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## Hello to my CCD families!

We are approaching "Sacrament Season" – did you know it's a thing? It's not, but we are approaching a special time of year for our CCD program. We have 8 students who will be baptized this spring, 31 Confirmation Candidates who will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on February 10<sup>th</sup> and we have 51 children receiving their First Holy Communion on May 11<sup>th</sup>! Isn't that amazing!? Please pray for these children and their families. It is a special time and being surrounded by prayers from their community makes it all the more special!

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

God bless you and yours! Annie

# **WINISTRIES**®

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation NET Ministries Retreat

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Candidates will have their retreat on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> given by NET Ministries.

We have 8 missionaries who will need housing for 1 night only! This means I need four homes (they are like the animals on Noah's Ark and come 2 by 2!).

Will you be willing to host these young missionaries for one night? Give Annie a call if you are! Thank you!



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Children's Mass

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation NET Ministries Retreat

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** Last Night of 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation

February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Confirmation Mass Practice MANDATORY for all Candidates and their Sponsors

**February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** Ash Wednesday Mass – 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Candidates will be serving as Lectors, Ushers

February 12<sup>th</sup> – 24th NO CLASSES during HUSD School Break. Classes resume on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Children's Mass

## SERVICE HOURS opportunities!

- Children's Liturgy Room Helper
- Cleaning the Church
- Cleaning the CCD Classrooms
- Super Bowl Sunday FILHOS kitchen helpers
- Fish Dinner on March 15th

## Vacation Bible School COMMITTEE



We will soon begin planning for this year's Vacation Bible School. We will be putting together a committee who will work together to create a week that the kids will not forget! It's a lot of work, but it's also A **LOT OF FUN**!! If you are interested in being a part of this fun event, let Annie know!

## Lost & Not Yet Found....

I have several sweatshirts and miscellaneous items in our Lost & Found. Please feel free to come and look through the items to see if they belong to your household. PHOTOS OF OUR LOST ITEMS HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE CCD TAB!

## PRAYER Champions

Please encourage your children who are in First Holy Communion or Confirmation formation to visit Annie regularly to test on prayers! We are approaching deadlines for the upcoming Sacraments. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation has a deadline for ALL requirements of January 31<sup>st</sup>. Our 2024 First Communion candidates have a deadline of April 30<sup>th</sup>. We may be concentrating on certain prayers each month, but the children are more than welcome to test on ALL the prayers that they know!



Is your child interested in participating in the Mass as an Altar Server? We are ALWAYS looking for boys & girls who want to serve as Altar Servers for our Masses! This is a great opportunity to learn how fun and easy it is to serve! Children who have received their Sacrament of First Holy Communion are eligible. If your child will be receiving their First Communion this May, ask

them if they'd like to become an Altar Server. Let Annie know OR you can talk to Veber Caetano about signing up!



#### **3rd Grade Mass** 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be serving at the 10am Mass on January 28<sup>th</sup>

If you have a child in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who would like to participate in the Mass, please let me know or have them tell their teacher. We will provide the readings beforehand and will have a practice so that the children

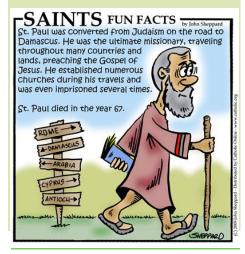
feel comfortable in their roles. This is a great way to let them see how fun and easy it is to serve!



Celebrating birthdays January 15th- 22nd

- Michaela Lopes
- **Christian Cervantes**
- Tiago Brasil
- Gianna Belerique
- Efrain Leal





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