

# Faith Formation Family News

Week 2

October 21 & 24, 2007

## News and Notes

Just a reminder that you are asked to join your children in the Church for prayer time before they depart for their classes. Your presence there will show your children the importance of Faith Formation for all of us, not just for the school-aged.

Pickup times are:

1:15pm on Sundays

8:00pm Wednesdays

## This Week in Faith Formation

November 1 is the feast of All Saints and November 2 is the feast of All Souls. Do you know the difference?

We'll be celebrating the lives of those who have gone before us, especially the saints, in our gathering service.

In their rooms, your children will be talking more about God and God's creation, with a focus on

### Week of October 21, 2007

#### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you hear the story of this stubborn widow, what strikes you about her? What phrase or word in this reading remains with you now?

Jesus teaches us to trust God. How does God help you in your daily life?

## Faith at Home

This Sunday's Gospel is from Luke 17:5-6 and talks about what you can do with faith even the size of a mustard seed. That's really small! Here are some suggested questions to bring up at the dinner table or on the way to soccer practice:

Jesus teaches us that our faith is powerful and with it, we can do great things. We can forgive, love, and share with others. Which of these do you do most often?

Who do you know that has faith that seems big despite challenges?

## For Parents

Show your kids the importance of helping others:

Introduce yourself to your child's Catechist and offer to help in the classroom if needed.

**This week's program is about Baptism and Blessings.** When your child was baptized, you accepted the responsibility of raising your children in the faith. How do you incorporate faith into your day? How do you pray together? Do your children see you pray?

Did you know you can bless your child? You can - many times each day, in fact. Try thinking of unique ways you can incorporate blessing into your family life, whether by leaving written blessings in jacket pockets or lunch bags, saying a blessing together before bedtime, blessing your children during the family meal, or blessing their rooms if they are afraid.

## Looking ahead

The **next Children's Faith Formation** sessions are Sunday, October 21 and Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Save the Date for **Family Advent Day** on December 9 after the 10:30am mass in the Parish Center. Volunteers will be needed for all aspects of the day; please call the Office of Faith Formation to sign up.

For any questions or concerns, please call Lori in the Faith Formation Office at 267-7088, x242 or email [Lori@ourladyoflight.com](mailto:Lori@ourladyoflight.com).

Watch the bulletin for news and updates for families, parents, and kids, about the Faith Formation program.

## Online Resources

Here's another idea to get involved with your children's faith formation: visit either the parent or children option at:

<http://your.harcourtreligion.com/ctf/nsmedia/menu.html> for conversation starters, coloring pages, games, and activities related to your child's work here at church.