



PARENT PAGE

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High School Information

High School Recruitment

There are no longer high school recruitment boundaries in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati as of July 1, 2007. An information sheet is available from the RE Office to any family who would be interested. This sheet outlines the rationale and guidelines for Catholic High School recruitment.

High School Placement Test

The test date for this year is Saturday, November 20 at 8:00 am. Carroll High School does not participate in the placement test, but rather has other assessment methods that accomplishes the goal of placement.

An **Open House** is scheduled for each of the area high schools. These are open to the public. Dates we are aware of are as follows:

Alter	Nov. 7 from 1-4 pm
Carroll	Dec. 1 from 7-9 pm
Chaminade-Julienne	Nov. 7 from 1-4 pm

CAR VISOR CONVERSATION GUIDE



- What is something you are thankful for right now?
- What is one thing you appreciate about our family?
- Who are the kids at school you really like/dislike and why?
- If you had three wishes right now, what would you wish for?
- What do you think God has been trying to tell you/us lately?

Growing Peace at Ascension

Through our **GROWING PEACE at ASCENSION** process, we promote the Christian virtues of peace and nonviolence in the classroom and in the family. Each family is encouraged to take the Family Pledge of Nonviolence and return the dove with your family name written on it (sent home last month). The doves are displayed on the wall outside the RE Office.



Students who are observed living out the pledge will be given a certificate of recognition, and the student's name will be entered in a monthly drawing to receive a "peace bear." The students sign a **Classroom Pledge** in the class. Grades 6-8 signed the **School Pledge** at a prayer service during their first class in September; Grades 1-5 will sign the **School Pledge** at the Thanksgiving Mass.

The **PARENT PAGE** and other important information is coming home this month electronically. If we do not have your email address—please be sure to share it with us so you don't miss out on important information!

Congratulations to our Peacemakers of the month for October: Molly Hart, 4th and Amanda O'Brign, 5th

Why do Catholics do that?

Why do we make the Sign of the Cross?

In the Sign of the Cross, we profess the deepest mysteries of the Christian Faith: the Trinity--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--and the saving work of Christ on the Cross. The combination of the words and the action are a creed, a statement of belief. We mark ourselves as Christians through the Sign of the Cross. And yet, because we make the Sign of the Cross so often, we may be tempted to rush through it, to say the words without listening to them, to ignore the symbolism of tracing the shape of the Cross on our own bodies. A creed is not simply a statement of belief--it is a vow to defend that belief.

All Saints Day

Saint stories for kids are a great way to introduce children to positive role models.



From St. Valentine to St. Patrick, St. Michael to St. Nicholas, kids will love learning more

about these heroes. Get saint information and insight on a wide variety of Catholic saints at Loyola Press by copying and pasting in the website below:

<http://www.loyolapress.com/saints-stories-for-kids.htm?>

Advent begins on November 28th this year!

Family Ritual Idea

November is the month when the Church traditionally remembers those who have died. This is a good opportunity to get out your photos and tell family stories about your deceased loved ones. Teach your children the traditional prayer:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

NOVEMBER 1 - Monday All Saints' Day

Bonfire/Prayer Service
6:00pm Soccer Field w/ procession to PAC

7 - Sunday DST ends

9:45am Gr. 6-8
10:30am RCIA
10:30am Early Childhood

8 - Monday

4:15pm Gr. 1-5
6:30pm Gr. 6 & 8
7:00pm Gr. 8 Confirmation
Parents Mtg. - WC

10 - Wednesday

7:00pm Gr. 8 Confirmation
Parents Mtg. - WC

11 - Thursday

7:00pm School & RE
Committee (SchREC) Mtg

12 - Friday

8:00am-3:00pm Gr. 8
Spirit Day Retreat @ St.
Francis of Assisi Parish

13 - Saturday

9:30-3:30 Holiday Bazaar
9:30 am & 1:00 pm Server
Training - Church

14 - Sunday Coffee & Donuts

9:45am Gr. 6-8
10:30am RCIA
10:30am Early Childhood

15 - Monday

4:15pm Gr. 1-5
6:30pm Gr. 6 & 8

21 - Sunday

8:30 Mass Rite of Invitation
9:30-10:30am Sponsor
Mtg for Gr. 8 Confirmation
Candidates
9:45am Gr. 6-8/Prayer
10:30am RCIA
10:30am Early Childhood

22 - Monday

4:15pm Gr. 1-5/Mass
6:30pm Gr. 6 & 8/Prayer

28 - Sunday

NO CLASSES

29 - Monday

4:15pm Gr. 1-5
6:30pm Gr. 6 & 8

Early Childhood

This Sunday the students will be hosting their annual All Saints' Party! The Advent celebration will take place in the PAC on December 19. Information will be sent home on this later along with Advent at-home projects.

Middle School

Service opportunities in November/December: Share the Bounty (Nov. 8), Women's Guild Bazaar (Nov.12-13), JH Cookies 'n Christmas Caroling (Dec. 11). See the Youth Ministry web page (www.ascensionkettering.org/youth-ministry) for current details. Each 6th grade student should choose at least one service opportunity during the year; 7th graders - at least two; 8th graders - at least two in addition to their long-term project.

First Reconciliation

Parents will meet again on January 10 to discuss ideas for final preparations for First Reconciliation on February 5. Parents are reminded that it would be helpful to have all lessons in the student book completed by then.

First Communion

If you turned in the yellow form with your choices for a First Communion date for your child, a notice came home with your child last week - or will be coming home with your child as we receive your request.

Confirmation

Grade 7: SPIRIT DAY took place on October 15. Thanks to all those who helped: Angi Cali, Susan Draper, Maureen Fischer, Jean George, Terri Ivan, Paula Kreinbrink.

Grade 8: SPIRIT RETREAT takes place on November 12 (8-3 pm) at St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Sponsor reflection page #3 will be due on January 3, 2011. Binders are due that same date.

All Grade 8 candidates and sponsors are expected to attend the 8:30 am Mass on November 21 for the **Rite of Invitation**. Please be seated by 8:15 am. There will be a Sponsor meeting afterwards from 9:30-10:30 in the Witzman Center.

Liturgy

Grades 1-5 will attend Mass on **November 22** to commemorate **Thanksgiving**. **Grades 6-8** will have a Thanksgiving prayer service led by the 8th graders during class on November **21/22**.

Advent Prayer Services: For Elementary grades on December 6 and for Middle grades on December 19/20.

Collections

During the Thanksgiving prayer services/Mass, there will be a **collection offering** related to the outreach mission that your child is focusing on in class:

- Grade 1) Holy Childhood Association
- Grade 2) Food Pantry
- Grade 3) St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Grade 4) St. Vincent DePaul Hotel
- Grade 5) Twinning w/Peru
- Grade 6) Refugee Resettlement Program
- Grade 7) Elizabeth New Life Center
- Grade 8) Catch the Building Spirit

Your child's catechist will be sending home information in regards to what is to be sent in for the collection.

Mission Education

Students in Grades 1-8 observed **MISSION SUNDAY** with visits from representatives from the above referenced outreach ministries here at Ascension parish. The students heard information regarding each ministry, what it's focus is, how it helps people, what we here at Ascension are doing in our ministry and what they, the students, can do this year to support the ministry. Thank you to all our speakers who were so generous with their time and resources in sharing with our students. Watch the bulletin board outside the RE office as we highlight one of the ministries each week.



New Families ...

You should have received the booklet *Families Creating a Circle of Peace*, the *Prayers and Guideline for Young Catholics* booklet, and a refrigerator magnet. If we missed you, let us know.

Meijer Community Rewards

Since we started participating in the Meijer Community Rewards program almost six years ago, we have received \$4723.20. If you shop at Meijer and don't yet have a Meijer One card or credit card, please consider helping us out. (*Let us know if you need an application, or sign up on-line at www.Meijer.com/rewards.*)

The code for Ascension Religious Education is #571556. When you present your card at checkout, we receive a percentage of your total. Thanks to those folks who have helped us earn money to purchase Bibles for our Middle School students!

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There will be **NO CLASSES on Sunday, November 28, Thanksgiving weekend.**



Religious Education Directories should be coming home this month—watch for it!

Please call or stop by the RE Office if we can be of assistance. You are the most important influence in your child's faith formation; we are here to assist you!

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