

# November 2020 newsletter

## Wednesday Mass and class changes:

Due to COVID numbers on the rise, we have decided it is time to break up the classes to allow for more space to spread out. We will only have a portion of the classes attending on each Wednesday. Those not attending for the week will bring a book home with the chapter(s) to complete at home. Please do not write in the book. Your child will have a paper to fill out instead. Bring back both book and paper for next class. Those who are in attendance for the week will come to Mass. You and your child(ren) are welcome to come to Mass, but just will not sit up front. This will be continued through January 13<sup>th</sup>, in the hopes that we can go back to normal.

## The date changes for Wednesday's are as follows:

November 18<sup>th</sup> – K,1,2,5 (3 and 4 will bring book home)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> grade will Participate in their First Reconciliation.**

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2,3,4 (K,1, and 5 will bring book home)

December 9<sup>th</sup> – K,1,5 (2, 3, and 4 will bring book home)

December 16<sup>th</sup> – 2,3,4 (K,1, and 5 will bring book home)

January 6<sup>th</sup> – K,1,2,5 (3 and 4 will bring book home)

January 13<sup>th</sup> – 2,3,4 (K,1, and 5 will bring book home)

## Christmas play and Children's choir:

Unfortunately due to COVID, we will not be having either one this year.

## Planning meeting for VBS:

This year St. Mary's Catholic Church is hosting VBS. I would like to have a meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss what our plan is. Will we try in person, through pick-up packets like last year, or a combination of both? The meeting is Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30p.m.

## VIRTUS Training:

Over the year, we will be holding VIRTUS Training classes. Virtus is a safety training program for our youth. Thus far K,1,4,5<sup>th</sup> grade have completed the first training. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will go through this training on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Sacramental years:

First Reconciliation is on November 18<sup>th</sup>. This is for parent(s) and child.



Parents meeting for First Communion will be January 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.



Over the weekend our Confirmation students held our Retreat here at St. Mary's due to the rise in COVID.

The next few dates for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade class are: November 15<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>

## FORMED:

The Diocese of Toledo has been given a gracious donation for a program called FORMED. Please check out this wonderful resource by going to <http://signup.formed.org>

## REMIND App:

We have a St. Mary's Bluffton PREP classes REMIND page. With all the changes, I strongly recommend having it. The class Code is @82k4c8