

PARENT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

OUR CATECHISTS:

Kindergarten	Denise Smith and Ann Niesz	5th Grade	Diane Brown and Jennifer McCartin
1st Grade	Yvette Baggs and Riayn Baggs	6th Grade	Kevin Dey and Todd Parramore
2nd Grade	Angie Taylor and Shelly Carroll	7th Grade	Jack Kirby (and student aides)
3rd Grade	Beverly Antonio and Julie Blanchard	8th Grade	Charlie Baggs (and student aides)
4th Grade	Erin Holthaus and Jackie Kline		

Parish Website: www.sorrowparish.org

Visit the parish website to find up to date special announcements, the parish and religious ed calendar, photos of activities at OMOS, and much more! Also, should we need to postpone or cancel classes for any reason, you will find that notice posted on the website. I will also send out a Remind text message.

The “One Thing” - Ask your children each week what they learned in class. There should be at least one thing that they can tell you they learned. It’s the goal of every catechist this year to make sure that your children have something other than “I don’t know” or “nothing” as a response to your question!

Curriculum - Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be using the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies this year, as in the past. Grade 6 will be using “Visions” this year instead of “Venture” which will continue to be used by Grades 4 and 5. The 7th and 8th Grades are using something entirely new this year: The Junior High “Be My Disciples” curriculum from RCL Benziger. It consists of 2 different textbooks for each grade and will serve as an excellent platform for moving them successfully into preparation for Confirmation in 9th grade. Each 7th and 8th grader also will receive instructions to get the e-book version of their textbook.

Make-up Work – For Grades K through 6, Curriculum was ordered and paid for on a per child basis. Therefore, each child will receive one Gospel weekly per week and one textbook that they will take home at the end of the year. When make-up work is needed, you or your child must go to their catechist and request the Weekly for the missed week. They may only receive this missed lesson one time – there are no extras. Work can be completed at home and then brought in for credit to be given for the missed class.

Form A – Please complete and return to me a Form A Annual Consent and Release for each of your children.

Dismissal – If you want to have your child leave with another adult, I need to have your written authorization to do so on file. Ms. Carolyn has a binder with the authorizations at her table in Corbaley Hall – please see her to fill one out.

Adult Formation Opportunities – Some parents have indicated a desire to participate in faith formation while their children are in religious ed classes. I have found a 6-week faith-based parenting program that focuses on raising our children through the lens of our Catholic faith. Minimal reading and discussion format. There will be a sign-up sheet at Corbaley Hall for anyone interested.

Other Adult Formation offerings are listed on the Flyer included with this Parent Meeting Highlights Summary.

SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

September 25 – Fire Drill

October 2 – **Blessing of the Animals**, 11 am Corbaley Yard.

October 9 - Pizza Lunch - Each month from October thru March, the **Confirmation Class** will be sponsoring a Pizza Lunch in order to raise funds for their Pilgrimage in Wilmington, as well as the supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt in April. A lunch will consist of a slice of pizza, a bag of chips, and a drink for \$5. Lunch will be served in the main hall as children are dismissed from their classes at 11:25.

Pre-orders will be taken in class the week prior to the scheduled lunch.

Other Pizza Lunches scheduled for Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, and Mar. 12.

Thank you for supporting the Confirmation Class!

October 16 - Youth Mass – The Survey that was taken by the Religious Ed. families at the beginning of the summer had many great suggestions, and a call for a Youth Mass was one of them! Therefore, beginning on **October 16** and then monthly thereafter we will be having a Youth Mass at the 9:15 Mass. The intent is for complete involvement by our young people – lectors, ushers, greeters, etc. Cathy Emory, our music director, is asking for any young people and their parents who are **interested in forming a band** to play at the Youth Masses to contact her (mosmusic@verizon.net or 410-758-0143, ext. 6). For the first few Masses, we will be using recorded music. Our hope is to assemble a band of vocalists and instruments and integrate them into the Mass by early next year. We are very excited about this endeavor – we hope you will want to participate!

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December 4 – Blessing of the Nativity Sets – The Survey also revealed that nearly all our families have a Nativity Set at home that they use during Advent. So, we thought it would be a neat idea to bless them as an official beginning to Advent in our Religious Ed. program. Families are invited to bring their nativity sets to Corbaley Hall on December 4, set them up on the tables which will be available, and then participate in a brief ceremony where Fr. Clem will bless all of them. This will be open to all parishioners, and we are looking forward to a potentially spectacular display of nativity sets in Corbaley Hall!

December 11 – Cookie Bake – Our young people are invited to join in this annual tradition of rolling, cutting out, decorating, and baking Christmas cookies to be included in the Christmas Baskets that are distributed to families in need in our community. Lunch is provided immediately following religious ed. classes, and then the baking begins! Parent volunteers are needed for a variety of work stations.

December 18 – Advent Celebration – Classes will gather at 11 am to enjoy the Advent Play to be performed by our 7th Grade.

March 19 – 8th Grade Stations of the Cross, *Extended class – 10:15 – 12:15.*

April 1 – Easter Eggstravaganza! This was so much fun last year that it looks like it will be a new tradition here at OMOS! The Confirmation Class will sponsor the 2nd Annual Easter Eggstravaganza at Corbaley Hall beginning at 10 am. There will be games, fun activities, and a giant Easter Egg Hunt!

Friday Night Potluck Dinner and Family Movie Nights

November 11

January 20

February 24

In lieu of Family Activity Nights this year, we have three Family Movie Nights scheduled. Families are invited to bring a dish to share along with blankets, camp chairs, and whatever else might make your family movie viewing enjoyable!
