



FAITH FORMATION NEWS FOR ALL

WELCOME BACK

Wow! Where did the summer go? It seems like just yesterday that we were saying good-bye and have a safe and healthy summer. Well, we hope that everyone enjoyed their summer.

We have had a very busy summer with Vacation Bible School and all the great activities that happened during those two weeks. We are sorry that more of you could not join us for the second week.

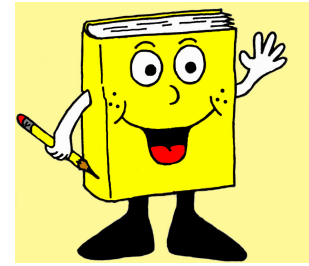
This year Spirit Alive, will be reviewing the book of Acts. The Diocese has completed the production of a DVD on the Bible which was made possible by a grant from *Our Sunday Visitor*. You can review this DVD on the diocesan spiritual renewal web page www.rochesterspiritallive.org.

September we will begin reading the Acts of the Apostles. Each week we will be providing you with the reading schedule and reflection questions. I encourage you to take the time to review the scripture reading and then reflect on the questions that will be provided.



Calendars are ready! You can get them after Masses on the weekends or at the Faith Formation Office Monday, Tuesday, or

Wednesday.



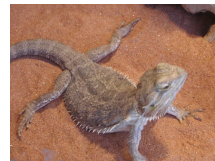
CHANGE OF CLASS TIME

To meet the needs of families with the new school bus schedule for Churchville-Chili School District, our first classes will begin at 4:15 p.m. We hope that this will help you with your scheduling issues. We know that the first couple of weeks are going to be difficult so we will be here to assist you in any way that we can. Don't hesitate to call

Karen or myself if you have any questions.



IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR CHILD(REN), PLEASED DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE TRYING TO GIVE OUR TEACHERS AN UPDATED CLASS LIST AT THE START OF SCHOOL. WE ARE HERE MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY. THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24TH AND WILL REOPEN ON AUGUST 31ST.



BOB OUR BEARDED DRAGON, HAS ARRIVED!! DON'T FORGET TO STOP IN AND SEE HIM.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMING

We start right off the year with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I will meet with

parents only on Sunday September 20th at 12:30 p.m. At that time I will hand out books go over the program and requirements and answer any questions you might have. The Enrolment Rite is on Sunday the 27th at the 9:00 a.m. liturgy.

On September 20th at 9:00 a.m. we will be celebrating the 1st Eucharist Reunion Liturgy. Make sure that you have this on your calendar. Father Bob will be speaking directly to all of the children.



PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for Sunday the 27th of September for the Parish picnic. We are going to have a great time. We want to do an adult against student baseball game, we will have the parachute there for the younger students along with some great surprises. We are asking each family to bring a dish to pass and if you would like to volunteer we can use your help. Just e-mail Bill America at bamerica@frontiernet.net We hope to see all of you there.!

DOES YOUR FAMILY SKIP MEALS?



Do you experience nights when everyone is going in a different direction so the family meal is gone? It is important that we attempt to have at least one meal together every day. It is also important that we don't skip the Sunday Mass meal. No matter how non perfect our dinners at home might be we all seem to try

to come together to share the meal. One thing I think we all have come to realize is that our meals don't have to be perfect in order to be nourishing. The dialog alone helps us to stay centered on the needs that each family member has.

The same is true with our Sunday Mass. Our Eucharist is a family meal, and even when it isn't perfect we are still nourished. We know how important our family meals are and we should be going to church because we know that it is good for us. The nourishment that we receive is of spiritual growth.

How many excuses do we use not to go to church on any given Sunday? I can pray, eat, and socialize anywhere. Sunday is a day of rest and that is what I am going to do. No one will notice if I am not there. All these statements are true but are they ful-filling. When you are heading to a sporting event and decide to stop at Wendy's to grab a hamburger is it the same for you as sitting around the table and eating with the family talking over the days events? Yes we can pray alone but it is not a substitute for coming together to share with others and pray for their needs as well as our own.

If you think that you are not missed think again. Many times when I don't see someone for a few weeks I begin to worry that something might be wrong. Have you ever sent your kid away from the table because he or she mis-behaved? How empty was your table that night? There is nothing more heart warming when our children pray for someone or something special to them, or they turn to you and wish you peace. We do notice each other's presence and we do feel the absence when someone we usually sit next to is absent.

We know that skipping a meal is not a good thing to do. As you read through the gospels you will be surprised to see how many times Jesus sat down and ate a meal. He didn't miss a meal because he knew how important it was to take in food for nourishment . If we don't eat we have no energy and our minds or bodies don't work as well as when they are fully nourished.

Remember that Jesus walked from meal to meal. The Gospel according to St. Luke is written around 10 actual meals. The major symbolic cornerstones of faith are fasting and food. Jesus ate with anyone who invited him and he actually invited himself many times. His longing to eat and to also nurture God's word to others was his major focus and it didn't matter who He shared his meal with.

So how do you get yourself and your family set to go to church on a weekly basis? How about putting it on the calendar? We have calendar appointments for doctors, school, etc. Why not church? Make it one of the family goals for the week. Challenge each other to hold to it. Faith development is as important as learning school lessons. Remember no matter how bad a meal might be something good always comes out of it, even if it is a discussion with the family, or just being together. If you go to church as a family you will grow in your faith, your love for God and for each other, and before you know it you are looking forward to that time of peace and grace with God.

(adapted from "At Home with our Faith" September 2009)

We are looking for students and parents who are interested in singing for the Christmas Pageant. Eric Traugott and Eileen Stair will be working with people who are interested in singing, or playing their instruments once a year for the Christmas program. If you are interested in participating in this program please contact the office. There will be more information coming in September.



**OFFICE CLOSED
THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25,
2009 THE FAITH FORMATION
WILL BE CLOSED SO THAT
JUDY AND KAREN CAN TAKE A
GOOD REST BEFORE WE START
THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. WE
WILL REOPEN ON AUGUST
31ST. YOU CAN COME IN TO
GET YOUR CALENDARS FOR
THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AT
THAT TIME.**



**FAMILY/CHILDREN'S
CHOIR**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010
IS COMING!**

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GET READY FOR THE
WILDEST ADVENTURE YET

GOD'S GREAT GET TOGETHER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
JULY 19 - 28 2010

WE WILL BE MEETING THE
FOLLOWING ANIMALS

