

To: Faith Formation Parents and Guardians
From: Sr. Joanne
Date: Week of January 11, 2025
Re: Faith Formation Schedule, First Communion Enrollment Masses, Confirmation Paperwork, Banner Workshop

Faith Formation Schedule

Please note that during the week of January 18, there will be NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. We will resume on Sunday, January 25 and continue as usual.

More Enrollment Masses – First Communion

Enrollment Masses for First Holy Communion were held this weekend, January 10 and 11 at both Prince of Peace and St. Leo's Churches. There are 2 more opportunities for First Communion Enrollment. They are as follows:

Saturday, January 17 at 4:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church

Saturday, January 24 at 5:30 PM at St. John de La Salle Church

Families are welcome to attend any one of these Masses with your First Communion Candidate.

Can You Help Us?

We need all kinds of assistance with our annual Faith Formation Basket Auction. Can you help us? We need donations of baskets, prizes, gift cards and your time and talent. If you can help us, please see either Belinda Pappal or Sr. Joanne. Please know that all proceeds go directly to our program and that we are grateful for your help.

Confirmation Sponsor Paperwork

Confirmation Sponsor Paperwork is due from all students who will be confirmed this year by January 29. It is necessary that all students be prompt in handing this in. Please be sure to work on this and hand it in on or before the due date.

Banner Workshop

The first of two Banner Worships for First Reconciliation and First Communion students will be held on **Saturday, January 24 from 10 AM until 1 PM** in the Faith Formation Center. This is an optional workshop where you can receive assistance in making your child's Sacrament banner. If you have questions, please contact the faith formation office.

To: Faith Formation Parents and Guardians

From: Sr. Joanne

Date: Week of January 4, 2026

Re: Faith Formation Auction, Banner Workshop, Many Thanks, Enrollment Masses

Faith Formation Basket Auction

It's THAT time of year when we gear up for our annual Faith Formation Basket Auction. We aim to raise funds to keep our program vibrant, keep tuition costs down and make improvements for our children and families. All proceeds earned go directly to benefit our faith formation program. We need all kinds of donations to help with this process, in particular:

- ❖ Gift Cards in any amount
- ❖ Completed Baskets filled with prizes
- ❖ New Prizes that can be placed in baskets
- ❖ Baskets in which to place prizes
- ❖ High End Items – Valued at \$100 or more

If you can help us, please bring your donations to the Faith Formation Office at any time before the auction. Know of our gratitude for all your help.

Banner Workshop

Our first Banner Workshop for students who need to make First Reconciliation or First Eucharist Banners will be held on Saturday, January 24 from 10 am until 1:00 pm in the parish center, dining room #4. Come whenever you are available during these hours and we will assist you. This is an optional activity. You may make your banners at home if you choose to do so.

Many Thanks

Thank you to all our children and families who participated in the very special Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant. Thank you to our many helpers who made everything go so smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you! The story of Jesus' birth was so alive because of your presence and participation. We especially thank the Pino family who portrayed the Holy Family and baby Jesus with their new baby. Our Christmas celebration was so special because of the presence and participation of so many children as angels, shepherds, animals and kings. Our student readers also did a fabulous job!

First Communion Enrollment Masses

First Communion Enrollment Masses will be celebrated beginning next weekend and continue through the month of January. All children receiving their First Holy Communion this year need to attend one of these Masses with a parent or guardian at the time and location of your choice. These Masses will be celebrated at the following locations, dates and times.

January 10 at 4:00 PM – Prince of Peace Church

January 11 at 9:00 AM – St. Leo's Church

January 11 at 11:30 AM – Prince of Peace Church

January 17 at 4:00 PM – St. Joseph Church

January 24 at 5:30 PM – St. John de La Salle Church

To: Faith Formation Parents and Guardians

From: Sr. Joanne

Date: Week of December 14, 2025

Re: Christmas Wishes, Class Schedule/Break, Christmas Pageant & Rehearsal

Christmas Wishes

May God's blessings fill your hearts and homes as we rejoice at the birth of the newborn King, Our Lord Jesus Christ. May you know and experience his great love for you as you and your family celebrate this holy and special day! Know of my continued prayers for all of you.

Class Schedule/Break

December 18 is our last day of classes for this year. We will resume our regular class schedule beginning on Sunday, January 4. There will be 2 weeks off in celebration of Christmas and New Year's. Enjoy this break during the holidays and spending time with your family. See you in church!

Christmas Pageant & Rehearsal

There will be a rehearsal for all children who have not yet been to practice on December 20 at 12:00 PM at Prince of Peace Church. Children will receive their costumes and directions at this rehearsal.

All children participating in the pageant should be in Church at Prince of Peace on December 24 by 3:30 PM.

High School students who may be attending Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 PM at Prince of Peace are welcome to serve as helpers and will receive service hours.

If you have any questions, please contact either Sr. Joanne or Belinda Pappal.

Faith Formation Auction

Our annual Faith Formation Auction will be held on Sunday February 1. We are looking for gifts, baskets, completed gift baskets, gift cards and any donations that you can provide so that our event will be a success. Watch for those after Christmas sales and if you need to **regift NEW items**, they will also be welcome.

To: Faith Formation Parents and Guardians

From: Sr. Joanne

Date: Week of December 7, 2025

Re: Christmas Eve Mass, Many Thanks-Oshei Children's, Sacrament Meetings, Looking Ahead, Children's Rosary Group

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

All are invited to attend the Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 4:00 PM at Prince of Peace Church on December 24. If any children would still like to participate, you are most welcome to sign up and do so. There is one more rehearsal on Saturday, December 20 at Noon at Prince of Peace Church.

Many Thanks – Oshei Children's Hospital

Thank you for your very generous donations for the patients of Oshei Children's Hospital during our Fall Service Project. The staff and patients at the hospital were extremely grateful for the many items that we delivered to comfort sick children during the holiday season. We had 4 full carts of items that we brought there. You have truly been a blessing to those in need of healing and peace as we approach Christmas.

Sacrament Meetings, Grades 3 & 10

If you are a parent/guardian of a grade 3 or grade 10 student and haven't met with me about your child's Sacrament, you will need to do so very soon. ***Grade 10 meetings will be held on December 14 and 15 during class times.***

I will be reaching out to Grade 3 parents who haven't attended a meeting during the week of December 7. Please prioritize your child's reception of the Sacraments.

Looking Ahead – First Reconciliation and Eucharist Enrollment

If your child is in Grade 2 or 3, please refer to the enrollment Mass schedule that was given at the parent meeting. First Reconciliation Enrollment occurs at all Masses at Prince of Peace and St. Leo's on January 3 & 4. First Eucharist Enrollment begins on January 10 & 11.

Children's Rosary Group

A children's rosary group has formed at St. Mary of the Cataract Church. The rosary is prayed on Saturdays in church during the colder months and outdoors during the warmer months at 11:40 am and is followed by Mass at 12:10 pm. This is a wonderful way for families and children to grow your faith life. If you are interested in joining the group, call Kathy Aronica at (716) 870-2220.