

August 2023

Dear Religious Education Families,

In these last weeks of August, it is again time to turn our thoughts to the new Religious Education year.

The first day of classes will be Sunday, September 10th. Students, parents, and catechists will gather in the church at 9:30 am for a brief meeting led by Father Raj and me. At the conclusion of the meeting, students and catechists will go downstairs for class. Class time will be the same as last year, 9:45 am - 10:50 am. Please meet your children in the Narthex at the end of class and join us at 11:00 am as we celebrate our Catechetical Mass. Please plan to attend and meet your children's catechist(s) and join in prayer for a fruitful Religious Education year.

Several families have expressed an interest in bringing their young children for Early Childhood/Kindergarten. We want to be able to offer this wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners, although we may need another volunteer for this age group. Please give thought and prayer to the possibility of serving our young children.

We are also in need of a catechist to teach middle school students. I find that teens are a very interesting group to work with as their adult reasoning is developing, but there is still so much "kid" inside them that yearns for fun and belonging amidst their peers. Please also prayerfully consider that you may have a calling to minister to our young people.

On occasion a child has been dropped off on a day when there is no class. Please be sure that class is being held before leaving your children. The best thing to do is to escort your children into the building and bring them downstairs. This is especially true for very young children. It also gives you a chance to get a little better acquainted with your children's catechist(s).

Included in this mailing is a very helpful booklet, *Modeling Faith at Home*. We hope that you will find it useful in nurturing your home church. We give our best to our parish's children during Religious Education and Mass, but they also have a great need to be nourished in faith at home. If you would like to discuss this or any matter with me, please feel welcome to do so.
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Please return your registration form by August 30th to avoid a late fee. I will be ordering our books during the first week of September and it will be helpful to know how many students will be in each class.

Thank you, and I look forward to beginning our new Religious Education year together.

God's blessing to all of you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Ronnebaum". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and email address.

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