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ST. NORBERT RE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

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Dates for Jr. High Intensive



Registration for 2010-2011 classes will begin in April. Our Intensive classes begin this Spring 2010 and we are making the dates known to help families manage schedules and all the activities that need to be accommodated. The following dates are for the Spring and Summer Intensive classes. Students must be present everyday during the Spring or Summer sessions and also attend eleven Sunday classes from September through April. There is also the option of coming to one of the weekly classes held Monday and Wednesday 6:15 to 7:30pm September through April.

- Spring Session - held 5 consecutive Mondays April 26, May 3, 10 17 and 24, 2010 from 4:00 to 6:15pm plus eleven Sundays. (This option would not be suitable for any student in a Spring sports program.)
- June Intensive - one week June 21 thru 25 from 1:30-3:45pm and eleven Sundays.
- July Intensive - one week July 26 thru July 30 from 9:30-11:45am and eleven Sundays.

Please consider which session is best suited to your student and his/her activities. Registration is accepted on a first come, first served basis and is restricted by class size and availability of catechists. If you have any questions please call the R.E. office at 847-272-3086.



Religious Ed Lenten Stations and Soup & Bread Supper

Looking for something different to do to honor and observe the season of Lent? All families are invited to join the Religious Ed Board as they sponsor a Soup and Bread Supper on Friday, March 5th at 6:00pm in the church basement. Stations of the Cross will follow in church. Supper will be a small, simple meal to show our solidarity with the poor. There will be a free-will offering for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. At 7:00pm we will gather in church to pray the Stations of the Cross in a format geared to families. Lent is a time of reflection, a time to give not just give something up. A time to examine all that is important and to remember our Lord, Who is all important. This is an opportunity for you and your family to gather with friends and classmates to share this custom of Lent. Please plan to join us, but if you can not, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday night during Lent if you can attend another evening or more than once!



Are you a baptized Christian who might be thinking about joining the Catholic Church?

St. Norbert invites you to gather with other baptized Christians in an informal, non-intimidating setting to share your faith and discuss Catholic traditions. We would meet as a group over the next few months on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 -8:30 pm. As you become prepared and ready, you will receive the blessed Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist, tentatively scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010.

Topics of discussion include Faith, Belief, Mass, Eucharist, Saints, Mary, Papacy, Sacraments, Prayer, Reconciliation, Sin, Marriage, Holy Orders, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick.

If you are interested in more information, please contact Patti Fitzpatrick at the parish office 847-272-7090.





Second Grade First Reconciliation

Our second graders, in preparation for First Holy Eucharist, will make their 1st Reconciliation Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in church. During the service the children will write down one or two things they are sorry for to help them talk to the priest. They will receive individual absolution and return to sit with their parents and say their penance. This simple ceremony initiates the children into this beautiful sacrament of forgiveness.

7th & 8th Gr. YOUTH MINISTRY

The St. Norbert Religious Ed Board will be hosting a Soup and Bread Meal followed by the Stations of the Cross. In preparing for the meal, volunteers are needed to help set-up and clean-up and to help serve the meal. If any 7th or 8th grader would like to help with setting up, serving or clean-up your assistance is most welcome.

This special event is on Friday, March 5th. Set up will begin at 5:15pm in the church basement, serving will be around 6:00pm and clean up follows at 6:45. This is a great opportunity for confirmation candidates to add to their service hours or for any one of our young teens to share their time in a meaningful way.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Maggie Bruce, St. Norbert Youth Minister, at 847-687-7696.



RELIGIOUS ED DONUT SUNDAY

Our annual event is coming March 7th after the 7:30 and 9:30am masses in the church basement. This is a great time for parents to chat with their children's catechists and staff members and meet with friends and parishioners. We encourage all to participate and look forward to seeing everyone. Art projects created by the students are on display and there are plenty of refreshments for all.

Distribution of Ashes for R.E. Families

There will be an Ash Wednesday service in church with distribution of ashes for our R.E. families at 6:30pm Wednesday, February 17th. Students attending class on Wednesdays should go their classroom and their catechists will escort them to church. Parents and other attendees should meet in church at 6:30pm. Ashes are also distributed after 6:30 and 8:30am masses and service is held in church at 12:15pm.



THIRD GRADE MASS

Our third graders have been studying the mass as a highlight of their curriculum. There will be a special celebration of the mass by Fr. Bill, Monday, March 8 at 6:15pm in church. He will explain the meaning of the prayers and actions of the mass. **All third graders from the Monday and Wednesday sessions should attend** the mass with their parents. Third grade does not have R.E. class that week. This is a special event for the students, please plan to attend. There is a reception following the mass in Grace Hall.



DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 17 Ash Wednesday
- 21 Sunday Intensive Classes
- 22 Adult Ed 4:30 & 6:30pm Grace Hall
- 23 Fostering the Faith 6:15 Resource Rm.
- 28 1st Gr. grade level mass 9:30am mass

MARCH

- 2 2nd Grade Reconciliation 7:00pm- church
- 5 Soup & Bread Supper and Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
- 7 RE Donut Sunday after 7:30 & 9:30am masses
- 8 3rd Gr. teaching mass 6:15 church
- 14 Youth Ministry Pancake Breakfast after A.M. masses
St. Pat's Funfest after 9:30 mass
- 21 7th & 8th Gr. Grade level mass at 5:30pm mass