

# Religious Education

We Are Called to be Saints



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## Meet the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Catechists Andi Killian and Beth Baillie

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are a curious and creative group who enjoy projects in addition to our regular class curriculum. On the first day of class, they came up with a list of activities they want to complete this year that includes learning about the Gospels, making a 5 foot tall

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**WELCOME**

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

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Christmas

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**UPCOMING**

Advent

paper mache Mary, and taking a trip to Jerusalem! While not all these activities are attainable this year, we are working to incorporate their ideas in meaningful ways in the classroom. They have recently completed their paper mache Marys (although not five feet tall!) and have each researched and taken the names of the twelve disciples. We are hoping to take a trip to the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet for Cathedral Days in the spring.



## “Christmas Season”

Christmas is the most wonderful time of year. There are amazing smells, Christmas music, beautiful decorations, the Christmas tree, and of course PRESENTS!!! I am sure that the first Christmas Day there was just as much, if not MORE excitement than there is today! Could you imagine.... Bethlehem was FULL of people! Everyone was there to put their family name in the book- much like shopping today. There were so many people that Joseph could not get a place to stay so they stayed in a stable. That night, they received the most AMAZING gift of all!! The gift of a precious child, Our Lord. What better gift to get for

### Advent

Advent is a time to prepare our hearts, homes, and churches for the coming of our King! Some ideas on how to celebrate Advent are the blessing of the

Christmas Tree, Blessing of the Bambino, read and Advent series (look up Advent Reading series for the very young), add religious Christmas music to your library- I recommend the song Mary Did You Know, and what we do during Advent is to have an Advent Wreath as the centerpiece at dinner time and every night we light the appropriate candles before our dinner prayer and blow the candle(s) out after dinner is over.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

Come join the RE Students for a Pancake and Sausage breakfast!  
Let them show you around their classrooms and see what they have been learning!

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 10:00 in the Hall  
Hope to see you all there!  
(Open to ALL parish!)

### ***Some December Saints***

December 25<sup>th</sup>, St. Anastasia, Patron Saint of Weavers  
December 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Eulalia, Patron Saint of Sailors  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Barbara, Patron Saint of Prisoners  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Nicholas of Myra, Patron Saint of Pawnbrokers  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, St. Eligius, Patron Saint of Jewelers  
December 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Barbara, Patron Saint of Fire Prevention  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Lucy, Patron Saint of Eye Trouble  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Nicolas, Patron Saint of Children