

## **Saint Dorothy PREP**

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Dear Parents,

We begin this month with the twin celebrations of All Saints and All Souls. They remind us that “Death is not the end nor does it break the bonds of love forged in Life.” According to The Catechism of the Catholic Church, “the saints intercessions is the most exalted service to God’s plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world.” (#2683) In the same way, we pray for those who have died but have yet to enter fully into the joy of heaven. The Church teaches that a time of purgatory is necessary to remove the effects of sin so that we can be fully united with God. We call this cycle of those on earth praying to the saints in heaven to intercede for us and our prayers for the souls in purgatory. - The Communion of Saints.

### **PREP Fee**

We have 200 families in the PREP Program. Of that 200, 168 have paid the fee for the year 2011-2012. The fee is \$85.00 for one and \$130 for two or more. This fee covers the cost of books, folders, paper, crayons, and glue. If you are not sure if you paid, just call or e-mail and we can check our records. A payment plan can be provided for any family that wishes to do so.

### **Important November Dates**

#### **All Saints Day - November 1**

Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 8 & 10 AM and 7 PM. There is no vigil Mass on October 31 because it is Halloween.

#### **Mass of Remembrance - November 2**

On Wednesday, The Feast of All Souls, there will be a Mass at 7 PM to remember all those who have died, especially those who died this year.

#### **Day Light Savings Time - Saturday, November 5**

Don’t forget to change your clock – fall back one hour.

#### **Thanksgiving Prayer Service**

You are welcome to join us in prayer at 8:50 AM in Church on Sunday, November 20.

#### **Thanksgiving Weekend PREP**

There will be no class on Sunday, November 27.

#### **Thanksgiving Mass**

We will have mass at 8 AM on Thanksgiving Day. Come and join us to give thanks for our many blessings.

### **Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive**

Thanks so much for your generous response to the Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive. We filled over 12 boxes to send to the food cupboard at the Social Service Center at Holy Cross Parish.

### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Later this month, each child will bring home a letter asking for one item of food. Each class prepares a food basket with a complete Thanksgiving dinner for a family in our own community. If your child is not going to be present on Sunday, November 20, please let us know as their class basket will be missing an item of food.