

*Hello!*

*In preparation for an exciting new year, we have made changes to some of our activities and policies! Below is all the information you need to know! This page, as well as the Calendar for the year, AND the Monthly Newsletters can also be found on our website [ols-parish.org].*

### **Attendance Policy**

At least one week prior to an absence parents are to email the DRE [[sorrows.faith.formation@gmail.com](mailto:sorrows.faith.formation@gmail.com)]. In the case of illness or family emergency parents will have two days after the absence to email. Make-up “assignments” will consist of students attending a Parish event of their choice and completing a form about that event. After 4 absences a meeting will be scheduled between the DRE and parents to decide on a course of action moving forward.

### **Faith Formation Mass**

Faith Formation Mass will be held once a month at the 11:00 A.M. mass. Students will arrive by 10:45 A.M. and sit with their class for mass. These are required as mass is an essential part of our Catholic faith. Missing one of these masses will be treated the same way as missing class [see attendance policy above].

### **Family Day**

There will be 3 family days this school year. They will take place after the Faith Formation mass in the hall. This will be an opportunity for family Faith building, and ideas on how to bring Faith formation into everyday life. Missing one of these Family Days will be treated the same way as missing class [see attendance policy above].

### **Christmas Program**

HOORAY! We are bringing back the Christmas program this year! [Date TBD] This will be an opportunity for families to celebrate the seasons. There will be Christmas goodies to snack on, a musical performance by the students and a “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest hosted by the Knights of Columbus with prizes! All are welcome to attend the event!

### **Monthly Trivia**

Starting in October, there will be a “Trivia Question of the month” (or trivia topic). Students are encouraged to bring home the questions, research the answers, and bring them back for a prize drawing at the end of the month! (Parents, feel free to help them out, this is a fun thing for the whole family to do together!).

### **Envelopes**

Children’s donation envelopes will be mailed to families. This year, we would like to encourage students to learn other ways to donate that do not involve money. Students are encouraged to do one “Good Deed” or to Volunteer to do one thing every week (for their friends, family, etc.) and write about what they did, and put it in their envelopes. They can place them in the collection basket at the 4:00 P.M. mass on Saturday or at the 9:00 A.M./ 11:00 A.M. masses on Sunday. The Knights of Columbus will have prizes for those who participate, and the class with the most good deeds will have a big SURPRISE!