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Be Fearless, Be Joyful, Be Renewed: Living the Spirit of Easter

The [Easter season](#) – beginning on [Easter Sunday](#) and continuing for 50 days – is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians. So what does living the [spirit of the Easter season](#) mean in practical terms? Here are three concrete suggestions.

Live with Joy

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.

Live without Fear

The [Resurrection](#) teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5,10) These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, or a crumbling relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

Live with New Eyes

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes—God’s eyes.

We can use these 50 days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world again—as if for the first time.

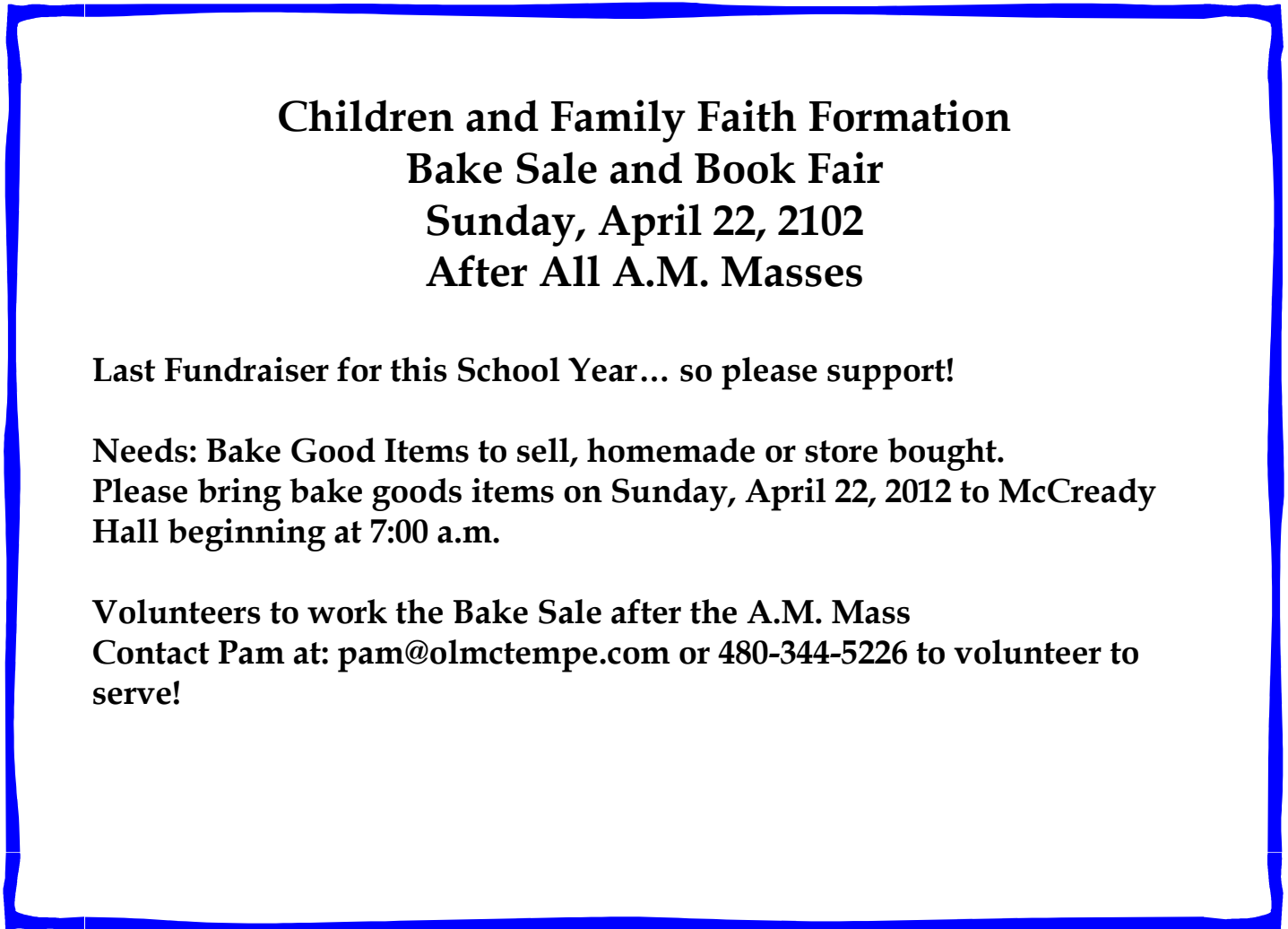


A Family Easter Prayer

God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to eternal life.

Let our celebration today raise us up
and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)

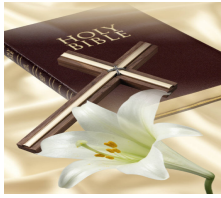


**Children and Family Faith Formation
Bake Sale and Book Fair
Sunday, April 22, 2102
After All A.M. Masses**

Last Fundraiser for this School Year... so please support!

**Needs: Bake Good Items to sell, homemade or store bought.
Please bring bake goods items on Sunday, April 22, 2012 to McCready
Hall beginning at 7:00 a.m.**

**Volunteers to work the Bake Sale after the A.M. Mass
Contact Pam at: pam@olmctempe.com or 480-344-5226 to volunteer to
serve!**



**No Sessions:
Sunday, April 8, 2012
Monday, April 9, 2012**



*Weekly Children's Faith Formation Sessions end for the 2011- 12 school year
The Week of April 29 - May 2, 2012*

** Confirmation and First Eucharist Sessions continue on Sunday thru May 6th.*

Parish Festival update...

Thank you to all the families for the support with making the cake walk a huge success!
The profit from the cake walk was \$700.00

Special Thank You: Rose Miller and Safeway Corporation for the \$100.00 gift card
that purchase 30 baked goods.

A few words from the Faith Formation Coordinator...

It has been a year Full of Blessings! Thank you to each family for the support and dedication with the Faith Formation processes this year in; prayers, consist regular attendance of weekly, sacramental sessions, retreats, seasonal events. The Wonderful job supporting the Fundraising, Children's Stewardship efforts, donations of supplies needed for the weekly sessions.

*To the volunteers who lead teach or assist in the sessions: Yvette Barnes, Maria Castle, Susan Cuesta, Monica Donnellan, Cindy Hatcher, Hortensia McDonald, Megan McGovern, Stephanie Salas, Theresa Kinniry, Tamara McLeod, Olivia Valdez, Dominic Wienhart, and Nellie Welter
Twens and Teens: Naibe Barnes, Nathaniel Boyd, Joshua Miller, Kelly Spinner, Susan Spinner, Korrina Romero, Kamarin Taitano, Lily Welter and Sophie Welter.*

Have a safe, restful and fun Summer my prayers are with each of you. Join us for VBS 2012 and or Summer Knights for Christ in June.

Sessions for the 2012-13 School year begin the week of September 10, 2012 with registration beginning August 6, 2012.

Faith Formation Families and Volunteers are the Best! Thank You!

Blessings, Pam



Safety

Parents must sign in their child(ren) in and out of class every-week. The sign in and out books are posted by each classroom door.



Food for Thought

Don't forget! When you are purchasing your Food for Thought Cards after Mass, tell them you are a **Faith Formation (R.E.) family** so the purchase will credit our account. This is a great year round fundraiser for our program with proceeds going directly to benefit the faith formation processes, so please be as supportive as you can. Let's beat last year's profit of \$120.00. Shop at Fry's or Bashas Grocery store(s). Purchase a rechargeable card for \$5.00. 6% of the sales is given back to the Faith Formation process. *Thank you!*

Yearly Faith Formation Fees

All yearly balances are to be paid in full by April 30, 2012, Thank You! Please contact the faith formation coordinator with any questions.



Absences: Please contact the faith formation office at **480-344-5226**, or **pam@olmctempe.com** when your child will be absent from a faith formation session.

When a child has three (3) unexcused absences in a row he or she may be dropped from the faith formation class.

Unexcused absence means the faith formation coordinator has not heard from a parent or guardian to report their child's absent.

Usually circumstances need to be discussed with the faith formation coordinator.



Mass Attendance

*Children and Family Faith sessions **do not** replace or count towards Mass attendance each week.*

Children in grades 1st grade and up are to be attending Mass regularly.

Mass attendance is checked each week.

Thank You to all for the donations to help feed his Sheep this year!



Summer Knights for Christ
Tuesday evenings: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

June 12, 19, and 26, 2012
For Children ages preschool 4 - 5th grade. Children will learn about Saints through prayer, song, craft, games and much more.

Cost is \$7.00 per child each week or all 3 weeks \$18.00
Stewardship Families: No Cost



Mary's Club

Mary's Club Meets the third Thursday of each month
Open to all Parish Girls 1st - 6th Grade
Last meeting for this School Year:
April 19, 2012

Time: 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Fine Arts Room is located in the preschool building. Each month's activities will include a teaching on a virtue, saint, craft and regular service project.

Oikos Evening

A Evening designed to Strengthen Your Marriage

Saturday, November 12
Saturday, December 3
Saturday, January 14
Saturday, February 4
Saturday, March 10
Saturday, April 14
Saturday, May 5

Location: McCreedy Hall
Time: 4:30-7pm
R.S.V.P. sabina@olmctempe.com 480 344 5220

Oikos is an ancient Greek word which means a house or household. This word points us to the Domestic Church.

Oikos is dedicated to bringing couples to one another for a communal effort to know what marriage and family are intended by God and realize it in our lives so that the 'domestic churches' will flourish in the parish community.

The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together.

St. Chrysostom

Join us for an Evening of Marriage Enrichment!
OLMC MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE



Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Children's Stewardship Activities for April

Children's Ministry:

Monthly Children's Mass: The First Sunday of each month at the 9:00 a.m. Mass
Lectors, Greeters/Ushers, Gift Bearers and Children's Choir.
Children ages 1st - 8th grade are encouraged take part in this ministry.

To Volunteer for the: **Children's Choir** contact Kim at kim@olmctempe.com.

For **Lectors, Greeters/Ushers, or Gift Bearers** contact Pam at pam@olmctempe.com.
Next Children's Mass is May 6, 2012

To be continued ...

Raised \$1,100.00 + THANK YOU!

The children in the Children's Faith Formation process Elementary School, and the Little Lambs Preschool are partnering together in a service project to help children in the orphanages located in Haiti, through Caritas in Veritate International.

\$50.00 will enable one (1) child to have lunch daily for one year. Talk with your child and help them come to a decision on how much money they have and can donate themselves. A child that begins to practices this act of stewardship in donating money or goods it becomes a regular practice all their life.

Join us... Children's Easter Hunt

Here at OLMC!

Saturday, April 7, 2012

Where: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Preschool Playground

Time: 10:00 - a.m.

Ages: 2-10



Climb Aboard The VATICAN EXPRESS with St. Jerome

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

is hosting a **Catholic Kidz Camp Program** called:

The Vatican Express with St. Jerome

for children four years old through 5th grade.

Parents are encouraged to register their children for **5 DAYS** of sensational skits, exciting Bible stories, creative crafts and amazing music! **FUN** is just around the corner. Fasten your seatbelts for the ride of your life!

All Aboard the Vatican Express!

The program will be held on:

Dates: June 4th – 8th Time: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Cost: \$35.00 per Child (registered by April 30, 2012)

Cost: 55.00 per child (registered May 1 – June 4, 2012)

Checks payable to OLMC

Stewardship Family: No Cost

Don't miss out on this spiritual adventure of a lifetime! Download the Registration form on olmctempe.com **or** Contact: Pam Myskowski

Phone#: 480-344-5226 or

Email: pam@olmctempe.com or register in person...Registration forms are located in the Atrium, Parish and School Office.

Volunteers needed in a varies ways!