

St. Patrick Religious Education Parent Newsletter

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Lord, when your
glory appears, my
joy will be full.

PS 17:15B

November 1st is

All Saint's Day:

A Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses at St. Patrick's are at 7:30am and 6pm

Help Needed

We are still in need of 1 Catechist in the 8th grade at 4:00! This is a video based series, so instead of planning and presenting lessons, the Catechist is more of a discussion facilitator. Could this be you or someone you know? Please contact Shane if interested.

1 + Plan: Prayer at Home

In addition to weekly Mass attendance and yearly confession, the 1+ Plan for families also calls us to daily prayer. Many times, this may be individual prayer, but even better is praying together as a family.

The most common times for daily prayer are at meals and at bedtime, but even this can be a challenge sometimes if your family doesn't always eat dinner together or if your kids don't go to bed at the same time. But you can still pray with whoever you can., whenever you can.

Daily prayer can only become a habit when it is repeated everyday. So, to only pray together on some

November/December Events

Nov. 19th

*First Reconciliation,
9:30am - Church*

Nov. 23rd/27th

No Class - Thanksgiving

Dec. 14th/18th

*Christmas Program during
each normal classtime*

Dec. 21st

Christmas Break begins



Prayer for the Faithful Departed

random days when you're all together may not stick.

However, praying everyday with each child when they go to bed, or before you eat dinner no matter when that is or who is there, may have more of a chance of becoming a daily ritual for your family.

So, what to pray? Of course, for meal prayers I would suggest the traditional Grace Before Meals, but if your family finds something else you like - go for it.

Bedtime prayer usually consists of a memorized prayer like "Now I lay me down to sleep..." or the Guardian Angel Prayer. I would suggest adding in petitions for family and friends ("God bless, grandma, etc." or "please help grandpa feel better"). Or you can add a short Litany of the Saints, using the names of people in your family ("St. John, pray for us, etc.).



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All Soul's Day

As Catholics, we have a special devotion to our departed friends and family by praying *for them* and *to them*. Since we believe in Purgatory, the place for souls in need of purification before entering Heaven, we pray *for* our beloved dead to speed them on their way to Paradise. And we can also pray *to* our departed relatives to intercede for us and watch over us, just as we pray to the saints.

The Church sets aside the whole month of November to remember and pray for the dead. As a family, you might visit graves, or consider adding special people in your life who have passed to your family prayers this month.

Book Fair

The Preschool will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair November 12th & 13th after all Masses and November 16th from 3:30-6:00pm. Come support the preschool, encourage reading, and get a jump start on Christmas presents.

*God of mercy and
compassion,
your ears are always open
to our prayers.*

*We trust in your care for
us and beg you to multiply
your mercies toward the
faithful departed that they
may rest in peace and
pray for us.*

*We ask this through Christ
our Lord.*

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

Amen.

Parish News

Always stay on top of Parish News and Events by checking the weekly bulletin:

**Parish
Bulletin**

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Pre-School Tadpoles Class

Registration has begun for St. Patrick's Catholic
Preschool TADPOLES class. Class will begin in
January and is available to students that will be 3 by
March 15 and potty-trained. This class will meet on
Friday am only (8:40-11:10). If you wish to register or
know of an interested family, please visit [Preschool -
St. Patrick Catholic Church \(stpatricksgretna.org\)](#) or
contact the preschool director at (402)332-3050.