

FAITH FORMATION

Sacramental Preparation

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Second grade students will be practicing for First Reconciliation tomorrow during Release class with Mrs. Zins at 2 p.m. in the Church. It is required that all students attend. The children and their families have been busy preparing during the past six weeks to receive this wonderful Sacrament of healing and grace! First Reconciliation is next **Sat., Dec. 5 at 10 a.m.** Please pray for the following students and their families as they prepare for this big day!

Kole Appel, Isaac Bertrand, Lalo Jimenez, Anahi Leon & Oliver Ruiz

CONFIRMATION/10TH GRADE

As we congratulate our newly Confirmed Junior class; we are already into preparations for next year's Confirmation students. We have three young people entering into Confirmation preparations. Our first meeting (via Zoom was Nov. 18); Our second meeting will be next Wed., Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., also via Zoom. Look for an email link sent to your parent's email on Wed. If you haven't already filled out your Commitment packet forms, please get that done and returned to the Faith Formation office this week! Thanks to the parents and students who helped serve donuts and drinks following Confirmation last Sunday!

CONFIRMATION

2020



Congratulations to

**Logan Erdmann, Ryder Henning,
Chrissy Hermeling & Emily Madison**

These four students were Confirmed last Sunday at St. Gabriel's by Msgr. Paul Heiting
BE FILLED WITH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

CELEBRATING ADVENT 2020

Our Elementary Release Time students were sent home with Advent Calendars this past week. Beginning on Dec. 1, they can begin the wonderful countdown to Christmas! We talked about how important it is to prepare our hearts for Jesus ... Not only for the Baby Jesus, born in the stable in Bethlehem, but also The King, Jesus Christ who WILL return in glory someday! There are many great online resources for growing closer to Christ this Advent.



Check EWTN or Relevant radio at relevantradio.com for some great Advent reflections and activities

BLESSINGS ON YOUR ADVENT SEASON

RELEASE TIME TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Do you know the people responsible for educating our children & teaching them about the Catholic Faith each week during our Faith Formation/Release Time classes?

These people take the time, week after week, from their busy lives to spend an hour (Elementary) each Monday, or an hour and a half on Thursdays (High School) to teach and guide our youth towards vital truths that will serve them in this life and, *even more importantly*, in the next life: Eternity! In the weeks ahead, we will highlight some of our teachers. They are well-worth getting to know and we, as a parish are very appreciative of their dedication!

Elizabeth Bertrand

4th & 5th Grade Teacher

ELEMENTARY RELEASE/MONDAY AFTERNOONS

Elizabeth is a busy Mom of six beautiful children! She and her husband Tim live in Wilmont. Elizabeth earned a degree in Math & Secondary Education. After college, she was the full time Director of Religious Education in Risen Savior Catholic Church in Brandon, S.D. When her family moved to Rock Rapids, IA, she worked as a daycare provider/math tutor. Following their move back to the area (Elizabeth is a FHS alumni and daughter of Chuck & Mary Sauer), she taught high school math in Worthington for two years before twins, Matthew & Noah arrived three years ago. She and her husband, Tim are busy parents indeed! Their oldest son, Caelen is in the 5th grade and daughter Abby is in the 4th grade (Both have differing levels of excitement about having "Mom" as their Release Teacher!) 2nd grade son Isaac is busy with Sacramental Prep and Youngest son, Ty, was born just this past May! Elizabeth is introducing some new, excellent curriculum into the 4th & 5th grade levels this year. What a great opportunity to have an experienced teacher with us for this!

THANK YOU Elizabeth ... What a blessing you are!