



January Newsletter

Dear Religious Education Families,

Happy New Year! What a wonderful job our parish children did acting out the Gospel scene of the Epiphany at the 9:30 am mass on January 3, 2010!

The group of children included:

Joseph: Devin McNally, Mary: Maddie Reeves, Jesus: Alexis Monahan

Wise Men: Dylan Monahan, Blake McNally, Jack Larkins,

Herod: Luke DiMartino, Shepherds: Joseph Sarmenta, Nadia Paquin, Davos Paquin,

Star of Wonder: Emily Mc Garry, Head Angel: Sofia Melnychuck,

Choir of Angels, Molly Sullivan, Michaela Llewelyn, Caroline Day,

Gwen Mc Garry, McKenzie Monahan. Thank you for sharing your time and talent!

Regular classes resume on **January 10, 2010** for Grades Pre-K through 6th.

On January 10, in lieu of regular classes, our First and Second Year Confirmation students will be participating in a day retreat at Vallebrosa Retreat Center in

Menlo Park. For details, check our parish website www.stdenisparish.org and click on the "Confirmation" tab.

On **January 17** there are no classes due to the 3 day Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

On January 24th, our regular class schedule resumes *except for our First Communion students* who will participate in a First Reconciliation Workshop. Students in grades 2, 3 and 4 who are preparing for First Communion are to attend the 9:30 mass with at least one parent and then come to the front pews of the church immediately following the 9:30 mass. We will spend half an hour in the church. At 11 am we will move to the 2nd grade classroom to make room for the 11:30 Mass attendees. We will finish the workshop at about 11:30.

Chapters 1-3 in the Reconciliation Workbook should be completed at this time and the signed review sheet returned to the 2nd grade classroom. The 2nd grade aides have been instructed to put them in a folder. The guide for Chapter 4-6 will be available this week. It is best for your child to do these pages a little at a time, so pace yourselves. The goal is to have chapters 3-6 complete before Jan 31.

Please note that the January calendar that was put in the January 3rd bulletin has an error. The Reconciliation Workshop is NOT at 12:30 on Jan 24th as written. It is immediately after the 9:30 mass on Jan 24th.

Second Year Confirmation meets at 5:30 pm on January 24th.

Saints Projects are overdue. If you have not turned it in, please bring it. Be sure to sign up for your Readiness Interview if you have not already done so. The sign up sheet will be available at the Jan. 24th meeting.

We will have a guest speaker, Kathy Ruppel, who will introduce us to the St. Francis Pledge and discuss opportunities for service. Also be prepared to discuss the Maple Street Shelter Service Project and a comment or two about your "Top 5."

January 31 all classes follow the regular class schedule.

All questions are welcome! Rlyon.stdenis@gmail.com

Please check out our new Parish Website! God Bless You All!

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