

A Message from Heidi.....

During a trip this summer to the grocery, I overheard a mother and her small son negotiating about a treat that had obviously been promised in exchange for his good behavior while she did her shopping. She told him he had earned the reward and could select a snack. He dove for the largest bag of Fritos on the shelf. She bent down and challenged her child to “think differently.” She asked him if he thought he really should eat all those. The little boy looked up dubiously, and slowly responded, “No, but I was BIG good, so I should get a BIG bag.” Again, his mother gently challenged him, asking if he wouldn’t prefer to share his treat. A huge smile appeared on the little guy’s face, and he returned to the shelf to exchange the big bag for two smaller ones. “One for me, and one to share!” he exclaimed. On the way out of the store, I saw the pair again. Mother and son were carefully placing one of the bags of Fritos in the food donation box at the exit.

Advent is drawing near and the excitement of the season will begin to build with each passing day. We will spend a great deal of time fussing about that “perfect gift” for someone we love, the meals we will serve to family and friends, the budget that may be stretched a bit too far over the holidays, the shortage of time to do all we would like to make the holidays special and the extra work that will be needed to make the “magic” of Christmas happen for our families.



When the Christmas season has passed, and we will be occupied with what to do with all the leftovers, putting away decorations, paying bills, and in general, busy with little details that really aren’t all that important in the vast scheme of life. And in the middle of all this many of us will let the real gift of Christmas drift to the backs of our minds...the gift of who we are and how we can share ourselves throughout the coming year as we grow in our love for others.

In a secular world full of questionable values and often inappropriate images, how do we share the long lasting and more positive message of Christmas? We challenge ourselves



to act with the same love toward others that God gave to us in the birth of his Son.

May the blessings of Christmas be with you this season and all throughout the coming year.

Office Information

A Note about Catechist Certification.....

Because of recent health issues, classes have not yet been scheduled for fall. Your kind patience is greatly appreciated. More information about class scheduling will be sent out after the holidays.