

Fourteen Holy Helpers Religious Education Newsletter

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October is over and November is here. Thanksgiving will be here before we know it! I love this time of year because it tells us that the season of deep sleep will soon be upon us. Even though everything will look dead, our faith in nature tells us that all of God's earth will be born again in the spring. Because of our faith, we also know that though we died, we will be born again into God's heavenly kingdom where we will meet all those who have gone before. I would like to wish a Blessed and Happy

Thanksgiving to you and to all those you love.

Just a reminder that we are meeting at Ebner Hall on Wednesday, November 1st between 6:15 and 6:30 and processing over to the Church for All Saints Day Mass. All children have been asked to choose a saint and complete a project of the saint that they have chosen. The younger children and some of the older children who have asked will be dressed up as a saint. We will all process down the aisle with Father David at the beginning of Mass and we will process to the back of church afterwards. You may claim your child there. Children will sit with their parents/families.

Upcoming classes: Saturdays –November 1st, All Saints Day Mass, 4th, 18th, We will not be holding classes on the 11th (Veterans Day) and 25th (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Mondays –November 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th



God's Little Angels: WE NEED YOU!!!! Our first session went very well and we enjoyed donut holes and cider for a snack. We made spiders, pumpkins, cards, and placemats.

The only thing missing was YOU! Thank goodness that we had about ten crafters and some 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 The Pines Nursing Facility in Olean, New York, where my 94 year old mother in law resides. Our next session will take place on **Saturday, November 4th** after Religious Ed classes until 12:00 PM. Thanksgiving crafts are on the "menu" for this one.

Litany of the Saints. Weather permitting, we will be taking our Saturday students over to the cemetery and we will pray a children's version of the Litany of the Saints with them. We will also pray for all those who have died. We invite the parents to stay and pray with us. Your children will be bringing home a sheet with people who they would like to pray for during the month of November. Please add anyone else to this list that you would like and pray with your children, daily, for those on the list.

Service opportunities: We are still working on service opportunities for your children in grades 5 – 10. Thank you for your patience.



The parent meeting for First Eucharist will be held on Saturday, November 18th 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, December 3rd. 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.

Our Advent Adventure Family Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 9:00 AM in Ebner Hall.. 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! This event will also take place in **EBNER HALL** at the back of the property.

Protecting God's Children Classes will be held on November 4th and 6th. We are waiting to hear from Officer Michael Rybak of the West Seneca Police Department to see if he can help out on Monday.



We Give Thanks

Our Father in Heaven,
We give thanks for the pleasure

Of gathering together for this occasion.
We give thanks for this food
Prepared by loving hands.
We give thanks for life,
The freedom to enjoy it all
And all other blessings.
As we partake of this food,
We pray for health and strength
To carry on and try to live as You would have us.
This we ask in the name of God,
Our Heavenly Father. AMEN

Happy Thanksgiving!