sacrament will have it delay until next year. This deadline also applies to Updated Sacrament records of sponsors. Final exams will be given. Reconciliation will be on Wednesday March 21 for Mrs. Kruciak's class and Wednesday March 28 for Ms. Valdez's Class.

Magnify – Adoration, Praise and Worship Night – Feb. 8 – 7:00 p.m.

This is a monthly Adoration, Praise and Worship gathering on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning Feb. 8 in the Cathedral. It is sponsored by the Young Adult and Youth Ministry Team and is open to all teens and their families. This will count as **Spiritual Exercise Hours** for those in Confirmation preparation. This is an excellent opportunity for community and prayer – all High school students are urged to attend. A parent should plan on attending with you and may sign for your hours.

Youth Group Meetings – 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month.

Flyers will be coming home with more information. First Meeting is Feb. 18 – Mass at 11:30 followed by meeting in the Cathedral Center.

Lenten Vespers – Each Sunday during Lent 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Gather in the Cathedral at 3:45 p.m. for this time of prayer, scripture readings and song. A perfect Lenten time of prayer for your family. (Confirmation Spiritual Exercise Hours)

Stations of the Cross – Fridays – Mass at 5:30 p.m. Stations to Follow

Lenten devotion for your family. Attend Mass at 5:30 and stay for Stations of the Cross. Everyone is urged to make time for this beautiful devotion of Lent with your family.

Lone Star Steubenville
Dallas Texas – June 22 and 24th
Exciting Youth Conference

To sign up or for more information please contact the Rectory at 575-4741 or Matthew at 484-1632. Spaces is limited, transportation is provided, \$50 deposit holds you spot – space is limited so check this out early!

TEACHER'S and AIDE's Needed

Do you feel like becoming more involved with your faith and helping out the young people of the parish! Then religious education is the ministry for you. We are beginning to make plans for next year's classes and we are always looking for more people to join in this very important ministry. Training and supplies are provided. Safe Environment is required (and provided at no cost) and during the summer there are optional training classes. Teachers, Aides, Subs and Security are all needed! Won't you join us. Call 575-8132 for details.

CCD Registration – Coming Soon – Watch for Information.

Spring Calendar

February

- 7 – Regular Class
- 8 - Magnify – 7 p.m. in the Church
- 14 – Ash Wednesday – Mass and Ashes in the Church
- 21- Regular Class – Reconciliation for 1st Communion Students – Parent Meeting in the Library
- 28 – Regular Class – Reconciliation for 1st Communion Students – Parent Meeting in the Library

March

- 7 – Regular Class – Confirmation Deadline – Parent Class for all First Communion Students – Cafeteria 6:30
- 14 – No Class – Spring Break
- 15- Magnify – 7 p.m. in the Church
- 21 – Regular Class – Reconciliation for Mrs. Kruciak's Confirmation Class
- 22- Safe Environment Class for new volunteer – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in CCD office
- 28- Regular Class -Reconciliation for 10th Grade – Ms. Valdez's Confirmation Class

April

- 1 - EASTER SUNDAY !!!!!
- 4 - Regular Class – Last Regular Class for 2017/2018
- 8 - First Communion – Special Sacrament Class – Ms. Cheramie and Mrs. Ramos
- 11 – Confirmation Practice – 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- 15 – Confirmation Sunday – 2:00 p.m. (Meet in the cafeteria by 1:30 p.m.)
- 18 – First Communion Practice - 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- 21 - First Communion – Saturday April 21 5:30 p.m. Mass – Mrs. Pruettt's and Ms. Mitchell's Class
- 22 - First Communion – Sunday April 22 9:00 a.m. Mass – Mrs. Ortega and Ms. Soto's Class