



Confirmation students, for those of you who have not handed in your Letter to

the Pastor or Letter to the Bishop, please be sure you have them at class this Sunday. We also need to get Sponsor's forms and Saints Reports from CI students.

Sister Helen will be with the Confirmation II class on February 24th with an exciting workshop! Please do not miss this! :)

C II class Don't forget to mark your calendars for Sister Helen on Feb 24th!!!



I AM NEW

As a Christian, you have a right to "forget" about yesterday and *start over.*

Your past mistakes don't have to determine your *future direction* nor do they sum up your *identity.*

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First Reconciliation Students

MY FIRST RECONCILIATION

The date for First Reconciliation has been moved to January 27th, 2019. We will celebrate directly after morning Mass.

Parents, please continue to work with your child and say your daily prayers together as a family :)



" While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened ! "

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: This is my Son, the Beloved.

On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

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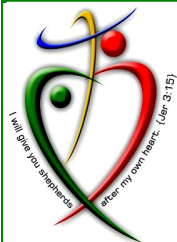
We are so Grateful for our anonymous donor who has dropped off snacks and drinks for the kids this week. THANK YOU!! We are so happy for your continued support our Religious Program. Keeping our kids healthy and giving them a light snack before class keeps their minds sharp and focused on the teachings of our Faith!!

Fr. Alan's Assembly

Last Sunday our K and 1st grade kids watched the movie "Star", the story of the Nativity through the eyes of a donkey. It sounds like a great story! Samantha Watson is studying hard to learn all her basic prayers before First Reconciliation. She recited the Act of Contrition for Fr. Alan with flying colors! Gr.3 told us about the Wise men who are called the Magi and they were NOT Jewish. Evelyn was our only 4th Gr. student so she went to help Mrs. Blaise. They also learned that there were special meanings for the gifts they Magi brought with them. Gold = Love, Frankincense = Prayer and Myrrh = Hard work! Our 5th Gr. Class heard a very good story of the Christmas Tree and Epiphany. In 6th Gr. We learned that St. John Bosco also taught religion and work ethics, he was a very good man and he was always helping the children. Gr. 7 spoke

about the missionaries and how "Prayers" are very important because they absolutely help! In 8th Gr we talked more about how Jesus is God. We also discovered that we see God in the complexity of our own DNA! In the Confirmation I class, you will see a couple of our students bringing down the gifts at Sunday Mass. They are studying how to be good stewards and to also serve our parish. They also began reviewing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Fruits of the Spirit and the Corporal works of Mercy.. Whew!!! In Confirmation II Mr. Bosley put together a music composition which was tied to Scripture! There were readings, songs meditations, contemplations... it was like a mini Lectio Divina!

This weeks winners of Fr. Alan's weekly give -a-way are: Angle, Ian, Layci, Evelyn & Cooper! Fr. Alan bought McDonalds gift cards and we had Burger King cards!



Baptism of the Lord –
 "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
 Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?
 Talk to Fr. Alan 643-6759, or Fr. Doug Lucia at (315) 386-2543/ dlucia@rcdonj.org or Cathy Russell, the Diocesan Vocation Coordinator at (315)393-2920, ext. 1450/

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A STUDY COMMISSIONED by the Knights of Columbus revealed that 75% of Catholic young people who had seriously considered religious life felt they were never encouraged to pursue that goal. Do you know someone who would make a good priest? Why not tell him so? Your encouragement may be all he needs.

