

As I am writing this, the thermometer is showing 84 degrees with warmer weather in the immediate forecast. Sure feels like summer to me! But, if I look around, there are signs of fall beginning to appear. Have you noticed some of the leaves are turning color? That high school football practice has officially started? That the Vikings actually won their first pre season game? And the most obvious sign of all ----- **Back to School Sales!** I guess if we are having the sales, school and religious education can't be far behind!

Catechetical Sunday is September 20th. The first Wednesday evening class is September 23rd and the first released time class is tentatively set for October 7th.

Our RE programs provide a wide variety of opportunities for us to fulfill the promise we made during their Baptism to our children, God children and members of our parish family to help them learn and grow in their faith and love of God.

Scheduled Programs

Circle of Grace (Safe Environment)

1-3 weeks.

Wednesdays during classes in October.

Time commitment 2-4 hours per class

Released Time classes

Approximately 25 Wednesdays
October – March

Grades 4-6: 1:00 to 1:50 pm

Grades 1-3: 1:50 to 2:45 pm

Time commitment 2-4 hours per class

Evening Classes

Approximately 25 Wednesdays

Sep 23 – April 27

Grades 7-11

6:30 to 7:30 pm

Time commitment 2-4 hours per class

Additional Wednesday Activities

Advent Penance Service (7:00pm - ?)

Lenten Penance Service (7:00pm - ?)

Intergeneration

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The Mystery of the Mass Revealed

Third Wednesday in,

October,

November,

January,

February

April.

Time 7:00pm - ?)

Time commitment 1-2 hours per session.

Youth Night

Prayer and Lunch

Sunday 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Grades 6-8:

Sep 27, Nov 29, Feb 21

Grades 9-12:

Oct 25, Jan 24

Time Commitment 1-3 hours per night

Youth Lenten Retreat

March 5th

9:00 am to noon

Time Commitment 3-5 hours

Sacramental Preparation

Wednesday classes

Additional schedules mandatory parent meetings.

Christmas Program

Dec 20th after Mass
December 24th (4:00 pm)
Time Commitment 5-8 hrs

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 6-10
9:30am – noon
Preschool -5th grade
Time commitment 4-5 hours/day

Volunteers are needed for the following positions:

- Catechist (teacher)
- Substitute Catechist
- Classroom Aide
- Room Parent
- Hall Monitor
- Outside Monitor
- Youth Activity helper/chaperone
- Food prep and cleanup
- Special Need Helper
- Christmas Program Helper
- Vacation Bible School Leader
- Participation in Penance Services
- Participation in Intergenerational Sessions

What can you do?

There is probably something on the above list that most of us can apply to one of the RE programs/activities. But, maybe your schedule does not allow a commitment for 25 sessions. Can you commit for 5 sessions or maybe one day a month? Volunteer. Many volunteers lessen the load and commitment for everyone.

Many parents with students in the evening classes come to pick up their students after class. Why not come a little earlier and spend your time as a volunteer inside where it is warm and save some gas money at the same time.

The Penance Services and Intergenerational Sessions are for all parishioners. Come, participate and lead by your example.

If you are physically unable to volunteer for any of these positions, you can lead by example and by prayer.

We have made a promise. Let us live up to that promise we made during Baptism. By doing this, we may find that we too, have learned and grown in our faith and love of God.

How to Volunteer
Call Cheryl @ 218-334-4221
Or Email
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Fall is just around the corner, let's start preparing now.

DON'T DELAY!

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Remember: Anyone working with children or youth must complete a new safe environment component before they can perform their ministry.