

Queen of Peace PREP Newsletter

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PREP News

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Hi all,

Thank you so much to all who attended our Pumpkin Family Faith Day. Between the hayride, and the pumpkin picking, the fellowship and the weather, I think the day was perfect and would not have been a success were it not for all of you (TEACHERS included ☺)

It's November already! And that means it's time for the annual nationwide campaign for food for the needy. Our PREP program in conjunction with the school will try to donate enough food items to fill 60 grocery bags for our parish Saint Vincent De Paul program. Please consider bringing in any one (or more) of the following items: stuffing, boxed Pasta, crackers, hearty soup, desserts (i.e.: boxed brownies or cakes), potatoes (i.e.: box of mashed potatoes), protein (i.e.: beans, peanut butter, tuna fish, canned chicken), juices (i.e.: boxes of capri suns, Sunny D, V-8, etc.), canned fruit, personal care items (i.e.: bars of soap, body wash, deodorant, razors). Thank you for your support.

I hope you have a great week and I will see you on Sunday.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ November 13— 8th grade interviews with Father Jim right after 11:00 Mass
- ◆ November 13— Workshop on using the Formed website
- ◆ December 3— Breakfast with Santa
- ◆ December 14— Parish Reconciliation Service





Kindergarten News

The kindergartners last week got to go on a little field trip to the Church. Inside we learned about the saint who baptized Jesus and that he also ate honey and bugs. They were a little grossed out by the bug eating, but loved the fact that he was Jesus' cousin. We also learned about several other saints. The students learned that

God wants us all to be Saints and that we are all not perfect. We heard about how even the most faithful Saint didn't always do things right. God just wants us to love with all of our heart, all of our mind and all of our strength, and hope that we are ready when the Saints come marching in.

First Grade News

This week the 1st graders will be learning, "H is for hope". They will also be learning more about prayer while starting to learn the Glory Be. See everyone on Sunday!



Second Grade News

We had lots of fun this week learning about the Holy Spirit and Confirmation. The seventh and eighth graders taught us that the Holy Spirit was sent to help the apostles. One of our eighth grade friends confirmed us during a reenactment. Then we got to teach the seventh and eighth graders the song, "We are the Church."

Last week the 2nd Graders went over the Bible. They learned the four Gospel writers and how God speaks to us through Sacred Scripture. Miss Kaitlyn taught them the story of David and Goliath through pictures. The Act of Contrition was handed out. (Parents this Act of Contrition will be replaced this week by an easier one that we prefer. Sorry for the confusion) The students need to memorize this for 1st Reconciliation in December!

The 7/8 graders came down to visit us and help make cards for Veterans at Golden Years Retirement Home.

*"When I was a
child,
I spoke as a child,
I understood as a
child,
I thought as a
child ...
(1 Corinthians)"*



Third/Fourth Grade News (Oct. 23)

Hello! I hope your week is going well. On Sunday, October 23rd the third and fourth grade classes reviewed chapter 9, The Church Teaches Us. We talked about how the church teaches of to love, serve, and respect one another. Included in our discussion was that the Church is the Body of Christ and the People of God. After reviewing and discussing the chapter, the class split into small groups to complete our craft. Each group was given a piece of construction paper and a few pieces of tissue paper. They

were instructed to tear the tissue paper into small pieces and make them into the shape of a cross. After the groups finished, we discussed that matter how big or small the pieces of tissue paper were, they each served a purpose in the total design of the cross. We also talked about this applies to us. We are all unique and bring different talents to the Church, but all are important in God's grand plan and design for his Church. Class ended with a trip to the gym for some free play time.



Fifth Grade News

From now until the Christmas break we will be discussing the Sacraments of Healing -- Anointing of the Sick and Penance/Reconciliation. The parish Penance/Reconciliation service will be Wednesday, December 14th. I strongly encourage students and their families to participate.

What we did 11/6:

We began discussing the Anointing of the Sick. The Gospels are filled with stories of Jesus taking special interest in those who were sick. Not only did Jesus cure them, but he also wanted them to know God's mercy and love. The apostles continued this practice of healing in Jesus' name, and this became part of the Church's ministry.

Anointing of the Sick gives God's grace and comfort to those who are ill, suffering the effects of old age, or are in danger of dying. One of the ways our class can bring comfort to the elderly in our parish that can't get to Mass (i.e. those that are "shut in") is by making cards and writing letters to lift their spirits and brighten their day. The kids made cards for three of our "shut ins" and asked them for permission to pray for them throughout the year. I was VERY IMPRESSED with the kids eagerness and enthusiasm for this project! I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with such a great group of kids -- THANK YOU for sharing them with me!

What we will discuss 11/13:

We will finish discussing the Anointing of the Sick.

Sixth Grade News

Today, we began the book of Exodus. We learned about God's call to Moses to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. We experienced Moses' mindset of doubt by having to perform simple tasks that had a challenging twist to them. After that, using an Egyptian city built out of Legos and props, we learned of the 10 plagues God inflicted on Egypt. Finally, we covered the parting of the Red Sea and the very beginning of the desert wandering.

Next week, we will cover the 10 Commandments and finish Exodus. If any time remains, we will briefly talk about the book of Leviticus.

PARENTS: I sent home books with your child. If your child will not be attending next week, then they must complete pages 108-115 and either tear out the pages or bring the book back the next time they are in class.

*"So whatever
you wish that
others would
do to you,
do also to them,
for this is the
Law and the
Prophets.
(Matthew 7:12)"*

Seventh/Eighth Grade News

This week, the 7th and 8th graders discussed the gospel reading. We began discussing Confirmation and how being confirmed is like buckling our own seat belts. We are more in

charge of our own faith. We then participated in a service project and joined the second graders to make cards for veterans living at Golden Years nursing home.

