

Dear Parents,

9/3/11

We know that we are in need of teachers for:

- ✓ KINDERGARTEN
- ✓ 1ST GRADE
- ✓ 3-5TH GRADES

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 17TH & 18TH ...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; \$20.00/child (registered parishioners) or \$30.00/child (non-registered) or a maximum of \$40.00/family (registered parishioners) or \$60.00/family (non-registered).**
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH ...we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday at the 10 am mass. 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 25TH ...Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC) will begin at the 10 am mass. You may want to talk to your child, ages attending are grades 5 and below, about attending.**

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH.**

GRADES K-5th 6-7 pm

6th-12th GRADES 7:10-8:15 pm.

- ❖ **THE ALL PARENT MEETINGS ARE ALSO SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH.**

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

SO IT IS NECESSARY THAT YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING.

PLEASE REARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THIS MEETING.

- Children's Masses will remain at the **10 am mass on the 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH,** & Youth Masses are 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 from grades 2-6, 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 19TH 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 AND THEIR PARENTS INTERESTED IN GOING THROUGH THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM THIS YEAR IS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH AT 7 PM.

THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING.

FIRST CONFIRMATION SESSION: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH CONFIRMATION DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 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:

- 1. **SIX CONFIRMATION MINI-SESSIONS USUALLY HELD FROM 1:00-3:45PM ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING IN OCTOBER.**
- 2. INCLUDED IN THE COURSE IS MEMORIZATION AND HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS TO BE TURNED IN BY THE FOLLOWING SESSION.
- 3. WEDNESDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.
- 4. ðREGULAR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUNDAY EUCHARIST.ö
- 5. PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICES HELD DURING ADVENT AND LENT.
- 6. A DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION RETREAT OR TEC RETREAT.
- 7. PARTICIPATION IN SERVICE ACTIVITIES.
- C. PARENTS AND SPONSORS (IF IN TOWN) WILL NEED TO ATTEND EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS SPECIFICALLY GEARED FOR THE ADULTS.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE MEETING.



There is so much that I would love to share with all of you, having just returned from our pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain. The energy and excitement of almost 2 million young people from all over the world for our Lord and their Catholic faith was inspirational. The personal leadership of our pope, bishops and priests was truly a gift. There were miracles and struggles, but my personal faith in God grew. Feel free to ask me anytime about this amazing experience.

ÄPeace in Christ,

I will be sending out a bimonthly Parent Letter and a calendar that you can post in your home 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 at the office (722-4445), at home (723-1909) or by e-mail (desi@holyfamilyduluth.org).