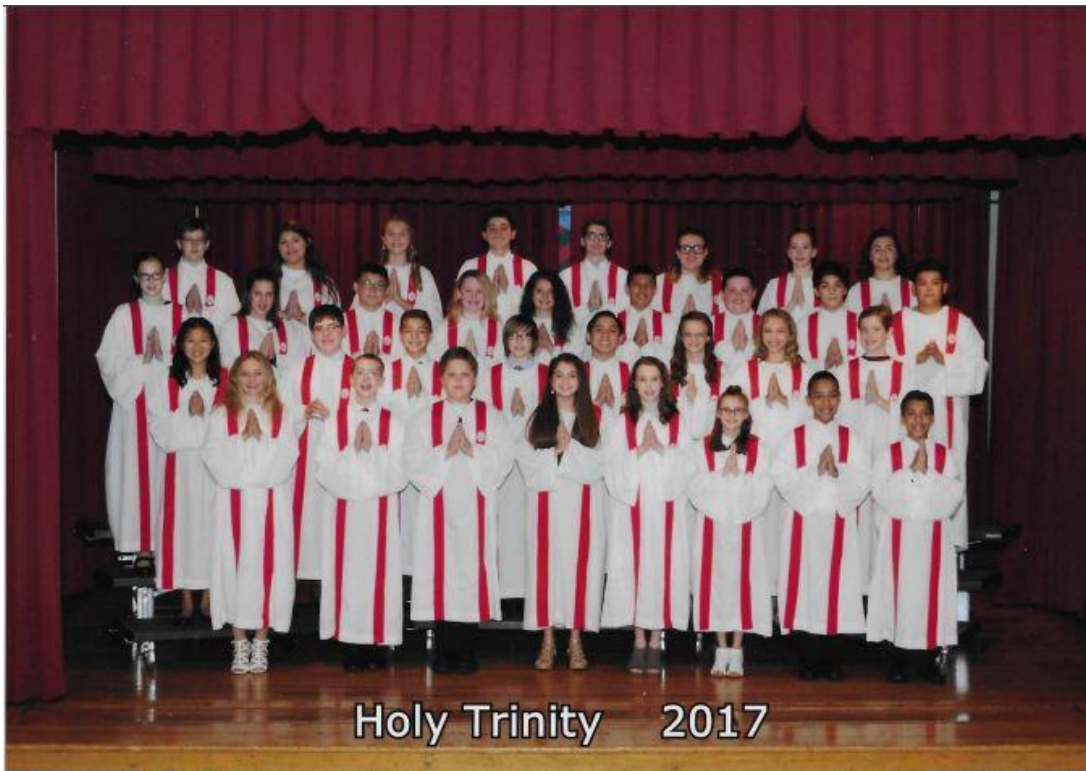


*NOTES FROM P.R.E.P.
DECEMBER 6, 2017*

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 CONFIRMATION CLASS



Congratulations to our Level 7 and Holy Trinity School Grade 7 Confirmation class.

PARENT BOARD MEETING



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REMINDER

There will be a Parent Board meeting tonight at 6:45 PM in the faculty room downstairs. We will be finalizing plans for the Christmas Pageant and Social and wrapping and organizing the students' Christmas gifts. **Volunteers will be needed to help with both the Christmas Pageant and setting up and cleaning up the Social following the Pageant. If you are interested in helping out please come to the Parent Board meeting. We welcome all new members!**

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

On Sunday, December 17th at the 9:30 AM Mass we will be welcoming the candidates for Confirmation in the fall of 2018. All Level 6 students who intend to receive their Confirmation and their parents should be present at this Mass. It is at this time that the parish is asked to pray and support these children as they begin their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEVEL 6



The weekend of December 15th and 16th help will again be needed to assemble the Christmas food baskets. This will take place on Friday evening, December 15th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM and again on Saturday morning, December 16th from 9:00 AM until noon. This is another service opportunity for Level 6 Confirmation students. **A parent must**

accompany any student volunteering. If you volunteer please make sure that you ask one of the people in charge to sign your service paper.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

We are still in need of families for the lighting of the Advent Wreath at the following Masses:

December 9th – 5:30 PM Mass
December 16th – 5:30 PM Mass
December 17th – 11:00 AM Mass
December 23rd – 5:30 PM Mass



It doesn't take long and there is **no singing Involved**. If your family is interested in participating please contact Deb Stanton at 267-339-2822 or email her at Missdeb19054@gmail.com. Get your family in on this awesome experience! This can also count as Confirmation service.

PREP CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Wednesday, December 20th, beginning at 6:30 PM In Church followed by refreshments in the school Hall. Parent Board members will be calling parents from LaPolla to Williams the weekend before the social. If you are bringing something for the social you can drop it off in the school hall beginning at 6:00 PM on the 20th. Please use the alley door near the kitchen.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT COLLECTION

Tonight is the last night for our Christmas Service project collection. Thank you for your generosity-there will be many families who will appreciate your donations.



FOOD PANTRY AWARD

The winner of last week's Food Pantry Award was:



**MRS. KARA'S LEVEL 2!!
CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**IN DECEMBER OUR THEME IS CHRISTMAS AND
WE ARE COLLECTING:**

**TEA
COFFEE
APPLESAUCE
TURKEY GRAVY
CANNED JUICE & FRUIT**

Merry

Christmas

GOSPEL SNEAK PEEK FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HEARING THE WORD

MARK 1:1 -5, 7 -8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: */Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; / he will prepare your way. / A voice of one crying out in the desert: / "Prepare the way of the Lord, / make straight his paths."* / John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. . . And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

John the Baptist is a wonderful reminder of our ability and necessity to be present in the Christ story as it unfolds today. The path is still not completely clear. We are being called to proclaim the forgiveness of sins today more than ever. This ongoing preparation takes place in the gentle turning of hearts and minds of all we meet toward the love and acceptance of God. In this time of darkness, we are called to be light for one another.

FOR REFLECTION

Do you feel prepared to meet Christ if he showed up today?

How can we be a light in a world that often looks so dark?