

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Community



Dear Parents and Students,

My name is Lori Richards and I have the blessing of being the Confirmation Catechist for this year. My husband Steve and I are newer parishioners at Our Lady of the Lake and we have enjoyed meeting and getting to know those who call this parish their home. I have experience teaching Confirmation Preparation and did so at our previous parish for 8 years, having been involved with Religious Education and Children's Liturgies for over 25 years. I have already started praying for this class, that those preparing for this sacrament will experience a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith and that the Holy Spirit will move within them and inspire them to a greater ministry in the church.

I will begin this semester with a review of some important church beliefs, with the first class session focusing on the Nicene Creed. I also will be giving each child a personal faith binder, entitled Called By Name. God is not only calling them to profess their faith, but they are called to go out into the world to share the Good News that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. These binders will be kept in the classroom and will give them an opportunity to reflect on different spiritual journal prompts, with each prompt relating to a cell phone. These journal prompts are personal and I will not be reading them.

Feel free to call me, text me or email me at anytime. I look forward to meeting your families so please say hello before or after class, or introduce yourself to me sometime. Thank you for the opportunity to share my faith as a Catechist. It is a privilege and a blessing for me. And.....if you heard that I throw candy in class, it is true.....Not thrown AT your children, ok...sometimes my aim isn't that good... but I throw it as a motivation for participation. Somehow I find that this works!!!!

In Christ,

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