



# Religious Education

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

In beginning this year of 2010, I am so thankful to be part of the faith journey of so many beautiful families here at Our Lady of the Pines & St. Elizabeth. Thank you for your support & encouragement as we all strive to offer the best Catholic religious education to our children.

May we be mindful of the examples we set as we go through our day with our children. I pray we all take this opportunity to make this a year of renewed prayer and focus on the good God has done in our lives.

Please remember that all of the children will be waiting inside to be picked up, especially on Wednesday evenings, as it is so dark then. I appreciate you parking and coming in to get them so we are all sure the children go home with the right family!

Since we had such a long Christmas break, we **will** have classes the weekend of Martin Luther King Day.

In February we will have time off for Ash Wednesday

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## Prayer for the New Year

Heavenly Father,  
in this time of new beginnings,  
we recall how the heavens celebrated the  
birth of Christ.

We think back to the  
new kingdom he proclaimed,  
and remember the new life  
we gained in our baptism.

In this time of new beginnings,  
and at the beginning of this New Year,  
may we always act as good examples  
of the new life in you  
that all Christians have  
and be the same for others.

Give us the joy that is ours  
as adopted members of God's family.

Amen.

-John McNichol  
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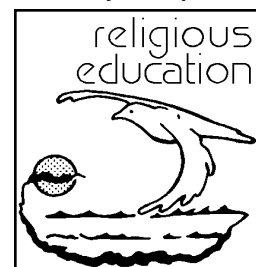
## Class sessions this month:

**Wednesday 4:15—5:30**

- January 13
- January 20
- January 27

**Sunday 9:15—10:30**

- January 10
- January 17
- January 24
- January 31





## *Children's Liturgy*

The 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass was beautiful, especially because of the children who participated so reverently in it.

The Lectors were Julia Gabriele, Emma Warnecke, Emily Holden and Ashley Briscoe.

The always enthusiastic Ushers were Sammi Schmidt, Louis Cenedella, Sonny Gillen, Dylan Roberts, Sammy Jacobs, Hattie Dahlin, Sara Moran, Nicholas Jacobs & Brian Gillen.

The Gift Bearers were Brody Meade, Maura Warnecke, Camden Lawhead, Sammy Jacobs, Forrest Farris, Hattie Dahlin, Sean Butler, Rebecca Michalczyk, Evelyn Michalczyk, Cassidy Butler, John Votaw, Clancy Meade, Jimmy Moran, Aidan Meade.

Our altar servers were Mia Gabriele, Jackson Holden, Owen Holden & Jean Holden.

The choir included Kimberly Brooks, Allison Savoy, Joe McCabe, Sunny Aikin, Katie McCabe, Molly Widlund, Camden Lawhead, Sally Widlund, Kira Farris, Sierra Fortin, Kyle Butler, Sydney Fortin and Maura Warnecke.

The next Children's Liturgy is **January 17 at the 11:00 Mass**. Please sign up on the Interest sheet on the table by the CRE entrance. You can also call Eileen in the Parish Office at 303-838-0338 to see if your children volunteered already during class!

The children have been doing an excellent job as lectors, altar servers, ushers, gift bearers and singing in the choir.

Thank you for participating in this monthly opportunity. It is wonderful to see the children so excited about being involved in Mass.

If your family would like to be involved more frequently in assisting at Mass, we need more altar servers. Anyone who has received their 1st Communion is eligible — parents included! Please contact Tim Zvada at 303-670-3469 for more details and training requirements.



## *Weather Closings*

Since our weather is subject to fast as well as drastic changes, we remind you that your safety comes first—even before Religious Education.

Please be sure we have your updated emergency contact phone numbers, in case children are dropped off & we then cancel.

On Sundays, the Catechists will be called as soon as the decision to close has been made, usually after 7:30 a.m. Mass. Please call the office between 8:30 and 9 a.m. to confirm that we will have class before you leave in bad weather.

On Wednesdays, if Conifer or Jefferson County schools are closed or close early, we will also close. If the weather changes during the day, we will call area schools and ask them to announce our closing.

As always, your safety comes first. If your area is not safe for driving, or the weather is changing quickly, please stay home, and call us! Knowing the conditions in different areas helps in the decision to either remain open or cancel.