



# THE GOOD NEWS MAY 2017

Dear Parents,

**Hooray!! To our Third Grade students who hosted the 8am Mass on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Thomas Wilson, Alissa Phillips, Ann Thekkinedath, Logan Guerreiro, Robert Leetch, Cayenne Lawrence, Zeke Eull, Maya Mc Camant, Matthew Banach, Gabriella Schultz, Caitlyn Wong, Sophia Garcia, Russell Reyes and their wonderful teachers Christine Salfity and Christine Ferrero.** The Religious Education children always do such a great job of greeting, reading and presenting the gifts. They are a blessing to all of us and we are so proud of them!

**Many thanks to our wonderful Teachers, Aides, Traffic and Yard Patrol Volunteers. Also, to the parents who provided goodies and assistance with set-up, serving and clean up for our Spirit Days, Parent Meetings and Special Celebrations! We couldn't do it without all your help!**

**Three cheers for our wonderful Religious Education Students! As of May 4, they have donated over \$700.00 to the **Missionary Childhood Association** as one of their service projects during Lent. This money will go directly to help the poorest of the poor children living in 81 countries around the world. Also, many food items were donated to help the poor in our area. **Plus, many, many cans of chili donated to the Feed the Needy program which is coordinated by our very own Fourth Grade Teacher's Aide Barbara Mullen!** Thank you so much for your generosity to those in need. **Truly, children, your lives can and do make a positive difference in the lives of others.****

Our Annual "**Baby Shower for Life**" Mass, is today at church. All families are invited to attend this wonderful liturgy. This shower benefits mothers who are being counseled at the Pregnancy Help Center. Students are asked to bring in a baby-need item to be used in preparing a gift package for the new mothers. A special invitation was sent home last week.

For our **Closing Classes**, the **Jr. High students and their families** will gather for a special Mass led by our Pastor Msgr. Mike. A pizza party, for the students and their families, will be held in Kavanagh Hall, following the liturgy. Also, our Youth Minister, Gabriel Reyes will be speaking to our students and their families about the wonderful Confirmation program here at St. James. The **Elementary classes, grades 1-6**, will gather together at the Parish Center for a celebration led by Msgr. Mike and Fr. IK which will include a Prayer Service, Blessing of the Children, Teacher Appreciation and Presentation of Student Certificates followed by refreshments for all. It will be a great way to end our year together!

I am pleased to attach the **May** issue of **Partners in Faith**. Three **May** highlights are: ■ Experts say that happy families share love easily, enjoy time together, and connect solidly. The main article on page one offers five suggestions to help every family become a happier family. ■ Research shows that children of families that gather around a meal together at least three times a week feel secure, have a better sense of family, and are less likely to engage in risky behavior. The main article on page two explains. Appearances can be deceiving. We are often quick to judge others or think we know all about them without taking the time to get to know them. ParentTalk explains how one parent encouraged young boys to get to know the new kid in school despite initial reluctance. I hope you enjoy these articles.

Please take some time to relax this summer - I wish you joy and look forward to September when we will begin another year together!

God Bless You!



Congratulations to the following children who received their **First Holy Communion in May:**

Francis Adaliga, Jeshua & Samantha Aguilar, Calvin Antioco, Dublyn Atwater, Veronica Barbarie, Lillian Berger, Katelyn Brozowski, Chloe Canteo, Enzo Canto, Chloe Choy, Matthew Crawford, Patrick De Ruyter, Sarah Diethelm, Adrian & Genesis Esquivel, Paloma Estrada, Mia Estrada-Houston, Taylor Fisher, Aaron Frazier, Cruz Garcia, Mikayla Gaspar, Sarah Goldman, Sloane Graham, Joshua Gregory, Kailee Hardt, Ty Hawley, Christopher Hines, Evan Jablonski, Aidan Jennings, Grace Kelley, Ryder King, Ella Klug, Marlena Lipan, Natalia Malak, Sean Martello, Colin Martinez, Grace McCauley, Addison & Christa McPherson, Kate McRae, Samantha Milczus, Mya Mourad, Laila Njeru, Jacob Payne, Ashley Dizon-Quintana, Dan Joel & Daphne Kennedy, Isabella Sain, Ella Sitz, Molly Siverts, Magdalena Stiffler, Evelyn Tang, KeiLee Tusieseina, Isabella Verdadero, Calvin Welsler, Collin Wimberley & Alyssa Zepeda.

May the love of Jesus be with you always!

## MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 7            **Third Grade**  
Hosts 8:00am Sunday Mass
- May 9            Baby Shower For Life Mass  
Grades 1-6 **Church @ 4:00pm**
- May 9            Jr. High Closing Classes Family Mass  
7:00pm - Church  
Pizza Party @ Kavanagh Hall
- May 10           Baby Shower For Life Mass  
Grades 1-6 **Church @ 4:00pm**
- May 13           **First Communion 10:00am**
- May 14           Mother's Day
- May 15           **RE Office Closed**
- May 16-17       Closing Classes & Celebrations  
Grades 1-6
- May 29           **Memorial Day - RE Office Closed**
- June 1           Registration forms for 2017-2018  
Mailed
- June 4           **Pentecost**

## REGISTRATION 2017-2018

Registration forms for our program's currently enrolled families will be sent home the first week of June for the 2017-2018 year. **Prompt return of completed forms can ensure your choice of day.**

**NEW** families can register beginning June 1st during our regular office hours: Monday - Thursday 10am - 3pm, and the week of August 21st from 1pm - 7pm.

### Non-Refundable Fees for 2017-2018:

#### Registered Contributing Families:

1 student - \$100.00, 2 students - \$200.00,  
3 or more \$220.00

Non-Registered Families: \$250.00 per student

**Late Fee:** \$10.00 per student if registered after **August 31st.**

The Religious Education Office will be closed from July 17th through August 11th and will reopen Monday, August 14th.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Interested in sharing your time and talents with our children?**

Please contact Diana Holly if you might be interested in becoming a teacher or teacher's aide for our Religious Education program. As our program has grown, so has our need for staff.

Also, again this year each family will be required to volunteer for at least one: traffic duty, yard duty, spirit day yard duty or host evening functions. Please see your volunteer form in your registration packet. We need everyone's help to continue our wonderful Religious Education Program!

Hip ~ Hip ~ Hooray !!