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January FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Faith Formation Families & Friends,

Our blessings to each of you during this brand New Year. Our hopes are for a year that is filled with wonderful surprises and joys. We hope that your Christmas Holiday time was packed with good food, family, friends, and many great memories.

We ask for continued prayers for all of our Faith Formation families. Also, prayers of condolence go out to the May family, who is both a FF family as well as a Catechist Aide on the loss of their mother/grandmother in December. May Eternal Rest be hers in God's hands. Prayers of healing are still needed for the continued recovery of Mrs. Gandt, wife of our catechist, Mr. Gandt. Her road to recovery is still on-going and is improving daily!! Prayers of joy out to our Catechist Aide, Mrs. Loftus on becoming the grandma of two wonderfully handsome twin grandsons!

For days when the winter weather gets especially bad or dangerous, please log on the internet to:

www.emergencyclosingcenter.com

to find out if there will be a St. Pius X Faith Formation session that day. There will be **no** phone messages made to each individual home. If you do not have access to the internet, there will be a message on the Faith Formation Office phone at 630-627-1551. Postings will be done as early in the day as possible when the weather is inclement. If you are unsure if class will be in session, either go to the Emergency Closing Center online, listen to the AM radio stations, watch the closings on television, or call the FF office.

If any of you are aware of the few FF families who are still NOT getting our emails of news & updates, please ask them to call our office to check our email listing for them. A couple of the newsletters keep popping back, but it doesn't always tell us which address it was sent to, in fact, two of them come back with ALL the addresses listed!! So, if you know of any family NOT getting our information, please let us know as soon as possible.

January will be a busy month for us in Faith Formation. We will have Sacrament meetings for 1st grade parents on **Tuesday, January 17th, at 7pm in church**, 2nd grade parents on **Monday, January 23rd, at 7pm in church**, and 7th grade parents & students on **Monday, January 30 at 7pm in church**. All of these meetings ARE MANDATORY to attend. You will be getting a reminder postcard in the mail as well. Please mark your calendars now to be sure you do not forget.

We have a change to the FF calendar you need to make note of. ***There will NOT be classes now on Tuesday, January 31st/Wednesday, February 1st*** for Catechist Formation. We have the marvelous opportunity to hear author/speaker Joe Paprocki, author of the book, *The Catechist's Toolbox* give a presentation to our section of the Diocese during that week. **We will now have classes on Tuesday, Feb. 7th/Wednesday, Feb 8th.** Please be sure to revise any previous schedule to accommodate this change. Thank you for your understanding.

The next two months calendar are on page two. If you have any questions/concerns, either call our office, or email us! God Bless!

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10/11	<i>Faith Formation class night</i>
13	<i>Confirmation Name/Info sheets due</i>
14	<i>1st Reconciliation – 2nd Grade – 10:30 & 1:30pm</i>
17	<i><u>1st Grade Sacramental Preparation meeting</u> – 6:30pm, church (no make up meeting will be scheduled) – Attendance by 1st grade parents is mandatory</i>
17/18	<i>Faith Formation class night</i>
22	<i>Youth/Family Mass at 11am</i>
23	<i><u>2nd Grade 1st Communion Meeting</u> – 7pm – Church. This meeting is mandatory.</i>
24/25	<i>FF class night</i>
30	<i><u>7th Grade Sacramental Preparation meeting</u> – 7pm, church (no make up meeting will be scheduled) – Attendance by 7th graders & parents is mandatory</i>
31/Feb 1	<i>NO CLASSES – Catechist Formation</i>

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7/8	<i>Faith Formation class night</i>
10	<i>8th Grade Letter to Bishop is due</i>
11	<i>7th Grade Sacramental Retreat – 9am – 12pm – Social Center</i>
14/15	<i>Faith Formation class night 8th Grade – Discipleships due</i>
21/22	<i>Faith Formation class night – Wednesday classes will be attending Ash Wednesday Masses. We strongly encourage Tuesday families to attend Mass on this 1st Day of Lent as well</i>
28/29	<i>Faith Formation class night</i>