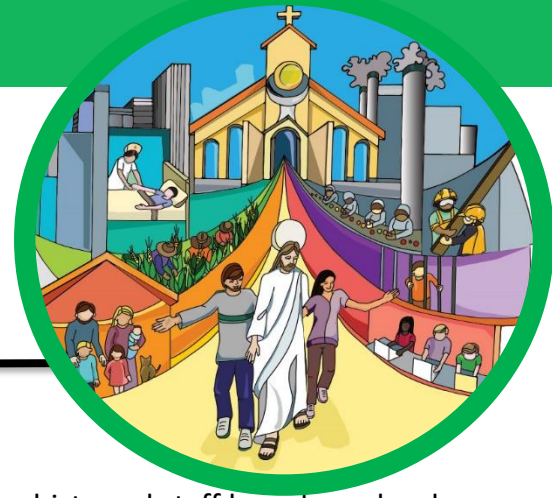


ST. CHRISTOPHER

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



All are Welcome in this Place!

Welcome all new and returning families to the St. Chris RE Program! Our Catechists and staff have been hard at work praying and planning classes and activities to help your families grow in the love of Christ and stay connected to His church for a lifetime!

Every month your family will receive this newsletter which contains updates to the class calendar. It is packed with useful information on activities and parish life that will help you to live out the faith your children are introduced to each week at class and in church.

This year's religious education program theme, "Stay With Us", was chosen by the Catholic Bishop's Council. At St. Chris, we will call on the Fruits of the Holy Spirit to help us focus on actions that help unite us in this goal. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are gifts from God, given to each of us at our baptism. Similar to the way apples grow on trees with the help of sun and water, the Fruits of the Spirit grow in us with the help of the Holy Spirit and prayer. Each month we will highlight a fruit and challenge you to find ways to act with the help of the Holy Spirit and grow our fruits in service to others. Each week as the children enter our building, we will start our evening with a word or phrase from the weekly Gospel that will continue to make a connection to the Fruits of the Spirit. We are looking forward to a fruitful year!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 10:** Opening Mass & Meeting 5 PM in church
- September 14:** Cabrini Center Trip "Run for Your Life" Retreat
- September 15:** Catechetical Sunday. Please join us for 9:30am Mass as we offer a special blessing for our Catechists and the first teachers of faith ...YOU the parents!
TINY SAINTS Fundraiser sale in main vestibule
- September 17:** NO RE CLASS, Choir Rehearsal 3:10pm-4:10pm
- September 22:** 9:30am Family Mass, 6:30PM Youth Ministry Drop-in

- September 24:** Choir Rehearsal 3:10pm-4:10pm/Parent meeting
RE CLASS Gr. 1-5 @ 4:30pm-6pm, Gr. 6-8 @ 6:30pm-8pm
- September 29:** 9:30am Children's Mass, Children's Choir sings
- October 1:** RE CLASS Gr. 1-5 Teaching Mass in church @ 5PM,
Gr. 6-8 regular class @ 6:30pm-8pm
- October 6:** 9:30am Family Mass, *Respect Life Sunday*
RE Grandparents & Special Persons Mass
- October 8:** Choir Rehearsal 3:10pm-4:10pm
RE CLASS Gr. 1-5 regular class @ 4:30PM-6:PM,
Gr. 6-8 Teaching Mass in church @ 6:30PM

Fruit of the Month Family Challenge-

Kindness

As Christians, we are called to be Christ to those around us... Kindness placed in us by the Holy Spirit calls us to be friendly generous, and considerate to others whether they deserve it or not. By letting His light shine through us, we can make a difference in our corner of the world.

Brainstorm a list of Random Acts of Kindness your family can do at work, school and home, then have fun making it happen!

Instead, be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ. -Eph. 4:32

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SEPTEMBER 15 9:30AM FAMILY MASS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Please join us for our first family Mass of the year. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to the mission of living the Gospel as a community of faith.

A special blessing will be given to all school and RE Catechists and to the parents of St. Christopher who are called to be their children's first teacher of the catholic faith.

The time has come – you have 30 minutes to pack and leave your home never to return...

Run For Your Life!

Saturday, September 14

3-8PM

Cabrini Retreat Center

DesPlaines, IL

\$12 per family

Run For Your Life is an interactive event that engages groups physically and emotionally in the refugee journey and the challenges they face as they flee for their lives.

Share the refugee experience through a simulation that is part game, part escape room, part team building. Each group has a unique experience – where will the journey take YOU?

We invite all parish families to join us!

Buses will leave St. Chris at 2:45pm and return to campus at 8:30pm To register, email John McNichols jmcnichols@stchrisschool.org



tinysaints[®] Charm Fundraiser

We are all called to be saints! Now you can wear your favorite saintly examples in the most colorful way with Tiny Saints Charms! Clip them on to back packs, zippers, purses, keychains, pet collars and more! We will have select charms available after 9:30 Mass on September 15 in the main vestibule. Each Charm is \$5 (cash or check accepted). Order forms will be available for additional charms and product will be delivered in time for the holidays. With over 100 saints to choose from you'll want to stock up. These "charming" medals are great gifts for birthdays, baptisms, First Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation, Christmas or just as a way to spread the Good News!

A poster for a family picnic. At the top, it says "Saint Christopher Family Picnic" in a large, stylized font. Below that, it says "Hosted by Brother Wm. Kerke, Knights of Columbus" and "ALL ARE WELCOME". The event is on "Sunday, September 22nd at 12:00PM" at "Memorial Park, Midlothian" (145th Street & Homan Avenue). It lists "Burgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Beer and Soda provided" and asks to "Please bring a dish to share!". The poster features a central illustration of a charcoal grill. Surrounding the grill are several circular and star-shaped logos: "RESPECTIVE LIVES", "FUN & GAMES", "FRIENDS & FAMILY", and a logo for the Knights of Columbus. At the bottom, it says "For more information call (708) 597-4716 or (773) 414-3275".

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SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIENDS MASS & GATHERING

We invite all RE children to bring Grandparents or another special adult to the 9:30AM Respect Life Sunday Mass- October 6th. Stay for refreshments and a special activity/craft following the Mass! Look for an invitation and registration form in your Red Folder on the first day of class. RSVP by September 24th.



Jesus be with me today; in everything I do and say!