

# September Newsletter

## Psalm 119

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

### WELCOME BACK!!!

There have been some changes to the Handbook this year. Please take time to read through it. The biggest changes are:

- ◆ Class time is **6:30—8:00**
- ◆ Confirmation requirements start in **6th Grade**.
- ◆ Additions to 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation requirements.
- ◆ Monthly mass will include all grades each month. Mass will be at 7:00 on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month; except for November.

### CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Our theme for the 2015/ 2016 school year will be about the guiding light of our faith. This theme will be present in our masses and service projects.

- ⇒ Opening Mass: All the songs and readings will be about God's light.
- ⇒ Monthly Mass: Our psalm at our monthly mass will be the same through the school year—Psalm 119 (above).
- ⇒ Visually: Each of our masses will have a display of light at the altar as a reminder to stay on the "lighted path."
- ⇒ Visually at home: More about this at the Opening Mass.
- ⇒ Service Project: J.K. Rowling, of Harry Potter fame, has started a foundation to care for institutionalized children around the world called the "Lumos Foundation." (in the wizarding world, lumos is the spell to bring light). One of our first service projects this year will be helping a local children's center.

### SERVICE PROJECTS

We try to do at least 3 service projects each year. One to benefit our community, one for our diocese or local area and one with globally impact. (Dates can be found in the calendar attached to this Newsletter.) Our first service project collection will be at our Opening Mass next week.

- \* Soles4 Souls: We are working in conjunction with the Breese Scouts for the 2nd year. Bring gently used shoes (athletic, dress, boys, girls, men's, women's and even baby shoes) to be put in the specially marked boxes in the back of church.
- \* St. John Bosco Children's Center: Bring in at least 1 article of clothing (shirt, pants, dress, shorts, coats etc.) that your child has outgrown. Student's will deposit their donation in their Grade's bag as they come to church next week.

### CATECHITICAL SUNDAY

Our YFF teachers will reaffirm their commitment as Catechist at the following weekend masses. It means a lot to our staff to see the YFF families support them in their parish. **PLEASE** attend the Catechetical mass in your parish.

- St. Dominic:  
Sept. 13th 11:00 Mass
- St. Anthony:  
Sept. 20th 8:30 Mass
- St. Augustine: \*  
Sept. 20th 10:00 Mass

\*Phyllis Berndsen will be contacting families to participate in this service. Please say YES when she calls.

### PARISH PARTICIPATION

One of our goals continues to be getting our YFF families more involved in their parishes. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to start at any time after meeting the minimum age requirement.

#### SERVERS:

St. Anthony—Gr. 4 & above  
St. Augustine—Gr 4 & above  
St. Dominic—Gr 5 & above

#### CHOIRS:

St. Augustine—School age  
St. Dominic—Gr 4 and above

Participation isn't limited to our students. If you prefer not to be "in front" of people; you can still help your parish with decorating, baking bread for special liturgies, prayer ministries or work your at parish dinners, bingos, card parties, auctions, picnics or other functions. **LEAD BY EXAMPLE.**



### PARISH MISSION SEPT. 20 24

The Mission theme highlights the gift of the Sacraments that we receive on our journey through life. I strongly encourage you attend at least one night of the mission. On the back side of the Newsletter is an outline of YFF's role for the Mission.

Oops, ran out of space.....

Let's have a good year!

Darlene Menietti



**ST AUGUSTINE  
AND  
ST. DOMINIC  
PARISH MISSION  
SEPT. 20-24; 6:30<sup>pm</sup>  
ST. DOMINIC CHURCH  
with  
Fr. Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R.**

### **SUNDAY**

The service will focus on the family. This a great way to start your week together as a family! All students (St. Augustine, St. Dominic AND St. Anthony) 4th Grade or older are invited join the Children's Choir that will be singing at this service. Choir will meet at 5:30 to go through the songs. ("Companions on the Journey" and "Come to the Water").

### **MONDAY**

The Mission Topic is "Confirmation." The Confirmation class and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend the mission on this night, as it will be helpful in the journey to receive the gift of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Mission Committee is asking the Confirmation class to help with the reception following the service.

- Each student is to bring **3 dozen NUT FREE homemade cookies** to the parish center between 5:45 and 6:30. The drop off point is at the Parish Center entrance to the YFF 1st—4th Grade classrooms.
- Immediately after the service, students are to report to the kitchen area of the Parish Center to help with the cookie buffet & clean up. (Same procedure as last year's Confirmation Reception) We should be done by 9:00.
- The sign up sheet will be in the class room next week. This will count towards service hours.

### **TUESDAY**

PARENTS of 2nd Graders who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation are urged to attend the Mission to learn more about this special sacrament your child is preparing to receive this year.

Since the 2nd Graders will be receiving two "Gifts For Our Journey" (Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist), the Mission Committee is asking for their help with the Tuesday night reception. We will be serving "TEMPTATION SNACK MIX." and each 2nd grader is to bring one of the ingredients for the mix.

Last name A— G, bring 1 1/2 cups of M & Ms      Last name H—M, bring 2 cups of goldfish®  
Last name N—R, bring 3 cups of pretzel sticks      Last name S—Z, bring 1 1/2 cups of raisins

**Please bring your item to class on Wednesday, Sept. 16th.**

We also need the 2nd Grade parents to help serve drinks at the reception, and with clean up. Please come to the kitchen area of the parish center immediately following the mission service. We should be done by 9:00.

### **WEDNESDAY**

Youth Faith Formation will be in session that evening. Parents are encouraged to attend the mission while their students are in class. 7th Grade students are to serve at the reception following class to 9:00.

### **7th and 8th GRADE STUDENTS**

**Get a jump on those much needed "service hours" by helping your teachers at the Mission. Each night during the Mission, Amber Pruitt and Katie Robben will be leading activities in the Parish Center for students K-4 from 6:30 to 8:00—while parents attend the Mission.**

You can also stay for snacks afterwards (hint, hint)!

### **FAMILY VOLUNTEERS**

The Mission can use additional help as callers, drivers, banner carriers, greeters, gift bearers, choir and much more! Consider participating at a greater level to make this a memorable experience. Sign up sheets are in the back of each church or contact your parish rectory to volunteer.