

January Calendar

- Jan. 2 NO PREP Class
New Year's Break
- Jan. 3 Basic Adult Study
7 pm @ C+K Rectory
Leechburg
- Jan. 9 PREP Class Resumes
6:30 pm @ CMA
- Jan. 10 Basic Adult Study
7 pm @ C+K Rectory
Leechburg
- Jan. 16 PREP Class
6:30 pm. @ CMA
- Jan. 17 Basic Adult Study
7 pm @ C+K Rectory
Leechburg
- Jan. 23 PREP Class
6:30 pm. @ CMA
- Jan. 24 Basic Adult Study
7 pm @ C+K Rectory
Leechburg
- Jan. 30 PREP Class
6:30 pm. @ CMA
- Jan. 31 Basic Adult Study
7 pm @ C+K Rectory
Leechburg



REMINDER

Basic Adult Faith Study is taking place every Tuesday night at Christ the King Rectory in Leechburg. All are welcome to join us @ 7:00 pm. Call the parish office for additional info.

Sacraments and Strength

Sometimes we plunge forward with great intentions to achieve personal heights. For example, we often begin a new year with hopes to break bad habits and so become better persons. We forget, however, that such a task is the Lord's – and often we forget the power of prayer. We forget to let the Lord plant the seeds of our work. We forget that we must work together as a community. We forget that the Sacraments help us do that.

The Sacrament of Baptism reminds us that we are not alone. Baptism reminds us that we are members of a community of faith, and that the community surrounds us and assists

us, our children, our families, and our friends. Eucharist and Confirmation bring us the grace to find our strength in the teachings of Jesus and the Church, and to share our strength in building up the unity of our faith community. Eucharist especially is our intimate experience of the Lord with us and in us – at the core of our existence

With our new year's resolutions we often seek to forgive someone who has hurt us or to be friends again with someone from whom we've been separated. The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation calls us to forgive and gives us the grace to reunite

with those we have cast away. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick gives us God's healing grace. As Sacraments of service, Matrimony and Holy Orders confer a special grace to build up the Kingdom of God.

The Sacraments give us opportunities to gain what we hope for. They call us to be confident in seeking the strength of the Lord and help us to make our ways God's ways.

Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 (regardless of our efforts, only God causes growth)

We ask you Lord to be with us as we pray to be better persons.

Posada Prayer Service

On Dec. 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ended our PREP session with a POSADA. This is a Mexican celebration reenacting Mary & Joseph's search for a room on Christmas eve. The children took the roles of innkeepers and the Holy Family. Lucy, the miniature horse played the role of the donkey. When a place was finally found, all celebrated with singing and cinnamon donuts.



