

November 5, 2008

Dear Parents, Students and Catechists:

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of all the events that will take place in November and December. We will need volunteers to make these events successful and run smoothly. Call (281-578-8271) or email (bharvey@epiphanycatholic.org) Beth Harvey to help. (Everyone should choose one event to help with).

The Ronald McDonald House of Galveston (a home away from home for gravely ill children and their families) have asked us to help them get their house in order after Hurricane Ike. Their house needs to be ready for their Christmas celebration on Friday, December 5th. After speaking with Father Jack, we are asking for full cooperation with the Parish to obtain the items on their wish list.(See Website, www.epiphanycatholic.org)

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Traditionally in November, we celebrate Thankful Treats with the Children during regular Faith Formation Sessions. Parents please, supply cookies and cupcakes to share with the children on Sunday, November 16th or Wednesday, November 19th. The remainder will go to Open Door Mission, a homeless shelter for Men in the Houston area.

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Our Children's Faith Formation Program will also collect gifts for Epiphany's St. Vincent de Paul Society or other charities for needy families. We plan on collecting gift cards, unwrapped toys and gifts for at least 50 families this year from the Katy area.

You may receive additional information through the Epiphany website (www.epiphanycatholic.org) and the Church Bulletin.

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Please note the following dates on your calendar.

- From now through Dec.8th –Unwrapped gifts or gift cards can be delivered to the Church Office for St. Vincent de Paul and other charities.
- Sat., Nov. 8th 11:30AM-2:30 PM & Sun., Nov. 9th 12 Noon- 3 PM Craft room will be open for making Christmas ornaments for Ronald McDonald House of Galveston.
- Sun., Nov.9th- Flyer for Ronald McDonald House in Church Bulletin
- Sun., Nov.16th- Drop off at Church the items for Ronald McDonald House.
 - Thankful treats for the Children of CFF.
- Wed., Nov.19th- Drop-off at Church the items for Ronald McDonald House.
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- Fri., Nov. 21-Sun., 23rd- Delivery of items to Ronald McDonald House in Galveston.
- December 10th- **Family Advent Session**. The families of CFF and Junior High are invited to wrap the gifts for the families of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Decorations for the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston!
27,000 square feet, 20 bedrooms!
Help us decorate the house for Christmas!

Christmas Decorations Needed:

Various size artificial Christmas trees
Lights—indoor/outdoor
Garland
Ornaments-hand made*
Christmas Knick-knacks
Extension Cords (Outside use)

Monetary donations will be accepted.

If you would like to help me purchase some of the particular items that they will need to decorate inside and out, please call or email me.

Ronald McDonald House also asked for **new** wrapped toys for boys or girls with the appropriate age on the package.

Decorations for other seasons also will be collected.

Items must be here at Epiphany on or before November 20th!!!

All items will be delivered on Friday, November 21st, 2008 to Ronald McDonald House in Galveston.

Any one interested in attending their Christmas Celebration Lights of Love on Friday, December 5th, 2008 from 6-8 PM please call me ASAP.

*If you would like to make an ornament for the house and need a little guidance the craft room will be open Saturday, November 8th from 11:30 AM till 2:30 PM and Sunday, November 9th from Noon till 3 PM for suggestions and guidance.

The director of the house also asks that we take individual pictures of the donors for their newsletter! They want to send receipts for the items donated and a thank you note! Please help me in this endeavor. Take pictures put your name on the back with your address. I'll give the pictures to the director! Thanks for the help!