

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:** (See 2017-18 Calendar on page 4, Family Connection newsletter and R.E. website at <http://www.stephen.org/faith-formation/religious-education/> for further information.)

**Cookie Company Fundraiser**– Month of September

**R.E. Masses**– Sept. 26/27, during classes: Parents are welcome to join us!

**Rosary**– October, TBD

**Sunday School Festival of Saints, during classes:** Oct. 29th

**Reconciliation for grades 3-8:** November

**Advent Prayer Services, during classes:** Dec. 5/6th and Dec. 19/20th; Worship Space

**Sunday School Christmas Programs:** Sun., Dec. 17th at 2 pm (Rehearsal Dec. 16th at 9 am), and Dec. 17th at 4 pm (Rehearsal Dec. 16th at 10:30 am) in the Gym; followed by a reception in the Dining Room.

**R.E. Masses:** Jan. 16/17, 2018

**Ash Wednesday Mass with Family and Soup Supper:** Wed., Feb. 14, 2018; Soup Supper: 4– 8:30 pm, Dining Room

**Stations of the Cross:** clergy led, during classes; date TBD

**Procession of the Palms at Mass**– Sunday School students: March 25th at 9 and 10:30 am

**Divine Mercy Chaplet and Eucharistic Adoration:** April 3/4th during classes, Worship Space

**End of Year Prayer Services/Awards**– April 24/25th, during classes

**May Crowning**– Sunday School and Kindergarten: April 24/25th and April 29th during classes.



**Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist** are usually received for the first time in the second grade.

Reconciliation Parent Meeting (gr. 2): Sun., Sept. 24, 2017; 7:15 pm in the Dining Room.



'My First Reconciliation' booklet due: Dec. 5th

First Reconciliation: Mon., Dec. 4th and Tues., Dec. 5th at 7 pm in the Worship Space.

First Communion Parent Meeting (gr. 2): Sun., Feb. 25, 2018 at 7:15 pm in the Dining Room.

First Communicant and Parent Blessing: Feb. 24/25th, at all Masses

'My First Communion' booklet due: April 13th

Rehearsals for First Communion: Thurs., April 12th at 6:30 and 7:30 pm, and Fri., April 13th at 6:30 pm

First Holy Communion: Sun., April 15, 2018 at 9 am, 12 noon and 3 pm.

**Confirmation candidates in both seventh and eighth grade** are required to participate in retreats, special events and complete Stewardship hours. The sacrament of Confirmation is received in the eighth grade.



Mass of Enrollment (gr. 7): Sept. 9/10th, at all Masses.

Confirmation Parent Meeting for Gr. 7 and 8: Sun., Sept. 10th at 7:30 pm, Worship Space.

8th grade Confirmation Retreats: Fri., Oct. 6th, 6-9 pm and Sat., Oct. 22nd from 8-11 am and 1– 4 pm; Dining Room.

7th Grade Confirmation Retreats: Fri., Jan. 26th, 6 -8:30 pm, Sat., Jan. 27th, 8:30-11 am and 1- 3:30 pm; Dining Room.

Parish Commitment Mass (gr. 8): March 3/4th at all Masses.

Confirmation Reflections (Candidates, parents and sponsors): Tues., April 17th at 4:15 and 5:30 pm; Wed., April 18th at 4, 5:30 and 7 pm in the Worship Space.

Confirmation Rehearsals: Thurs., May 3rd at 6:30 and 8 pm and Fri., May 4th at 6:30 pm, Worship Space.

Confirmation Masses: Mon., May 7th, Tues., May 8th and Wed., May 9th at 6:30 pm each night.

Stewardship (service) Reflections due: 5 hours due Dec. 1, 2017; 5 hours due May 1, 2018. On-line Stewardship Reflection forms are at [www.stephen.org/faith-formation/religious-education/sacrament-prep/](http://www.stephen.org/faith-formation/religious-education/sacrament-prep/). (Stewardship reflections can be completed on a cell phone, too.)



**Additional information on Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation is available on the website at**

[www.stephen.org/faith-formation/religious-education/sacrament-prep/](http://www.stephen.org/faith-formation/religious-education/sacrament-prep/)