



Three Parishes One Family in Christ

15 August 2025

Dear 1st – 5th Grade Parents,

Each year, on the Solemnity of the Assumption, it is our custom to distribute our welcome letter and information for the upcoming Religious Education and Sacramental preparation year. Registration is open on Monday, August 18.

We entrust all our youth educational and formation programs to our Blessed Mother. She is the model of how parents should be prayerful and discerning in leading their children to Jesus. This year, the Religious Education Grades 1-5 and 1st Communion/Reconciliation Sacramental Preparation Program has catechists represented from all three parishes: Patrick Weis (North Plains), Colleen Decker and Kirsten Wren (Roy), Genelle Duyck and Tammy Scheenstra (Verboort). Each of our familiar catechists will teach an assigned grade. Furthermore, we have a pool of qualified and dedicated catechists as substitutes, including Diane Ramsperger (Roy), Nancy Vandehey and JeanneMarie Weis (North Plains). We are excited to assist all parents as primary educators in their child(ren)'s faith formation and development.

The RE Program will be held on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. at Visitation Convent. The cost for the books and fees is \$25 (Grades 1, 3, and 5) and \$50 (Sacramental Prep), with scholarships available by contacting Tammy Scheenstra. A brochure and handbook with all the information and important dates are available on the parish websites.

Our program will kick off with Holy Mass at Visitation Church on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025, at 4:00pm. All families are invited to attend. After the Mass, there will be a Parent Information Meeting in the Visitation Convent from 4:45-5:15pm to fill out the RE registration forms and review the 2025-2026 Schedule.

If there are any questions, please contact Tammy Scheenstra at 971-245-9913 or tammy.scheenstra@hotmail.com.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael, Pastor