

CCD NEWS 10/25/16

This coming Sunday, we will be celebrating the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. We read from the Gospel of Luke 19:1-10. In Luke's gospel reading for today, We are told of the beloved story of Zacchaeus, a "chief" tax collector who was determined to catch a glimpse of Jesus as he passed through the town of Jericho. Luke tells us that Zacchaeus was a short man. He knew he would not be able to see Jesus over the crowds, so he climbed up a sycamore tree to get a better view. Zacchaeus' act is a powerful testament not only to his curiosity but to his inner zeal. A curious man might push through the crowd a bit, or stand on tip toe and crane his neck. But Zacchaeus a grown man climbed a tree. He was intent on seeing this Jesus of Nazareth. The innate pull towards Jesus that Zacchaeus apparently felt intensifies as the story unfolds. Jesus approaches the sycamore tree. He looks up at Zacchaeus and asks to spend time with him. Zacchaeus scrambles down the tree, and Luke writes that he "received Jesus with joy." **Prayer: Jesus, May I recognize you passing by. When you ask to spend time with me, may I hear your voice and receive you with joy. Help me to be open to salvation like Zacchaeus. Amen**

8th Graders in Ms. Gomes Class will be in Charge of the 10AM Mass this Sunday, October 30. Please be at the Church by 9:30AM. Parts went home today.

Mark your calendars: November 1st is all Saints day and we will be celebrating this special day with all the children dressing up as their favorite Saint for the evening Mass at 6:00pm. This is open to all the children in the parish. Mrs. Lopes 4th Grade class is in charge of the Mass at 6pm. Reading parts have already gone home. **We encourage each child to dress up as their favorite saint and walk in precession with us and sit up front with us.**

6-8, 9-12 Grade Students are asked to help with Children's Ministry during the 10AM Mass on Sunday's. Little kids will come forward after the opening prayer (helpers come forward at that time also) and everyone returns to Mass after the prayers of the faithful. Sign up with Dina if you would like to help.

Come and join our youth group **BOLD** if you are in grades 6-8, or 9-12. There is something for everyone. We meet in front of the New Church after the 10AM Mass. Come and learn more about JESUS, and have fun and fellowship at the same time. Next gathering is Oct. 30th after the 10AM Mass..

SALT Young Adult group at Holy Rosary Church is Happy to announce that we will now be having Eucharistic Adoration every **last Friday of the month at 7pm** in the New Church. Please come and join us as we spend an hour with the most Blessed Sacrament. **This Friday, October 28th.**

This Weekend is piggy dumping weekend. Please remember to bring your piggy banks to Mass. There will also be a second collection for the new church building fund. We are blessed by your continued support.

Help is needed on Sunday, Nov. 22nd. In preparing a meal for the 2nd year Confirmation students & sponsors. We are in need of 6 large lasagnas. Can be store bought or homemade. We would also like some deserts. Please call Dina at 632-7163 if you are able to help.

1st Year Confirmation Students /Parent interviews need to be completed by November 16th. Make your appointments today by calling 632-7163. At the meeting all paper work for sponsor needs to be turned in.



Wednesday, Classes for November & December: November 2,9,16 & 30 and December 7... Ministry Day Dec. 14th Blankets needed for Dec. 14th to take to the nursing homes. Please bring in wrapped throw blankets, and add a Christmas card with your name on it.

2nd Year Confirmation Students your September and October Mass Sheets are due. Please turn them in.

2nd Year Confirmation Students: All prayer testing must be complete by Monday, December 19th.

2nd Year Confirmation Students and Sponsor's have a retreat on Sunday, Nov. 20th in the parish hall from 8:30AM to 5:00pm. Please let your contact your sponsor's, so they can plan on attending. Cost is \$25.00 per person.

Trunk or Treat is Monday, October 31st..... Lots of help is needed. Sign up today if you can help.... We need lots of candy!!!! You can drop off your donation to the parish office....