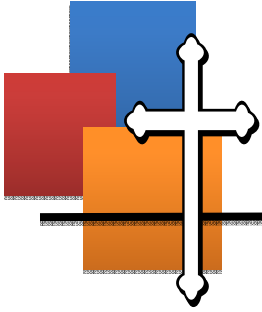


Saint Catharine's Parish Religious Education Program



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Dear Parents,

Hopefully you are enjoying the warm weather and spending relaxing time with the family. We look forward to the upcoming school year and all the wonders it has in store for us. A special welcome to all new families in our program.

The Religious Education Program is designed to assist parents in their sacred responsibility to educate their children in the faith. It complements but can never replace parents in carrying out their responsibility. We know that you are committed and we will be here to assist you in any way that we can. Please call our office or stop by for a visit.

Enclosed in this mailing are the calendar, the day on which your child(ren) will be attending has been circled. Also, you will find an invitation to the Mother/Son Luau. If you have a child in our sacramental grades (2, 6, 7 and 8) important information regarding sacraments and special events are also enclosed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who registered in a timely manner. In house registration held at the end of the school year worked out very well. It enabled families to make arrangements for carpooling, soccer, ballet classes, music lessons, etc. for the upcoming school year. All but 10% of our families registered by the end of May and everyone that registered at the first and second registration received their first choice.

On the first day of class Sunday, September 11, Monday, September 12, and Wednesday, September 14 parents with children in grades 1-6 will have the opportunity to meet the teacher and get firsthand information for each individual child. Children should arrive on time and after approximately 1/2 hour parents will be invited into each classroom for a brief presentation by the teacher. This presentation should last approximately 10 minutes. A bell will ring to signify the end of the first presentation. If a parent has only one child, he/she may go home. If a parent has a second child, take the first child with you to the second child's class. The presentation will be repeated in each room a second time and a third time if necessary. If a parent cannot be present, please contact me. Your child(ren) must wait in the classroom until you come in to get them. No child will be dismissed without a parent present. Students should be dropped off and picked up in the gym for the rest of the PREP year.

This year we are happy to announce the presentation of "Sermon on the Mount" performed by Frank Runyeon. All 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be required to attend this wonderful production as part of their Confirmation Preparation. It will be held Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the church. (See flyer)

There are additional letters enclosed for those who have children in the second, seventh and eighth year. Information regarding sacramental preparation, dates of meetings, etc. are included in those letters. Please read carefully and feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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First Day of Class grades 1-6 (Please make note of this)

Sunday - September 11

Monday - September 12

Wednesday - September 14

Wednesday – September 21 – 7th grade – 7pm

Sunday – September 18 – Mass – 8th grade – 9:15 church followed by meeting in gym

To ensure the safety of our children we still need of volunteers to help with arrival and dismissal. Hall monitors are also needed. Please contact our coordinator of safety Patrick Hill at (845) 613-7481 to volunteer.

Catechists are people who volunteer to share their faith with others. They are called by the Holy Spirit to this awesome ministry. Their task is to truly help a person encounter God in their everyday life. Our faith is the center of our lives or we strive to make it that way. Whether you experienced faith as a gift growing up or as an adult, it's important in your life and you want to hand that gift on to others. We definitely find joy in learning more about our faith. You can't imagine all the things you learn about our faith when you teach it. . If you feel the call to share your faith with others, please call us and make an appointment. Volunteer catechists are especially needed on Sunday mornings. Last year's volunteers were very much appreciated.

Catechetical Sunday and Family Fun Day will be on Sunday, September 25, 2011 this year. All catechist and staff involved in the catechetical ministry are asked to attend this very important Mass of Commitment. Parents as the primary educators of their children in the faith are invited to attend the 11:45 am Mass and receive a special blessing. Following mass fun day activities will be provided for families in our back lot. We could use some ideas and help on this special day. Please contact us at 359-4014 to help.

Best wishes for a pleasant ending to the summer and a blessed and fruitful school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Audrey Angelini

Coordinator of Religious Education