



Weekly NEWS

November 15th , 2023

Important Dates

- Nov 22 NO PSR
- Nov 26th 1st Reconciliation
- Dec 3rd Advent Begins
- Dec 6th Reconciliation grades 3-8
- Dec 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Reminders

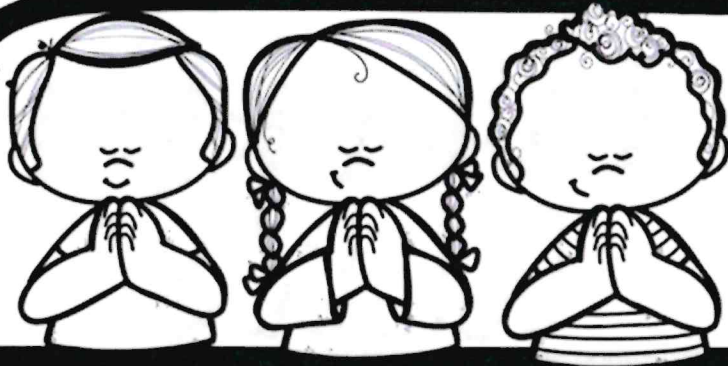
- If your Child is in k-3rd, please pick them up at the classroom, at 7:30. It is dark when we get out. Thank You!
- Bring your PSR Clue to the Office!

What Are We Learning?

- 4th The 4th graders spent some time in church last week praying quietly for a few minutes. Mike taught us the 4 types of prayers using the acronym: ACTS. A=Adoration C=Contrition T=Thanksgiving S=Supplication. We also learned that beatitude means "blessina" and that the Beatitudes guide us to show mercy and be a blessing for others.
- 3rd Our third grade class continued our Old Testament scripture journey by studying the story of Abraham and Issac. We witnessed a loving father, willing to offer his only son as a sacrifice, only to see angels intercede and protect Issac from harm. Our class discussed how God the Father also sacrificed His only Son to earth to die for our sins, and deliver eternal salvation.

In part two, we learned about the "major parts" of the Mass and what each component of the Introductory Rite, the Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rite.

We discussed and practiced our responses to each of these sections, and had some fun with a group activity to test our knowledge of the Mass.



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Faith Reflection

Sunday, November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

In Matthew's Gospel this past Sunday, we are challenged to spend each day as if this is the day that the Lord will come again. Our preparation begins in hopeful anticipation that we will see Jesus at an hour we do not expect. We pray especially today to grow into a deeper awareness, and trust in His coming.

Good News

• **Happy November! We are looking forward to an amazing Thanksgiving and a Blessed Advent.**

What Are We Learning?

1st We talked about how Jesus teaches love and making good and bad choices. This lead into the 10 Commandments which we will return to in a later November class.

8th grade is having discussions about what it means to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and why the Church has this sacrament in the first place. We have discussed how the early Christians came to know each other during a time when being Christian could be a death sentence. It was necessary that this early faith community be "confirmed" in their beliefs, and that new members have sponsors who could speak to their strong faith and trustworthiness. Today, being confirmed as a Catholic means that someone has completed all the Sacraments of Initiation, and can boldly live their faith in all aspects of their lives.