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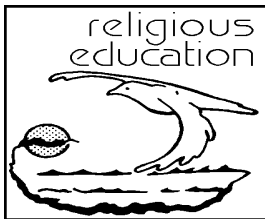
Letter from the Coordinator

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. Thank you for your joyous commitment to Religious Education for your children. I am anticipating a great year of growth in faith and community.

This newsletter is a monthly communication from the office of Religious Education for Children to your families. We are all looking forward with great anticipation to this new year of religious instruction.

Our roster of Catechists is quite impressive. All of these faith-filled people are excited to volunteer to assist you in the fundamental task of instructing your children in the faith.



You are the primary Catechist for your child. All the programs we offer are designed to assist you in that sacred responsibility. Let either the Catechist or myself know if your child has a special need or concern that arises.

For reasons of safety, **all students must be accompanied into & out of the building by an adult.** Please walk with your child to the class area to be sure the Catechist is ready to supervise. After class, children are dismissed by their teachers, and gather in the hall to wait for parents. **No child will be**

permitted to leave the building without an adult.

A calendar was mailed in August, when you registered. If you have conflicts, or questions, please let the catechist know. Additional calendars are available outside the RE office or online at www.olpines.org

If there is ever anything I can do for you, please let me know. I appreciate the trust you have put in this program to further the faith formation of your children.

Prayerfully Yours,
Eileen Lindner
Director of Religious Education for Children

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Class sessions this month:

Wednesday

4:15—5:30

- September 9
- September 16
- September 23

Sunday

9:15—10:30

- September 13
- September 20

Children's Liturgy
Sept. 27, 11 a.m. Mass

NO CLASSES
September 2, 6,
27 or 30

Our Catechists are Great!

The generous and faith-filled people who will be guiding your children are:

PreK: Stephen Sautel, Ryan Lindner; Judy Rehm & Kristy Craig;

Kindergarten: Joan Grawe, Lisa Heffer, George Linehan, & Julie McCabe;

Grade 1: Arleen Long, Mary Ann Gavin;

Grade 2: Stephanie Gillen, Paula Rauchfuss **Grade 3:** Robert Stan-

zler; **Grade 4:** Martha Golden, Maureen Lopp; **Grade 5:** Patrick Linehan & Jean Holden;

Terese Ramsey & Barbara Martinez
Brad Becker.

Grade 6: Kathryn Farris,

Grade 7: Dan Garrett,

Please extend your thanks and appreciation to these Cate-

Curriculum

We use the Faith & Life series of text & activity books by Ignatius Press. It is a comprehensive Catholic program that combines a thorough doctrinal and scriptural presentation of basic Catholic teachings with traditional Catholic artwork.

Pages from the activity books will be sent home as they are completed. Please take some time to review the material learned each week with your child. Talk about items the catechist sends home: activity pages, crafts, or prayer cards. We hope you are very involved in your child's religious education, and offer our curriculum as a support for the religious education you provide as a family.

☐ **The Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection** offers additional information & materials to parents as tools to aid in educating their children. On behalf of the Archdiocese, in early September, we will be sending letters from their office to parents of children in grades 1-5. Lesson plans from the Formation In Christian Chastity program will be included so you may present this information to your child at home. Archdiocesan website, <http://www.archden.org/index.cfm/ID/319/Lesson-Plans:-Formation-in-Christian-Chastity/> has further details.

We offer this as a tool for you to use to educate & inform your children as you see best.

☐ **Parish Religious Education** is a valuable community building supplement to the faith practices you already have at home and the Mass you attend weekly. With your continued support, encouragement and involvement at home, your child's faith, knowledge and love of God will bloom by the year.

We offer continuing education for adults. Parents may find support and information at these sessions. Contact Mary Cahill for details.

The CRE office & catechists use the colored folders assigned to each child to send important information about class, lessons covered, materials needed, and/or upcoming parish events. Please check the folders of your children regularly.

Attendance&

Catechists will be taking attendance. If there is a lengthy absence, we will contact you to see if your schedule has changed, or if there is an issue with which we can be of assistance.

We have participants with health issues. These people do not need to be put at risk of exposure to illnesses. Please be

aware of this and keep your child home if they are coughing, have a runny nose, or just don't feel well. We would rather you contact us to catch up on covered topics than have other people become ill. Please call the parish office if your child will not be in class.

Middle School

Starting September 18, Middle School Youth will have events every 3rd Friday from 6-9 p.m. in the Parish Center.

All 6th-8th grade students & friends are invited to join us in September for the Semi-Annual Guitar Hero Competition!!

Every month we'll have food, fun & excitement. October's event is a Movie Night; November is Game Night; December is a Christmas party & gift exchange.

My God,
I believe in you,
I trust you,
I love you above all
things, with all my
heart and mind and
strength.
I love you because
you are
supremely good and
worth loving.

Act of Faith, Hope & Love

Children's Liturgies

We will again have Children's Liturgies this year. Once a month, at the **11:00 a.m. Mass**, children will have the opportunity to be lectors, ushers, or gift bearers. We hope your children will be

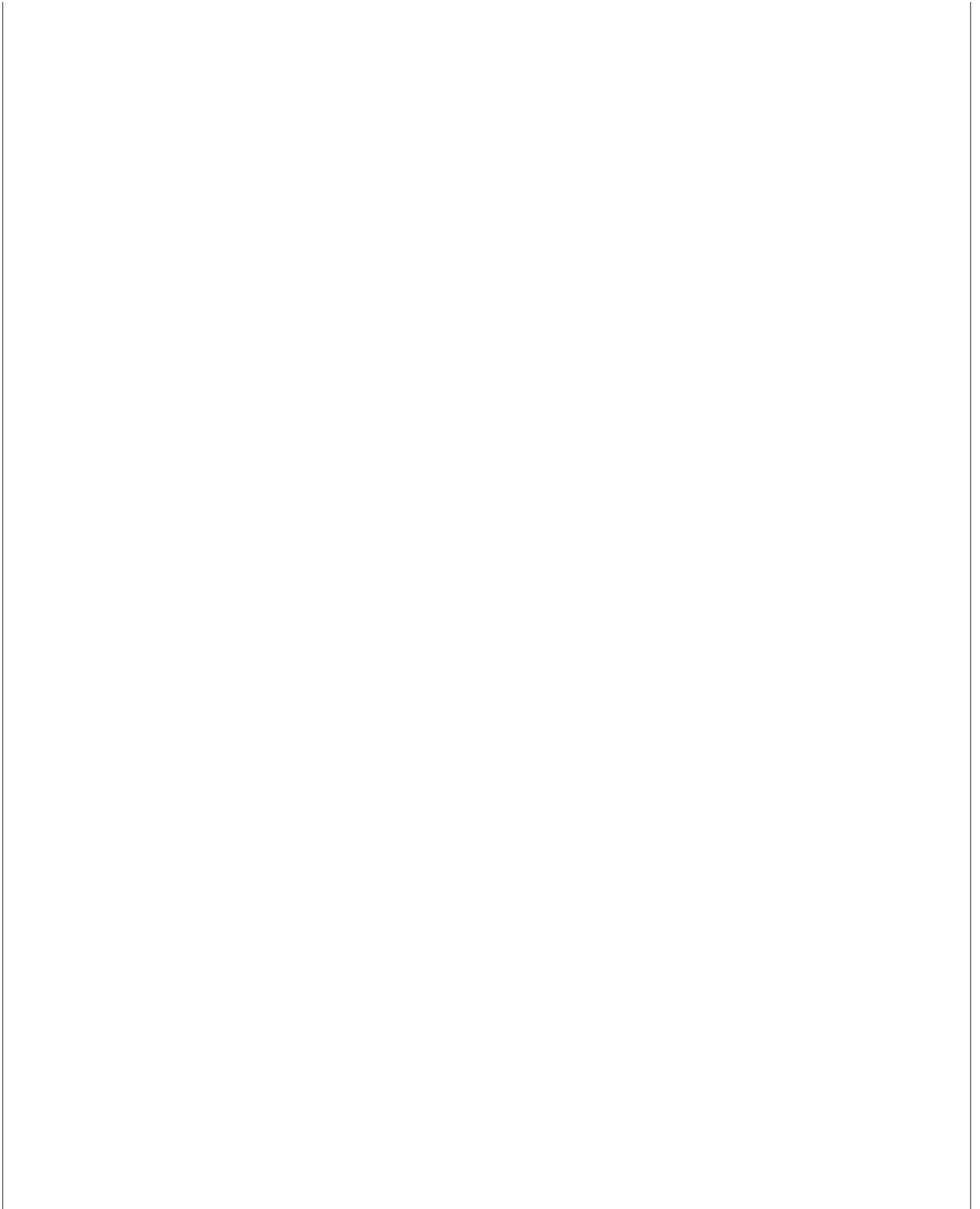
a part of this when they are available.

If your child wants to participate, please enter their name on the chart which is found on the Religious Education Counter by the RE office.



Active participation in the Mass excites and involves our children.

The calendar of Children's Liturgies for this year is listed on the RE class calendar. Our first Children's Liturgy will be September 27 at the 11 a.m. Mass.





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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of stan-

dard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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