St. Ann's PREP News

***P**arish **R**eligious **E**ducation **P**rogram* 1/4/2012

Calendar

Jan. 25 **NO CLASS- Teacher Inservice**

Feb. 22 **Ash Wednesday**

Severe Weather

Winter weather has arrived! If St. Ann's/East Penn Schools cancel classes for the day or dismiss early there will be no PREP, even if the weather improves. If the weather gets worse during the day, we will announce cancellation of classes on Channel 69 WFMZ. Please *do not* call the rectory or the PREP office. If the weather is poor I will not be in the office to take your call. Tune in to Channel 69 WFMZ or check their storm center web site at wfmz.com for school closing information.

Catholic Charities Food Bank depends on the generosity of people like you to keep food available for those in need. Their shelves are empty. Every cereal box, canned good and jar of peanut butter makes a difference!

Even young children can begin to contribute to the needy. Have your child bring a non-perishable food item to church. Place the food in the basket in the front of the altar when the children's bulletins are being handed out.

Suggested Food Items:

Cheerios
Oatmeal packs
Pasta
Rice
Canned fruit and vegetables
Peanut butter
Granola/snack bars
Canned soups and stews

God First

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it? He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

Luke 10:25-28

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly father." Matthew 10:32-33

These are strong words from Jesus! 21st century society values achievement in sports and the accumulation of material goods above all else. People who choose a different path can be ridiculed as naïve and not with it. It does take courage to stand up for your faith.

Do others in your workplace, neighborhood or school and your friends and family know by your example that God is first in your life? Do you make time for prayer, and attend church on Sunday, even when away from home? Do you have the courage to tell your children's coaches or activities leaders that Sunday morning is reserved for church and family and that your child attends religious education classes on Wednesdays?
Parents are the first and the best teachers of the faith to their children. Give your children a strong foundation of faith and love for our Lord that will last them a lifetime through all the storms ahead.

We are fortunate to have five opportunities to attend Mass in our parish each weekend: Saturday at 5:30 pm and Sunday at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and noon.

First Reconciliation February 4

The children preparing to receive Holy Communion will receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday February 5th at 10:00 am. Guardian Angels/prayer partners, please remember your child with a card or a note before this special day.

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