

## CCD NEWS 10/30/16

This coming Sunday, we will be celebrating the 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Mark your calendars: November 1<sup>st</sup>** 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. 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. 30<sup>th</sup> after the 10AM Mass..

1<sup>st</sup> Communion parents meeting will take place on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> or Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. This is a very important parent meeting, reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will be discussed. One parent must attend with their child. This is for second year students. Students received information regarding this meeting today. Please return the note back next week.

2nd year 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates can make appointments to be prayer tested. If you have any questions please call the CCD Office at 632-7163. Prayer deadline December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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. 22<sup>nd</sup>. In preparing a meal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

***Let the Ladies do the cooking...Please remember to support the Y.L.I. Linguica drive thru dinner Nov. 3 from 4to 7 p.m. \$10 per ticket.***

**Please join our parish community Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m in the New Church for a special Mass to remember all our faithful departed in Honor of All Souls Day.**

***Trunk or Treat will take place Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm here at Holy Rosary Parish Grounds. We are still in need of candy.... Please drop off your donations to the parish office.***

***No Sunday CCD on November 13<sup>th</sup>.***