



Faith Formation Newsletter

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Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

<http://www.ourladyoflourdes-colusa.org>

Thanksgiving

A TIME TO GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Our mothers giving life to us
- *Our basic needs: Food, clothing, shelter
- *The ability to give others our time and treasure
- ***And most importantly, everything that we are given is from God**

Catholic Living: Thought for the month and upcoming Advent Season: The family is the cell of society. Jesus came as God made man to a family, his mother ever virgin Mary, and foster father Joseph. The Holy Family is a model which all Christians should strive for in growing in their holiness.

BELLA: Have you seen the new movie yet? Check it out at <http://www.bellathemovie.com/>

Bogo wines: Other brands and products help save the whales, save the trees, save the polar bears, save the Snowy Owls ect, but only BOGO Wines gives back to support [Adult Stem Cell Research-All Life Giving](#) Research and Therapy and **Saves the People- Born and Unborn!!!!!!!** www.buy-one-give-one.com

Christain toys: www.messengersoffaith.net

Catholic Child: godly alternatives for gifts that help their soul and mind www.catholicchild.com

EWTN kids: www.ewtn.com.ewtnkids (a Catholic site for children to play on)

Noise – book by Teresa Tomeo: a good read about the media. How it all too often distracts us from that which is most important, and in many instances, actually fights against our good and noble goals in life.

Advent Starts December 2

Weekly Advent Prayers

Week 1 Faith - Light one purple candle— God, we are blessed with the gift of faith, and we thank you for that gift. As we light this candle, help us to trust in you and say “yes” to you with all our hearts. Amen

Week 2 Hope - Light two purple candles—God, in faith we find hope. As we light the candles of faith and hope, we remember and believe in your promises to us. We give you all our struggles this day. May we always find our hope and help in your Son, Jesus. Amen

Week 3 Joy—Light two purple and one pink candle. God, as we light these candles we thank you for all the blessings in our lives. You have done great things for us. In you we find faith, hope and great joy. We thank you especially for the gift of our family and the joy we share. Amen

Week 4 Peace—Light three purple and one pink candles. God, you have given us faith, hope and joy. Forgive us for all the times we have made hurtful choices. In you we find true peace. Help us to live the peace of our Son in our hearts, in our family and in our world. Amen

Christmas Love—Light three purple, one pink and the white candle in the center. Jesus, be born in our hearts today and fill us with your love. As we light these candles, we celebrate your birth. You are the light of the world, our hope and our joy. You came into a world of darkness and sin to save us. Because of you, we are now called children of the light. Help us to live lives worthy of your love. Amen



Catholic Resources

Parish Bible Study Every Monday evening at 7 pm at the Delgado's house.

Natural Family Planning (NFP): living your catholic Faith. Contact DR. Gretchen Marsh in Yuba City at 671-9625

Retrouvaille: a Lifeline for Married Couples—A Program to Help Couples Heal and Renew their own Marriage Relationship.

<http://www.retrouvaille.org/>

Rachel's Vineyard –
www.rachelsvineyard.org

Abbey at Vina – www.newclairvaux.org

A Women's Friend – pregnant, worried:
www.awomansfriend.org

Magazines: Faith and Family
www.faithandfamilymag.com

Reminders to Students

- Bring Mass to Class every month
- Bring Holy Work Folders each week



Reminders to Parents

1. Watch for information about Loaves & Fishes special project during Advent
2. Watch for Advent Calendars coming home
3. Mass/Class Attendance Crucial to success of the Faith Formation of your children

Program Highlights

1st Holy Communion Students

Toured the Church

Confirmation Students

Attended on overnight retreat at Loomis

Picked Walnuts

Held a Car Wash

Grade 6 is going to put on a puppet show

Pre-Confirmation/Confirmation: Saving cans to earn money for the program!

Upcoming Events

Advent Jesse Tree

Starts December 2

Advent Puppet Show

December 6

Candidate/Parent/Sponsor Night

Thursday, December 6 @ 7:00 pm

Thank You!

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Ladies Relief for your support of the Faith Formation Program

To all our catechist who are so dedicated to teaching the word of God to our children.

Parishioners who have donated shoe boxes to the Sixth Grade Class for the special project they are working on.

Dr. Delgado for doing the *Tour of the Church for the 1st Holy Communion Class.*

John Rogers for your generous donation of paper.