



Immaculate Conception Religious Education Kindergarten — 5th Grade October/November 2021

Continue to Celebrate the “Year of St. Joseph” December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

On December 8, 2020 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis proclaimed that a special Year of St. Joseph would be celebrated. Pope Francis said, “in following the example of St. Joseph, all the faithful are called to daily reinforce their life of faith. During this special year, all the faithful will have the opportunity to commit themselves, with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, comfort and relief from serious human and social trials the challenge our modern world.”

Pope Francis also issued an Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, “with a father’s heart,” which contains timely guidance on how we can learn from and appeal for help from St. Joseph in our world today, knowing he loves us with a father’s heart. This Apostolic Letter may be found on www.vatican.va

As noted in the Apostolic Letter, two key teachings may be gleaned from the life and teachings of St. Joseph:

- St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadow can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.
- St. Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood by making his life a sacrificial service to Mary and Jesus. He quietly devoted his life and work to creating a safe haven for the Holy family. In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God. In the synagogue, during prayer, through daily family experiences Joseph shared the love of his God with Mary and Jesus.
- Joseph teaches us the faith in God includes believing that God can work even through our fears, our frailties, and our weaknesses.

Even through St. Joseph’s fears, God’s will, his history and his plan were at work. St. Joseph teaches us that faith in God includes believing he can work even through our fears, frailties, weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. Even when we want to be in complete control, we need to remember, God sees the big picture and trust him.

Religious Education Classes for October/November



October Class dates:

Sunday : Oct 3, 17, 24

Wednesday : Oct 6, 20, 27

November Class dates:

Sunday : Nov 7, 14, 21

Wednesday : Nov 3, 10, 17,

FAMILY LIFE CONNECTIONS

NOV 9 TUESDAY... SPECIAL SESSION GRADE 3: WALK THROUGH THE MASS 7 p.m. in the IC CHURCH....ALL 3rd Graders and parents are invited/encouraged to attend

NOV 14 SUNDAY... 1st RECONCILIATION PARENT/2nd GRADER MEETING: 1 p.m. in the IC CHURCH...ALL 2nd Graders & parents preparing for 1st Reconciliation are expected to attend this important meeting.

Nov 30 TUESDAY 6:30 p.m.... FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT: Families w/children in Grades K-3 are invited/encouraged to join us for this special Advent gathering in MPH. Details will follow in early November.

October is Month of the Rosary and Respect Life Month... Join as a family in praying the Rosary together offering your prayers for the Respect Life efforts in our Church.

November is the reminds us of the need to "give thanks" for the many blessings we have received and to share from our bounty with others. Kindly contribute to our parish food drive . Your donations to our food panty are also appreciated.

