

Dear Parents,

9/1/15

***NEW THIS YEAR...FACEBOOK PAGE!! Go to HOLY FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DULUTH, MN and request to be on this page. It is a closed group!**

We may be in need of teachers this year, if you are able to help in this important ministry, please contact me.

I would ask that you prayerfully consider helping in these ministries

- We do not have professional teachers; all are volunteers from our parish.
- We do provide training and assistance.
- Veteran teachers from our program are more than willing to help anyone who may be interested in teaching.
- Our Religious Education books are made for people who are not professional teachers and take you step by step through each session.
- Team teaching is much easier and many people have taught with someone that they know and feel comfortable with.

For these programs to continue, we must all work together.

PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP TEACH THIS YEAR.

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS:

- **SEPTEMBER 19TH & 20TH ...REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** WILL BE HELD AFTER ALL OF THE MASSES. IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE IT TO MASS THAT WEEKEND, PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM BY THAT WEEKEND. The registration fee this year will be; \$25.00/child (registered parishioners) or \$35.00/child (non-registered) or a maximum of \$45.00/family (registered parishioners) or \$65.00/family (non-registered).
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH ...we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday.** This is the day set aside to recognize and commission our teachers into service. This is a wonderful mass for all of the children and families to attend in support of the teachers.
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH ...Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC)** will begin. You may want to talk to your child, ages attending are grades 5 and below, about attending.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ...BEGIN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH.**

GRADES K-5th 6-7 pm

*NEW TIME 6th-12th GRADES 6:00-7:10 pm.

❖ **THE ALL PARENT MEETING IS ALSO SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH. HELD IN THE SOCIAL HALL AT THE SAME TIME AS THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.**

Parents attend this meeting after dropping off the children in their classrooms. You will receive the entire schedule for the upcoming year and other vital information

PLEASE REARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THIS MEETING.

- **Children's Masses** will NORMALLY be the 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, & **Youth Masses** are NORMALLY on the 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH **UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**. All GRADES will be actively involved in 2 MASSES with these liturgies through the readings, bringing up the gifts and by participating in the choir...the 6-8TH GRADES will help with the 1ST CHILDREN'S MASS.

- Children's Choir...Any students interested in joining in Grades 1-6, call Patti Kittelson (393-0506) to sign up or if you have any questions. There will be a sign up sheet also at the **ALL PARENT MEETING**.
- ALL PARENTS OF THE STUDENTS IN THE 1ST COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION CLASS WILL BE HAVING A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST DURING THEIR CHILDREN'S CLASS AT **6PM**
***At least ONE PARENT of each student in the 2nd grade along with any parents of students in older grades who have NOT received the sacraments of Reconciliation and 1st Communion, and are interested in their children receiving these sacraments, must attend this meeting.**
- A MEETING OF ALL STUDENTS & THEIR PARENTS INTERESTED IN GOING THROUGH THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM THIS YEAR IS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT 6 PM.
THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING.

FIRST CONFIRMATION SESSION FOR STUDENTS: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

Basic Confirmation Information...

- A. CONFIRMATION WILL BE OPEN TO ANYONE IN GRADES 11 OR 12.
- B. THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM WILL BE A SEPARATE PROGRAM FROM THE WEDNESDAY EVENING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.

THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM FOR GRADES 11 - 12 WILL INCLUDE MANDATORY ATTENDANCE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

→ **SIX CONFIRMATION MINI-SESSIONS USUALLY HELD THE 3RD OR 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH STARTING IN NOVEMBER** INCLUDED IN THE COURSE IS MEMORIZATION & HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS.

- 1. WEDNESDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.
- 2. "REGULAR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUNDAY EUCHARIST."
- 3. PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICES HELD DURING ADVENT AND LENT.
- 4. A DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION RETREAT.
- 5. PARTICIPATION IN AT LEAST 20 HOURS OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES.
- C. PARENTS & SPONSORS (IF IN TOWN) ATTEND EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS.



**"To have faith is to make space for God's love, to make space for his power...
 For the power of the One who is in love with me, and who wants to rejoice with me.**

**This is faith. This is believing:
 Making space for the Lord so that he can come and change me."**

Pope Francis (3/16/15)

† Peace in Christ,

I send out a bimonthly Parent Letter and a calendar to help you keep track of what will be happening in the upcoming months. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me by cell (call or text 218-940-8541), at the office (722-4445), at home (723-1909), or by e-mail (desi@holyfamilyduluth.org).

**IF YOU NEED GET AHOLD OF ME OR YOUR CHILD DURING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HOURS,
 YOU CAN CALL ME ON MY CELL OR ON THE HOLY FAMILY DOWNSTAIRS PHONE # 722-8409**