

January 7, 2024

Dear Faith Formation families,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful break and are continuing to celebrate this “Good News of Great Joy” – that Christ is born (Luke 2:10)! This joy and marvel over how God “made His dwelling among us” cannot be contained (John 1:14). Merry Christmas!

With this joy and season in mind, we look to our next Elementary Faith Formation Family Event:

Preschool & Elementary Faith Formation Family Event
Sunday, January 28
9:45 – 10:45 am

All members of your family are invited and welcome to join us! We ask that at least one parent from each family attends. Meet us in the church as we begin in prayer.

After our prayer together, we will work on a new service project: care packages for the homeless! Saint Ambrose Outreach and To Be Truly Seen, our new parish ministry for the homeless, will then share these care packages with those in need in the coming months. As we know, winters can be difficult for all in Minnesota, but especially for those without a home or shelter. For a little extra fun and competition, I have assigned each grade a different item to bring in for our packages – please keep in mind that all of these items will be placed in a large Ziploc bag which is why “travel size” is noted several times. These care packages will go to adults in need!

- **Preschool:** SOFT Granola Bars
- **Kindergarten:** TRAVEL SIZE Hand Sanitizer
- **1st Grade:** TRAVEL SIZE Hand Lotion
- **2nd Grade:** Chapstick
- **3rd Grade:** Gum or Mints
- **4th Grade:** BLACK, ADULT SIZED Socks
- **5th Grade:** ADULT SIZED Winter Gloves or Mittens

You may begin collecting and bringing in your donations to class – we will store them until the 28th! I will be inviting the parish to assist us in donations as well. Just like Christ was born and laid in a manger in Bethlehem in the cold, we too can care for Christ among us.

Peace to you during this joyous Christmas season,

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