



January Parent Newsletter

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2012! We hope that you enjoyed the Christmas holidays and that they were filled with joy, love and some relaxation!

Special Thanks

Thanks go out to all the RE families that participated in donating to the Christmas gift for Fr. Len and Fr. Dat! We were able to give them both a nice cash gift to use as they wish. They both send a sincere thank you and many blessings to you and your families for the upcoming year. "Dear RE Families, I am deeply grateful for your Christmas gift. It will help me on my trip to Vietnam to visit my family and celebrate the weddings of my niece and nephew. May God bless you all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Fr. Dat"

Theresa, Blanca and I would also like to thank the families that were so kind in remembering us during the holiday with gifts and goodies!

Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped forward to help with the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, we thank you! With 200+ kids participating, we definitely could not have done it without your help! God bless you!

God bless you all for your generosity and kindness! It was greatly appreciated!

No Classes

There will not be any classes held on **Monday/Tuesday January 16th/17th**. This is so you can take advantage of the long weekend gained from Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday! Enjoy!

Save The Date Alert! We have several activities coming up that you won't want to miss!

First Communion Parent/Child Class February 10th /11th



The Diocese of Boise requires parents of children preparing for First Communion to attend a catechetical session on this sacrament. **At least 1 parent and child will attend the session together. We are offering 2 sessions for your convenience: Friday, February 10th 6-8pm or Saturday, February 11th 9-11am. Please put the dates and times on your calendar and RSVP to the RE Office by February 3rd with the date that is most convenient for you and your child!** Informational packets with dates & details for First Communion will be handed out.



Pre-Lenten Family Carnival February 17th!

Bring the family and join us for a great evening of fun, food and games!
In order to be able to offer this evening of fun for the children, we will need lots of volunteers. *Don't forget to sign up after the weekend Masses on*

January 21st/22nd!

3rd Grade Lenten Retreat March 3rd

Permission slips will be sent home with your 3rd grader during classes on February 6th/7th.
Please return them by February 17th! There will be activities and games that tie into the Lenten journey. We will also attend the 5:00pm Mass as a community and have dinner afterwards! If you have questions, please call the RE Office.

Join Our Holy Apostles Email List! Holy Apostles has an email communication program that they want all parishioners to be a part of! Just go to the parish website, www.holyapostlesmeridian.net, look on the right side of the front page and click on the "Sign up for Email Newsletter" icon and then enter your email address and click "continue". This site will allow you to receive regularly scheduled communication about Holy Apostles and our parish ministries. Check those ministries you're interested in. This website uses "SafeUnsubscribe" which guarantees the permanent removal of your email address from its' mailing list anytime you choose.

Class Cancellations *Check the website!!* If the weather is such that we need to cancel classes for the safety of our children and volunteers, we will post this information on the website by 2pm and will also send out the cancellation via the constant contact list above which will send you an instant email.

KidsWord – A Children's Liturgy Children that are PreK to 2nd Grade are invited to join us in the Day Chapel for KidsWord during the Liturgy of the Word and Homily at the 11am Mass. KidsWord will be held on the following Sundays: Jan 22, Feb 5, Mar 4 & 25, Apr 1 & 29, May 13 & 27.

Attendance

There are only 8 Sunday classes and 14 Monday/Tuesday classes left for the year! Please continue to make your child's spiritual education a priority. The rest of the RE year is going to fly by - so - hang on!

Please contact us with any questions, suggestions or concerns!

God bless and keep you!

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