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Hello to my CCD Families!

I just spent a beautiful weekend with our 2nd Year Confirmation candidates at the Santa Teresita Youth Conference Center in Three Rivers. We experienced a bit of rain, a bit of fun and a lot of growing in community with one another as we focused on our faith and our role as disciples of Christ. Many, many thanks to my fellow chaperones: **Michelle Machado, Daniel Machado and Andrew Vieira**. I couldn't have done it without you, and it wouldn't have been as fun without you as well!

We are now well into the Advent season. I pray that we are all focusing on the coming birth of our Savior Jesus and are taking a moment or two each day to remember and bring focus on the true meaning of the season.

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

God bless you and yours!
Annie#

Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

This year's Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass will include a nativity play featuring the children. If you have a child that would like to participate in the Mass, we will be needing readers, gift collectors and children to participate in the actual nativity play: Mary, Joseph, Innkeepers, Shepherds, Angels, Animals, etc. I will also need parent participation to "cue" the kids during the play so that things can go as smoothly as possible. Please let me know before the 13th so that I can place people where best suited. Thanks!



Upcoming Events

December 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 9
"A Night in Bethlehem"
presented by Our Lady of the Assumption • 4pm to 7pm

December 19
Deadline for Christmas Memorial Gifts

December 19 – January 9th
Christmas and New Year's Break – NO CCD During this time!

December 21
Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Practice at 6pm

December 24
Children's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 5pm

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.

2nd Year Confirmation Retreat Highlights!



Advent Wreath

1st CANDLE – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

2nd CANDLE – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

3rd CANDLE – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

4th CANDLE – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th CANDLE – (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

Nativity Word Scramble

All these words come from the Christmas story. Can you unscramble them?

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MAGREN _____

MYAR _____

SEPHE _____

DOEYKN _____

AEGLN _____

JPHOES _____

JSSEU _____

KIGSN _____

STBLAE _____