

Fourteen Holy Helpers/  
St. John XXIII Religious  
Education Newsletter



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It seems like overnight we went from summer to fall. The leaves have already changed and many are long gone. I love fall and all that it offers, but it also reminds me that winter is not far away. Throughout winter, I keep the faith and realize that it will all come back to life in spring. It is a comforting way to remind ourselves that all is not over but beautiful life will return in God's heavenly kingdom!

**Upcoming classes:** Saturdays –November 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays –November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will not be holding classes on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, which is Thanksgiving weekend.



**God's Little Angels: WE NEED YOU!!!!** Our first session went very well and we enjoyed Halloween cookies as our snack. We made ghosts, witches, spider webs, cards, and placemats. The only thing missing was YOU! Thank goodness that we had about nine crafters and a few parents, but we could use more people to help us create holiday themed items for those who need a little TLC. Parents, even if you can't stay, please allow your children to stay with us to help in this worthwhile cause. October's treats were taken to Meals on Wheels by Ms. Terry Kazmierczak. Our next session will take place on **Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>** after Religious Ed classes until 12:00 PM. Thanksgiving crafts are on the "menu" for this one.

**Service opportunities:** Please call us at the above phone number to let us know what your child would like to do for the service portion of the program. We have a lot to choose from but some opportunities fill up very fast.



**The parent meeting for First Eucharist** will be held on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM. Third grade parents, whose children are eligible to receive this sacrament will receive a letter from our office. If you do not, please call us at the above phone number and we will be sure that you get one. Please bring your child in and then plan on staying with us for the entire class time. Light refreshments will be served.

**Advent begins on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.** It lasts for four weeks and ends at Christmas Mass. We have carefully chosen pamphlets for both parents and their children as a way for you to prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please, remember that it is not all about Santa and gifts but about the birth of Jesus, who saved us from our sins.



**Quiet Waters Production of the Rosary Musical, "Joy"**, will be presented at St. John XXIII Parish on Monday evening, November 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a beautiful production and a great way to start the season of Advent. This activity is a required extra experience for our Summer Program students and all Monday night evening students are to report to St. John XXIII Church by 6:45 PM. An assignment will be given to all those who do not attend. Since we do not have class on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, we ask our Saturday morning students to attend with their parents. We ask that at least one parent attend with their child(ren). A free will offering to help this ministry continue will be taken. The service will last approximately 45 minutes.

**Our Advent Adventure Family Workshop** will be held on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM. We ask that at least one parent attend class with their child(ren) that day. We will have activities and snacks for all. We plan to be finished as close to 10:30 AM as possible.

**God's Little Angels** will take place immediately following the family workshop and will continue until 12:00 PM. I'm sure that you can guess what we'll be making on this day! Both events will take place in **EBNER HALL** at the back of the property.



### Thanksgiving Day Prayer

When I have food, help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;  
Bestir my compassion,  
And be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed,  
Those who cry out for what we take for granted.  
AMEN

***God Bless you and your families***

***And***

***May you have a very  
Happy Thanksgiving!!***