

# Family Discipleship Monthly News

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***WELCOME!***

Dear Families,

Welcome! To the 2012-13 Family Discipleship (ages 3– 12) Process at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Sessions begin the week of September 16-20, 2012. Each Session will meet at the regular weekly session time and a Parent(s) are asked to attend with their child(ren) the first week.

Home Study Families will be emailed from [mycatholicfaithdelivered.com](http://mycatholicfaithdelivered.com) to set up access to their weekly faith formation process.

Yearly Calendar and Parent Handbook are available online: [www.olmctempe.com](http://www.olmctempe.com) under **Family Discipleship.**

Please bring completed Family Emergency Form.

A copy of child/ren's Baptismal Certificate if not already on file at the time of registration.

Please contact Pam at 480-967-8791 ext. 226 or [pam@olmctempe.com](mailto:pam@olmctempe.com) with any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward to a faith filled year!

Thank You!

## Five stewardship keys from Jesus

At the last supper Jesus gave us important final messages: 'I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.' (John 15:15-17). This simple message from Our Lord gives us five keys for living as good stewards:

1. Spend time with God
2. Realize God has chosen us
3. Contribute something for God
4. Trust in God's abundance
5. Love and serve

Stewardship is not a gift we give to God, but rather a gift God gives to

## ASK THE EXPERTS | RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Memorization and catechesis

**When I was younger, our catechesis consisted mostly of memorizing questions and answers. It seems like we do less of that now, and I worry that our children don't know their faith. Does memorization have a place in catechesis?**

It's difficult to live a faith we don't know, and yet it's also true that simply knowing something doesn't guarantee that we will live it. For this reason, some memorization might be necessary for formation in the faith, but it is not sufficient. We also need to be conscious of the fact that educational methodology in general has changed a great deal from the time when rote memory was the norm. Many children aren't used to learning things this way, and others might have particular difficulty with memorization due to learning problems. When teaching something you want the children to memorize, consider using music and/or rhythm, which can make memorizing things dramatically easier. Introduce new terms and definitions with hidden words or letter guessing games to make these activities engaging and fun. Finally, remember that it's understanding and desire, not memorization of prayers or definitions, that indicate readiness to celebrate sacraments. It would be contrary to Canon Law to withhold sacraments because a child has trouble with memorization.

By **Dr. Joseph White** 8/1/2012  
Our Sunday Visitor



**Absences:** Please contact the office at **480-967-8791 ext. 226, or [pam@olmctempe.com](mailto:pam@olmctempe.com)** if your child will be absent. If your child has three (3) unexcused absences in a row he or she may be dropped from his or her's session time. **Unexcused absence means we have not heard from you to report your child's absence.**

Usually circumstances need to be discussed with the coordinator, Pam Myskowski.



***Food for Thought... No extra Cost !  
An Easy and Profitable Fundraiser***

Don't forget! When you are purchasing your Food for Thought Cards tell them you are an **R.E. family** so they will credit our account. This is a great year round fundraiser for our program with proceeds going directly to benefit the Family Discipleship Ministry, so please be as supportive as you can. By each family just using the Fry's or Bashas' rechargeable cards to purchase groceries, the profit is \$2,400.00 a week! Rechargeable card for the grocery stores, many retail stores, and restaurants cards can be purchased after all the weekend Masses or pre-order online at [olmctempe.com](http://olmctempe.com).

*Thank You for your Support!*



**Safety**

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

***Yearly Faith Formation Fees***

*At least 25% of the total yearly fees per family are due on or before the first session. Stewardship Families: No Cost. Monthly payments are acceptable for balances due through April 30, 2012. Please contact Pam with any questions.*



***Mass Attendance***

*Family Discipleship sessions **do not** replace or count towards Mass attendance each week. Children in grades 1st grade and up are to be attending Mass weekly on a regular basis.*

## Babysitter and or Tutor

Hi all,

It's that wonderful time of the year when children go back to school! I want to take advantage of my free time by earning some extra income. If you or someone you know needs babysitting and/or tutoring services please keep me in mind. Besides being a mom of 6, I'm also a certified teacher with 5 years of preschool, 10 years of Middle School and 6 years of college teaching experience. I have also completed the "Call to Protect" certification, and can provide both professional and personal references. Thank you in advance for taking the time to help me by referring me to family and friends. Feel free to give out my email or phone number.

Thank you again.

Blessings,

Lisa

480-626-3052

**No Sessions...**

**Wednesday, October 31, 2012**

### ***Pam Myskowski*** ***Coordinator***

Pam has been with Mt. Carmel for 21 years coordinating the Family Discipleship (R.E.) Processes. She is married for 36 years and has two adult children. Pam is available to you as a resource, coordinating, and implementing the Family Discipleship for ages 3-12 processes. As well as the Lead Catechist for several of the sessions. Please call her at 480-967-8791 ext. 226 or e-mail: [pam@olmctempe.com](mailto:pam@olmctempe.com) if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year. Your comments are welcome and appreciated!

### ***Office Location***

The Children and Faith Formation Office is in the Parish Office Building located South of the Church and Mt. Carmel. School.

### ***Office Hours***

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday Noon - 8:00 p.m. (Beginning September 17th)

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: Closed

Saturday: Closed



# Donations Needed to help feed his Sheep... *Thank You!*

## September and October Needs:

Water Color Paints  
Paper Towels  
Apple Juice  
Pretzels  
Dry Fruit Snacks  
Goldfish Crackers  
Animal Crackers

### Children's Stewardship Activities

**Children's Stewardship Logo Contest:** Children ages: Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade design a Logo on an 8 1/2 x 11 white paper. Illustrate your own personal interpretation of what stewardship means to you. Please include your name and telephone.

Logo Designs are to be turned to the Parish office by Thursday, October 12, 2012.

#### Children's Ministry:

**Monthly Children's Mass:** The First Sunday of each month at the 9:00 a.m. Mass  
For 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 October 7th*

**Children's weekly Tithing envelope:** even if they have no money to place inside it. All children have the gifts of time and talent they can share each week. **The children's envelopes are found by the entrance of the back doors of the church, behind the last pews in the church, and in the Atrium.**

**St. Vincent de Paul Donation for September & October: Canned or Non-perishable food items. Please place items in the donation basket located outside the Atrium door, Thank You!**

## Prayer for the New Evangelization

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent?” –Romans 10: 13-15

Heavenly Father,

Pour forth your Holy Spirit to inspire me with these words from Holy Scripture.

Stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News.

Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others.

Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me:

If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel?

If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed?

If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim?

God, our Father, I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call of the New Evangelization to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



### Mary's Club

Mary's Club Meets  
the third Thursday of each  
month September - April  
Open to all Parish  
Girls Kindergarten - 6th Grade  
are Welcomed!

**Next meeting is**  
**September 20, 2012**

**Time:** 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Atrium located in  
the preschool building.  
Each month's activities  
will include a teaching on a  
virtue, craft, and  
service project.

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# Rosary Celebration

2012

**Tucson**

**Saturday**

**October 20**

St. Augustine Cathedral  
10:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas  
Presiding

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Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus  
assisted by The Diocese of Tucson

**Phoenix**

**Sunday**

**October 21**

Phoenix Convention Center  
2:00 - 4:15 PM

Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted  
Presiding

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Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus  
assisted by The Legion of Mary

Honoring Our Lady under her title, The Immaculate Conception, Patroness of United States.

Father Zachary of the Mother of God, S.O.L.T.  
Keynote Speaker

Free Admission

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## Arizona Rosary Celebration 2012 Poster Contest



**Theme:** *Depiction of the One of the Scenes of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.*

**Directions:** Students are to submit a free-hand drawing depicting ONE of the scenes: Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation in Temple, Finding of Jesus in Temple. Refer to Luke Chapters 1 and 2.

### Rules and Regulations:

1. **Paper** 8½ by 11"
2. **Art Work** Is to be done free-hand by student
3. **Materials** May use ink, crayons, paints, pencils, or markers only
4. **Entries** The student's name, school or church, home phone number, age and grade MUST BE on the back lower right hand corner. Failure to have info eliminates drawing from judging process.
5. **Due Date** Wednesday, October 17, 2012 by 12 Noon or postmarked by Tuesday, October 16, 2012.  
All pictures are to be mailed to or dropped off at:  
**St. Joseph's Parish**  
11001 N. 40<sup>th</sup> St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85028  
(Attention: Donna Wiedoff)
6. **Theme** *Depiction of the ONE of the Scenes of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.*
7. **Winners** 24 winners will be selected. Posters will be judged in the following categories:  

K and 1st grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> grades
4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> grades	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grades

Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, will present winners with certificates at a **Pizza Party Luncheon** in December at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

We would like to thank all schools, R.E. programs and teachers for their devotion and enthusiasm which have made this annual Poster Contest a success. All drawings become the property of Arizona Rosary Celebration. Winners will be announced by November 15, 2012. For further information, please contact

**Donna Wiedoff, Poster Contest Coordinator, at 602-292-1264**  
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**For General Info on Arizona Rosary Celebration contact Mario at 623-939-1840, English and Spanish.**