

Welcome New Parents!

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This letter is just to let you know about the programs that we have at HOLY FAMILY PARISH for children & their families.

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** BEGIN ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER. Classes are held on **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** on the lower level. **Parking is in the rear.**
 - **GRADES K-5TH ARE HELD FROM 6-7 PM**
 - **GRADES 6-12TH ARE FROM 6 -7:10PM**
 - The REGISTRATION FEE for our Religious Education Program is \$25.00/child or \$45.00/family (\$35/\$65 for non-parishioners)

OUR PROGRAM INCLUDES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FROM K- 12TH GRADE. Some programs end their Religious Education after Confirmation but we continue through the 12th grade, *emphasizing learning as a lifetime process with the emphasis taken off of Confirmation as a graduation from Religious Education.*

- ❖ There are some WEDNESDAY EVENINGS WHEN THE STUDENTS ATTEND NON-CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES **WHICH ARE ALSO CONSIDERED A PART OF OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM** in place of regular classroom sessions, such as:
 - ✓ **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**
 - ✓ **RECONCILIATION SERVICES HELD TWICE A YEAR FOR GRADES 3-12 (ADVENT & LENT)**
 - ✓ **OCCASIONALLY SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

***EVERY OTHER MONTH A PARENT LETTER IS SENT OUT ALONG WITH A BI-MONTHLY CALENDAR**

- **THE ALL PARENT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETING** are also held **on the first Wednesday in October** at the SAME TIME as **YOUR CHILD'S 1ST Religious Education Class** (from 6-7pm, Grades 6-12 until 7:10pm).
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ONE OR BOTH PARENTS ATTEND THIS MEETING.
- Our Catechetical Sunday Celebration is held on the 3RD SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER at the 10 AM MASS. This Mass is set aside to recognize and commission our teachers into ministry. *It is a wonderful mass for the children and their families to attend, supporting those volunteers involved in Religious Education.*
- **Children's Masses** are **USUALLY** held ON THE 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH (*except in December which is on a Saturday*). Starting in November, the students from the individual 3RD-5TH GRADES are **ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH THESE LITURGIES BY DOING THE READINGS, SINGING IN THE CHOIR, AND BRINGING UP THE GIFTS.** The students from the 6-8th are responsible for the 1st Children's Mass.
 - We have a **Children's Choir** open to children in **GRADES 1-6TH**. PRACTICES ARE HELD UP IN THE CHURCH ONCE A MONTH THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE CHILDREN'S MASSES FROM 7-7:30PM. For more information call Patti Kittelson (393-0506).

- CONTEMPORARY/YOUTH MASSES are **USUALLY** held on the 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. The students from the individual 6TH-12TH GRADES also are actively involved with this liturgy in the same manner as the **Children's Masses**.
- Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC) begins on the **LAST SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER**.
 - ✓ In Liturgy to the Word for Children, LOWC teachers have the same Sunday readings and present special age appropriate homilies for the children.
 - ✓ The children are called up to the altar BEFORE the Readings at Mass & given a blessing. The **LOWC** teachers then lead them into the **Social Hall**.
 - ✓ The children **return** to their families, AFTER the collection & gifts are brought up.
 - ✓ The ages of the children attending **LOWC** are usually preschool - 5th grade.
 - ** If your child is new to **LOWC**, you may want to talk to your child about attending because children may need to mentally prepare to get up during mass and come up in front. Many times children feel shy about coming up at first. PARENTS MAY ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILDREN until they feel comfortable.
- Our **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS** are:
 - **1ST RECONCILIATION & 1ST COMMUNION** held in the **2nd Grade**
 - **CONFIRMATION** is a separate program open to students in the **11th & 12th Grades**
 - ❖ PARENTS OF THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN THOSE PROGRAMS MUST ATTEND INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS IN MID OCTOBER.
 - ❖ *I am willing to meet individually with students and their parents of those who are undecided to help them in their decision making process.*
 - ❖ STUDENTS IN BOTH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS AGREE TO **ATTEND: Religious Education classes, mass on a weekly basis, and the separate Sacramental Sessions & Workshops.**
 - ❖ **PARENTS AGREE TO SUPPORT** these students in their promises along with attending the **Sacramental Parent Education Sessions & Workshops**.
- Our **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR** ends with the **CLOSING LITURGY** held at the Sunday mass at the BEGINNING OF MAY.

HERE ARE SOME PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS THAT MAY ALSO BE OF INTEREST:

- The Fall Festival is held IN SEPTEMBER. There are sales booths, games for both young and old, along with a food tent.
- Holy Family's **BEEF DINNER** is the 3RD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER.
- The parish's ST. NICK'S PARTY takes place on the 1ST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER after the 5 pm mass. This is a **POTLUCK MEAL** with a **CHRISTMAS CAROL SING ALONG**.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, 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.m.taylor@gmail.com or desi@holyfamilyduluth.org).

† PEACE IN CHRIST,