

Holy Rosary C.C.D.

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Hello to my CCD Families!

It's pretty crazy to think that we are already entering the holiday season! We will begin the Advent Season the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Not only do we find ourselves busy with our regular schedules, but we add on the added events and activities that come with Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. It can feel overwhelming! I hope that in all the chaos, you will find time to rest and be present with the family and friends that you share these special times with.

We will be bustling with activities here at Holy Rosary: weekly Advent activities/giveaways, Christmas caroling, Christmas Memorial Gifts, and Christmas Eve Children's Vigil Mass. If you would like to help or participate in any of these activities, please let me know. I have yet to take on some of these events and would love the help and guidance of those who have done so in the past.

As always, contact me should you have any questions or concerns!

God bless you and yours!
Annie

Advent Mission: Tim Staples



Tim Staples is a **Catholic author, apologist, and lecturer**. He is the Director of Apologetics and Evangelization at Catholic Answers. He will be speaking at our church on December 2nd & 3rd. He will be speaking on: "The Trinity", "Why be Catholic?", "Now That We're Catholic", and "The Living Bread". **If you have a Confirmation candidate who needs to make up for absences, attendance to each**

night's events will make up for a missed class!



Upcoming Events

November 6 -17

Parish Holy Land Trip

November 21 – 28

Thanksgiving CCD Break

December 2 – 4

2nd Year Confirmation
Retreat at Three Rivers
Conference Center

December 8

Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 9

Christmas Caroling

December 9

"A Night in Bethlehem"

presented by Our Lady of
the Assumption • 4pm to
7pm

Service Hours Opportunities...

Filhos Helpers

December 11th

1am to 5am

5am to 8am

**Service hours are doubled for
this event!**

Sign-ups are available online
on the CCD tab of the Holy
Rosary Church website.

Church “Angels” Piggy Banks

The first weekend of the month, we have a second collection during all masses to support our parish's “Building Fund”. The monies from these collections go towards building new classrooms. The children are invited to contribute from their piggy banks for this worthy cause. We have these cute little piggies available for the children to use to save up their pennies! They are available in the parish office as well as the CCD office in the classrooms building. This is a great way to teach the children that WE are the church and it's up to us to *literally build* God's church!



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available!



Shoeboxes are available for pickup in the parish office, in the church entry and after CCD classes. If you choose to take a box, please make note that Collection Week for these boxes is November 14th – 21st at Hilmar Covenant Church.

Monday – Friday (14th – 18th): 3pm to 5pm

Saturday & Sunday (19th & 20th): 11am to 1pm

Monday (21st): 8am to 10am

If you have questions or need anything, please call Norma at (209)541-4345.

Instructions and box content ideas are inside each box. Thank you for your generosity! This is a special opportunity to include your children and show them how we can make a big impact on the life of someone across the world!

Christmas Caroling!

Remember the days of old when we would stroll through the neighborhoods and sing carols? Would you like to do it again? We are planning an evening of Christmas caroling for Friday, December 9th. Depending on signups, we may break up into groups and visit various Hilmar neighborhoods. It would be nice to carol at the homes of some of our homebound parishioners. If you know of someone who would enjoy this special treat, make sure to let Annie know so we can do our best to visit! We will carol, hand out candy canes and return to the parish hall for some hot chocolate and goodies. This is open to the families of Holy Rosary. More information will come as arrangements are made. If you'd like to help with this event, please let Annie know.

1st Communion & Confirmation...

1st Year Confirmation

Get ahead of the game by prayer testing now!

2nd Year Confirmation

Prayer Testing needs to be completed as soon as possible. Please urge your candidates to finish up soon!

RETREAT: Please return all retreat forms no later than 11/18/2022

1st Communion

Let's get started on Prayer Testing. 2nd Year Communion students need to be finished with their prayers by February 3rd