



This coming Sunday we celebrate the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We read from the Gospel of Matthew 18:21-35 In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter one of Jesus' most eye opening, soul searching, life changing parables. Of course, it will only open our eyes, probe our souls, and change our lives in so far as we allow it. This gets to the heart of a major reason that Jesus taught in parables. He wanted his listeners to really mull something over. He wanted a story to take hold of their imaginations and become a part of them. He hoped his message would survive long enough within his listeners to change hearts. Today's parable is about forgiveness, and it touches the very core of our human hypocrisy: We want others to be generous in treating us with mercy, but we tend to be quite stingy in doling out mercy to others. We want others to be lenient with us, but meanwhile we make harsh determinations about what we think they deserve. This is a painful truth laid bare by Jesus in a powerful story. **Prayer: Jesus, may this story be written on my heart as a reminder that you have forgiven me. Now you ask me to forgive others. Help me to forgive from my heart, generously and not begrudgingly..... Amen**

Today, class schedules, safe environment pamphlets and religious education handbook were handed out to each child. If you did not receive one, Please call the CCD office and request one.



Each week your child will receive CCD News. CCD News has everything that is going on in the Religious Education Department and will include some parish news. The Church Bulletin also has CCD News and you can also check out our web site at www.hilmarholysary.org

CCD Office Hours are Monday – Friday 1-5pm and by appointment. When calling Please remember to leave a message with your phone number if no one personally answers, so your call CAN and WILL be returned .

Bazaar items are being sought for the Our Lady of the Rosary Festa which will take place Oct. 21 & 22. If you have items you would like to donate drop them off at the Parish Office. Bazaar items can be toys, wreaths, tea sets, towel sets, nick knacks, coffee mugs, and much more.

Oct. 4th We celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bring your pets for a special Blessing at 6pm. Meet in front of the CCD Building.

RCIA the process for becoming Catholic, enables people to learn about the Catholic faith to join, or rejoin the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will be held at our parish for those interested in Being Baptized, receiving Communion and or Confirmation, or rejoining the Church after an absence of some years or just to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Join us for the following Inquiry Meeting: Sunday, September 24 at 8:40am. All meetings will be held in the Parish Center, If you have any questions please call Dina 632-7163 or the parish office at 667-8961. Mr. Christopher Freeberg will be leading this ministry.

1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Retreat

When: Sunday, October 29

Where: Reedley High School

Who: 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Students

Time: 7:00AM return 9:00PM

Permission Slips and your non refundable \$40.00 is due Sept. 20th.



Do you need ministry hours? Sign up in the CCD Office to help at the 10:00AM Mass starting Sept. 17th with Children's Liturgy. What is Children's Liturgy, it is a program where children ages 3-7 will be escorted out of Mass and into the Chapel in order to learn about the readings of the day, participate in activities to their age level. Extra hands are needed to help the little children of our parish. If you are in Jr. High and High School we need your help for this program. Sign up today....

Hilmar Helping Hands Sunday, is next weekend. We really need peanut butter and jam, any non perishable items are accepted. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



This year, Catechetical Sunday, will be celebrated on Sunday, September 17,2017 the theme "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. The Catechists are living and sharing the word of God with the Youth of our parish. This coming Sunday, we will honor those who share in the teaching Mission of the church through a special rite of commissioning and Blessing. **Be sure to remember to pray for them throughout the year.**

