

# GOOD NEWS NEWSLETTER

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## 9th/10th Grade Confirmation

As our Confirmation candidates prepare to open their hearts, minds and souls to the Holy Spirit, we would like to remind you of the importance of that undertaking.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that every Baptized person can and should receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist form a unity, it follows that "the faithful are obliged to receive this Sacrament at the appropriate time." Without Confirmation and Eucharist, Baptism is certainly valid and efficacious, but Christian initiation remains incomplete (1306).

10th Grade Confirmandi/Mentor Sessions begin on Sunday, October 2nd, 5:00-6:30pm, in the church.

## Student Liturgies

What better way for students to feel a part of our church community than by celebrating their own Liturgy as a class and assuming important roles during the Liturgy? The sixth and seventh graders will celebrate the Liturgy on Wednesday nights, during Religious Education class, Oct. 12 and Nov. 9, respectively. Parents are encouraged to attend. Fifth graders will celebrate their student Liturgy during a Saturday, 5:00 Mass, Oct. 22. This Liturgy will be followed by a potluck dinner for the fifth grade families.



## My Sunday Bulletin

*Do you listen to the Gospel as it is proclaimed during Mass?*

*Do you listen to the homily of the priest?*

*Do you listen to your teachers in Religious Education class?*

These are some of the questions directed at students who read "My Sunday Bulletin." They are thought provoking, challenging questions that enable students to take a good look at their relationship with God and better understand the homily and Gospel each Sunday.

"My Sunday Bulletin" is a publication to which St. Elizabeth's has recently subscribed. It is handed out each Wednesday evening to all 3rd-6th grade students, so they have a chance to find out what the Gospel will be for the upcoming Sunday and have the opportunity to talk and learn about the Gospel with their families.

In addition to the Gospel questions, "My Sunday Bulletin" also contains activities for the students to enjoy, an explanation of the "Feast of the Week," and a column to write in and "Ask Father Ambrose" difficult Catholic questions. "My Sunday Bulletin" gives families an awesome opportunity to learn about the Gospel and enrich their faith life as a family.

When your 3rd-6th grade student comes home from Religious Education classes, be sure to pull out "My Sunday Bulletin." Set aside some time, before Sunday Mass, to read through it and do the activities together. Encourage your children to listen closely to the Gospel and homily during Mass and then take out "My Sunday Bulletin" again. Find out if they have learned anything new or have different answers to the questions.

If you do not have a 3rd-6th grade student, you may still take advantage of this wonderful family faith experience. You can find copies of "My Sunday Bulletin" on a table in the Gathering Place. We encourage all families with intermediate age students

## PARKING

When dropping off your children for Religious Education DO NOT park on Main Street.

This makes it EXTREMELY difficult for our traffic patrol to ensure the safety of our students. Please use the church parking lot and cross the street at the designated crossing with the traffic patrol. Thank you for your cooperation!



## Calendar

Sun. Oct. 2	3 and 4 year-old Sunday School	10:15a
	GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION SESSIONS BEGIN	5p-6:30p
	Grades 2-4 Reconciliation Parent Meeting	6:30p-7:30p
Wed. Oct. 5	Rel. Ed.	
	Grades 2-4 Reconciliation Parent Meeting	6:30p-7:30p
Sat./Sun. Oct. 8/9	Grades 2-4 Reconciliation Enrollment Weekend	
Sun. Oct. 9	3 and 4 year-old Sunday School	
	Grade 10 Confirmation Session II	
Wed. Oct. 12	Rel. Ed.	
	Grade 6 Student Liturgy	
	Penny Penny collection ends	
	Theme Basket collection ends	
Sun. Oct. 16	3 and 4 year-old Sunday School	
	Grade 10 Confirmation Session III	
Wed. Oct. 19	Rel. Ed. (Student envelopes will be distributed)	
Sat. Oct. 22	Grade 5 Student Liturgy/Pot Luck	5:00 Liturgy
Sun. Oct. 23	3 and 4 year-old Sunday School	
	Grade 10 Confirmation Session IV	
Wed. Oct. 26	NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	
	Catechist Planning Meeting	6:50p
Sun. Oct. 30	3 and 4 year-old Sunday School	
Mon. Oct. 31	Vigil of All Saints' Day	6:50p
Tues. Nov. 1	All Saints' Day Masses	8:30a and 6:50p
Wed. Nov. 2	Rel. Ed.	
	Grades 1 and 8 All Saints' Day Party	
Sat. Nov. 5	Blessed Harvest Bazaar	9:00a-2:00p
Sun. Nov. 6	3 and 4 year-old Sunday School	
	Grade 10 Confirmation Session V	
Wed. Nov. 9	Rel. Ed.	
	Grade 7 Student Liturgy	
Sun. Nov. 13	3 and 4 year-old Sunday School	
	Grade 10 Confirmation Session VI	
Wed. Nov. 16	Rel. Ed.	
	Grade 9 Confirmation mini-retreat	
Sat. Nov. 19	Grades 2-4 Reconciliation Retreat	9:50a-Noon
Sun. Nov. 20	3 and 4 year-old Sunday School	
	Grade 10 Confirmation Mentor/candidate Potluck	
Wed. Nov. 23	NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	
Sun. Nov. 27	NO 3 AND 4 YEAR-OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL	
Wed. Nov. 30	Rel. Ed.	

## Important 2nd, 3rd, 4th Grade Info!!

The cold shoulder. The silent treatment. Holding a grudge. Getting revenge. When somebody wrongs us, these are the things we tend to automatically think about.

Forgiving is difficult. It is human nature to want justice when something has gone wrong. Many will quote, "an eye for an eye," instead of, "turn the other cheek." When we feel bad, we think it is only fair that whoever made us feel that way should feel worse. Giving someone the cold shoulder or the silent treatment, holding a grudge, or getting revenge would probably accomplish the goal of making that person feel worse, but does it not also make us feel worse in the process?

What a great feeling to finally put behind us the hurt and resentment caused by grudges and forgive those who have wronged us! What an even greater feeling to know that we are forgiven, and our relationship with God is strong!

This year, a change has been made in our Religious Education program. The second graders are going to be able to have this wonderful feeling of forgiveness before they receive the Eucharist for the first time! What this means for our program is that this year, the second, third and fourth grade students will all be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To ensure that we have adequate time and space for all of the parents to receive the information needed to prepare your children, we will be offering two parent meetings for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. ***All second, third and fourth grade parents ARE REQUIRED TO attend one of these two meetings!*** Please write these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

**Sunday, October 2nd 6:30-7:30pm**

**Wednesday, October 5th 6:30-7:30pm**

I challenge all of the second, third and fourth grade students to remember that they not only are able to receive the awesome gift of God's love and forgiveness, but they are also asked by God to

## Did You Know?

All Saints' Day is a holy day of obligation that honors all martyrs and saints known and unknown. A saint is a very blessed and holy person who loves God very

much. Saints are people who dedicate their lives to God and serve others unselfishly. The Feast of All Saints is observed November 1st. The First and Eighth Grade students will be celebrating this day with a special party on November 2nd!



Student Offering Envelopes will be handed out October 19th.  
Please make a point of teaching your children the joy of giving!