

FAMILY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from St. Joseph's CFF



QUICK LINKS

CALENDAR

UPCOMING DATES:

- DEC 11(SUN)/13(TUES) CFF CLASSES [8TH GR](#)
[BISHOP GROB LETTER DUE](#)
- JAN 8(SUN)/10 (TUES) CFF CLASSES
- JAN 18 6:00PM 2ND GR, 1ST RECONCILIATION
PARENT MEETING IN KOENIG CENTER
- JAN 21 1:00-5:00PM TERRY NELSON-JOHNSON
CONFIRMATION RETREAT
- JAN 29 SERVICE PROJECT FOR ALL 7TH & 8TH GR
STUDENTS, 2-5PM W/ MASS AT 5P
- FEB 5(SUN)/7 (TUES) CFF CLASSES



One of the questions we in the CFF Office are asked every so often is, how do we see the full calendar of classes? The left column in this newsletter are all quick links, meaning if you select any underlined words, they will take you to information on that topic!

Look at just some of our 2nd graders who hosted last Sunday's 9am Mass! They did a fantastic job! And it was wonderful to see a full church!

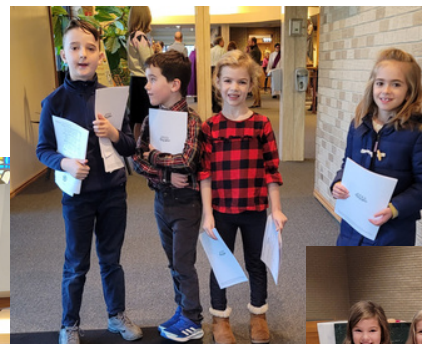
CFF HANDBOOK

GOSPEL READINGS

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFIRMATION & FAMILIES

CFF-SJCS GRADE LEVEL MASSES CALENDAR





PRAYERS STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW BY GRADE LEVEL

ABSENCES: IF YOU KNOW IN ADVANCE THAT YOUR CHILD OR YOUR FAMILY WILL MISS A SESSION, PLEASE CALL THE CFF OFFICE AT [847.362.5797](tel:847.362.5797). A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR VOICEMAIL SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILD OR FAMILY'S FULL NAME, TIME AND DAY OF THE PROGRAM YOU ATTEND.

MAP OF THE SCHOOL

VIRTUS & OTHER COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS THIS DOCUMENT HAS LIVE LINKS TO HELP YOU COMPLETE ANY/ALL REQUIRED FORMS & TRAININGS.

TO ACCESS PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SAFETY MATERIALS, GO TO THE [CFF OVERVIEW](#) PAGE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE AND SCROLL DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE

FAMILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

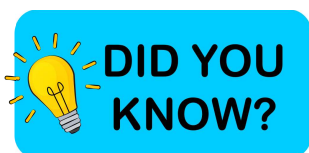
Grade Level News! 1st Grade

1st/2nd Grade Level Coordinator, Samantha Lustig

The first graders have been busy this year mastering the Sign of the Cross with an opening and closing prayer.

Each class they play a game of Vanishing Angel which is a version of the classic game Hangman. The game allows an opportunity to introduce a new word in a fun way and it also helps to expand the kid's vocabulary and knowledge of our faith.

In this picture, the class is listening to our Seminarian, Vincente, read the Gospel which they just learned means 'good news'. Throughout the Gospel reading, questions are asked of the 1st graders to help keep them engaged. There are many great discussions that come from this weekly activity!



Did you know that you can access all previous CFF Family Newsletters!?!?

Yup! Go to [CFF Overview page](#), scroll down & look for [CFF Family Weekly Newsletter](#) & click on it. Then you will be taken to all the previous newsletters!



GROW This Advent “Choosing Grace in a Crisis”

A warm welcome to our Advent 2022 Homily (message) series, titled: Grace & Truth: Living for a Greater Purpose in a Hurting World.

GRACE is the unmerited, free gift of God’s help. We can’t buy it, we can never earn it, we don’t deserve it. Grace is the help we need to live out our purpose, to be our TRUE selves. We can’t do that alone. We need God. TRUTH is reality. It’s “what is” whether we like it or not. The good, the bad, and the ugly about us and life. The truth can be painful, beautiful, set you free, and can change everything. In another lens, The Truth is Christ himself. We need both GRACE & TRUTH to live well.

Check out the video and journal questions below to dive deeper into this topic!

Check back each week or [CLICK HERE](#) to subscribe to get content weekly via email.

Advent Season

**Week 2 recap: “Choosing Grace in a Crisis” video & Week 2 Homily video, Fr. Kartje
Week 2 Homily video, Fr. Emmanuel**

WEEK TWO “CHOOSING GRACE IN A CRISIS” JOURNAL QUESTIONS

- What comes to your mind when you hear the word repent?
- Repent means a change of mind and a change of heart that leads to a change in action. What are your thoughts on this definition? Given this definition, how might “repenting” help you in a crisis or when times are tough?
- Why is it so difficult for us to acknowledge our sins and ways we have failed? How does knowing that it is already forgiven make it easier to admit our failures?
- What are you repenting of? What is a self-defeating behavior you desire to change?



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!





CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Archdiocese of Chicago

Join us for Dinner
Acompáñanos a Cenar
December – Diciembre 12th at 5:30pm

Menu:

- Torta de Milanesa
(Milanesa Sandwich)
- Ponche (Hot Punch)
- Pan Dulce
(Sweet Bread)

After Dinner join St. Joseph Church for Mass at 7pm
Después de la cena acompáñanos a misa a las 7pm

Catholic Charities
101 N. Cedar Lake Rd. Round Lake, IL

We're looking for volunteers to help serve our guests at this sit down dinner! To sign-up, please contact Lisa Roti at lroti@catholiccharities.net

Catholic Charities Dinner

Join us in helping to serve our guests for a sit-down dinner! We are expecting 100 guests, so we could use lots of volunteers! To sign-up, please contact Lisa Roti at lroti@catholiccharities.net