2024-2025

Christian Service for Students and Families in Grades 1 – 10

All students participating in faith formation including in-person and home-study are asked to participate.

We all need community to live a healthy and well-connected life. So what does the Bible say about helping people and being of service to others? In Matthew 25:40 **Jesus says**, "Whatever you do for the least of My people, you do unto Me."

Grades 1 – 3 Students are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to each class to benefit **Sr. Maria Rosa's Food Pantry** at St. Anthony's. Grades 1 and 3 Home Study students are asked to bring their donations to St. John's Parish Center. Please call the faith formation office to arrange a convenient time.

Grades 4 – 10 are asked to select and email 3 service projects, I will send a reminder 7-10 days prior.

ROSARY SOCIETY CLOTHING SALE – September 28 from 1:45PM to 3:30PM St. John's Parish Center gymnasium

<u>PART 1</u>: Students will be assisting Rosary Society members with bagging clothing to be donated to City Mission at the conclusion of the sale. Parent will be needed to attend with younger students in grades 4 and 5.

<u>PART 2</u>: Students will be asked to conduct a 'Clothing Drive' within their family for the benefit of this sale. It will be a great opportunity to donate clothes or shoes/boots that no longer fit to someone less fortunate. Donations can be brought to class on Sunday, September 22. For home-study students, you may bring your donations to St. John's Parish Center cafeteria on Sunday, September 22 any time between 11:45AM – 12:15PM.

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE - THE GIVING TREE - December 15 from 8:30AM to 12:30PM.

St. John's Parish Center gymnasium

Students will help sort the Christmas gifts collected from the Giving Tree. Parent will be needed to attend with younger students in grades 4 and 5

Students attending classes may volunteer from 9:30AM to 11:30AM and then attend class.

Home Study students may volunteer any **two hours** between 8:30AM to 12:30PM.

SATURDAY CINEMA FOR CHILDREN – November 23 or December 21 from 2:15PM to 3:30PM St. John's Parish Center cafeteria

Up to 5 students in grades 8 – 10 please select ONE date to assist young children with an Advent or Christmas craft after we view <u>NICHOLAS – The Boy Who Became Santa</u> on November 23 or O Holy Night. The King is Born on December 21.

DECORATING ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS AND EASTER *Dates are not yet scheduled.* This is an exciting experience for children and parents to see how many hands it takes to decorate our beautiful church for Christmas and Easter.

BAKING AT HOME FOR SACRAMENT RECEPTIONS

First Reconciliation – **January 11** Donations may be brought to St. John's Parish Center cafeteria between 9-10AM. **First Communion** – **May 10** Donations may be brought to St. John's Parish Center cafeteria between 9-10AM. If you like to bake, this will be great opportunity to volunteer your time and donate your favorite baked goods for children and families attending the receptions for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

If you need more information, please send me an email and I will try to reply within 48 hours or sooner.

Best regards and thank you,

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