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## Hello to my CCD Families!

Thanksgiving is already next week! We have so much to be thankful for. One of my favorite sayings is, "You always find what you're looking for." Bo you look around and see all the blessings in your life? Or do you look around only to find what is lacking? Do you want to live a life filled with gratitude and joy or disappointment and sorrow? My hope for you is that you will choose to live every day looking for and giving thanks for all the goodness in your life!

I'm thankful for having the opportunity to serve the Holy Rosary Parish and the amazing boys and girls in the Religious Education Program.

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

God bless you and yours! Annie

## **No Classes Next Week!**



There will be no CCD classes this coming week as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm** Family Rosary Walk

November 25<sup>th</sup>—December 2<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Week ● NO CLASSES!

**December 4th** 

1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation • Sponsor Verification Deadline

December 11th

1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation • Saint Essays Due CCD Advent Confessions

December 14<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Caroling!

December 18th

Finals Week at School – NO CCD CLASSES! Make it a study night!!

December 20th

Children's Christmas Vigil Mass Practice at 6pm (Mass on 12/24 at 5pm)

December 23<sup>rd</sup> − January 6th Christmas & New Year's Break • NO CLASSES!

## **NOVEMBER**



Prayer Focus...

First Communion: 1st Year
Our Father

First Communion: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year
Our Father

<u>Confirmation: 1st Year</u> Spiritual Works of Mercy

Confirmation: 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Hail, Holy Queen Memorae

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#### Classrooms are a NO PHONE ZONE



We are going through a season where phones in the classroom are becoming quite a distraction. Let's remind the kiddos to keep their phones in their backpacks or pockets. Phones that are being used during class time

will be taken and placed on the teacher desk until end of class.

## Let's Clean Up After Ourselves!



Our classrooms are not the best place to eat our fast-food "snacks". Trash left in the classroom stinks up the room for the next session. Please make sure that if your kids are enjoying a fast-food snack, that they eat them and throw them away in the parish hall.

Trash is being left ALL OVER! Let's take pride in our parish campus by cleaning up after ourselves and putting trash where it belongs. If you see something that needs to be thrown away, pick it up. After every CCD session, I walk around picking up wrappers and water bottles. *It's a bit discouraging.* 

## PRAYER Champions

We are now in the month of November with new prayers to focus on! Let's make sure that we continue to encourage them to practice their prayers and to test on them throughout the month. Lost your prayer sheet? That's okay! They're available on the CCD tab of the church website!

## **Operation Shoebox DROP OFF WEEK is NOW!**



All 50 shoeboxes have been picked up. Last year 35 of our 50 boxes were returned. Let's do all we can to ensure that ALL 50 boxes get returned so that children around the world get to experience Christmas and the love of the Lord and their fellow man. Remember, you can track your package and see what corner of the globe it lands!

## Boxes must be returned to Hilmar Covenant Church the week of November 18-24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Raising Future Saints**

A group focused on the vocation of motherhood. Centered on the Eucharist we are committed to raising our children in our Catholic faith and living out the liturgy in our daily lives. Helping each other grow in holiness to raise the next generation of future saints! Children are welcome! This group meets Thursdays at 10:30am in the Monsignor Minhoto Meeting Room. *Come Check It Out!!* 

**FAMILY ROSARY WALK** • Join us for the recitation of the most Holy Rosary on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm. We will meet outside the Mission Church. Light refreshments will be served after. This is open to EVERYONE!



Celebrating birthdays this week...

- Mia Rodriguez
- Iridessa Vargas
- Amelia Alvarez
- John Pereira
- Ashlyn Mendoza

# SERVICE HOURS opportunities!

- · Children's Liturgy Room Helper
- Cleaning the Classrooms
- · Filhos Kitchen Helpers
- · Christmas Caroling
- · Christmas Vigil Mass Helpers

Make sure to go to the CCD tab at <a href="https://www.hilmarholyrosary.org">www.hilmarholyrosary.org</a>
to sign up for these and other opportunities!

## Confirmation Important Dates

- December 4<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Year
   Confirmation: Sponsor Information
   Forms due
- December 11<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation: Saint Essay due
- January 11<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation: Sponsor & Candidate Mini-Retreat

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