

St. Joseph Religious Education

Happy New Year!

Calendar

Updates and Reminders

January 1 **No Classes,
Christmas Break**

I hope you had a joyous Christmas and got a little rest.

January 7 **Religious Education**

Before moving ahead to 2018, I just want to say Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for the many ways you supported the religious education program in 2017.



January 14 **No Classes,
Martin Luther King
Holiday**

January 21 **Religious Education**

**8th Grade Saint
Report and Letter to
the Pastor Due**

January is a short month, we only have classes on the 7th and 21st, however I am hoping that everyone will participate in our service project on MLK Day to support the South Suburban Family Shelter. Please read their wish list below and bring any donations you have to the Burke Center on MLK Day, Monday, January 15th between 10am and 12pm. 7th and 8th graders are needed to help collect donations and take inventory. Please contact me at stjosephhomewood@gmail.com or 708-798-6311 to sign up.

January 28 **No Classes**

South Suburban Family Shelter Wish List

- Canned items such as: tuna, chicken, soup, fruit
- Peanut butter/ jelly
- Instant oatmeal and grits
- Baby food
- Granola bars
- Marinara sauce (no noodles)
- Packages of socks, underwear, pajamas for children, all sizes
- GIFT CARDS—TARGET, WALMART, GAS CARDS

Respectfully,

Karen N. Shifflett
Director of Religious Education

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen.