

Fourteen Holy Helpers/  
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Love is in the air in the month of February, but love should be with us every day of our lives. “And now these three remain faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13. God’s love is with us at all times. Please show your children your love for them whenever possible; not by buying them things, but by spending time with them and disciplining them fairly. Talk to them about God, take them to Mass, and pray with them every day. Children are given to us by God to model His love for us. The goal of parenthood is to teach our children how to “fly” on their own, someday. Parents are not meant to be their children’s friends but their parents. Happy Valentine’s Day and may God’s love for you bring a smile to your face!

**Upcoming classes:** February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.

There will be no classes held on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> due to the winter break.



**A meeting for Confirmation candidates for 2017 and their parents will be held on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Fourteen Holy Helpers School cafeteria.** Letters have been sent out inviting eligible students to this event. If you know of someone who has completed tenth grade Religious Education or who is in tenth grade classes at a Catholic School who haven’t received this invitation, please have them call our office at 674-2180 so that we can check our records.

**A teaching Mass will be held at Fourteen Holy Helpers Church for children in grade three and their parents on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM.** This is a special event for children who will be receiving their First Eucharist this year. Parents, please plan on attending with your First Communicant. We invite anyone else who would like to learn more about the Holy Mass to attend with us. The Mass itself will begin at 7:00 PM. Third graders and their parents are asked to be in church no later than 6:00 PM for other activities pertaining to their reception of this sacrament.



**“Laudato Si, On Caring for Our Common Home”, the Encyclical which draws its name from St. Francis’s “Canticle of the Creatures”, reminds us that the earth is our common home and we need to protect it for generations to come.** We will be having a Family Workshop on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, during class from 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM, on this topic. It will include activities to help us learn what we can do to protect God’s special gift of the earth, our home. **We ask that at least one parent attend with their children.**

***Both the Family Workshop and God’s Little Angels will take place in Ebner Hall.***

**God’s Little Angels, our Service Group will meet after the Family Workshop on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM until 12:00 PM.** Please plan on staying for this opportunity for you and your children to create Valentine crafts for the recipients of “Meals on Wheels’. If you cannot stay, you can leave your child and return at 12:00 PM to retrieve them. If you are aware of another group who would enjoy our gifts, please let us know and we will split our creations for you to deliver to them. Thank you so much for your help.

***Remember that if you are on Facebook, you can receive our up to the minute news by “Liking” Fourteen Holy Helpers/St. John XXII Religious Education. Weather related closings will also be posted here. Monthly bulletins are also posted on the Religious Education page on the Fourteen Holy Helpers website.***

