

August 2026

Dear Religious Education Families,

Our first day of class will be on Sunday, September 13th; class time remains the same from 9:45 am - 10:50 am. We will begin the year with a mandatory meeting of parents, students, and catechists at 9:00 the morning of the 13th. We will meet in the RE area.

We have a new catechist this year, her name is Becky Hunt. Previously, Becky served as the DRE at Saint Mary's in Niles. She will be teaching second grade and preparing those children for their First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Ken Bradfield returns for his second year of teaching Religious Ed. Last year Ken taught eighth grade, but this year he will be switching to third grade. Ken taught special education in South Bend and is now retired.

Holy Land Sales are returning August 22nd and 23rd with their beautiful handmade religious items. Perhaps you will find just the right gift there, especially if you have a youngster making his/her First Communion or Confirmation.

Easter is early this year: March 28th. The following Sunday, April 4th, is the beginning of Spring Break. The last three Sundays in April (11th, 18th, and 25th) will be the conclusion of our year.

Please note that the Simple Supper and Youth Stations are scheduled for March 12th. We hope to have everyone's participation in this very special event. Also, each grade's Parent Day is listed on the calendar, so please plan to attend.

I did not notate anything regarding our biannual time changes since, obviously, it is still not known whether or not these changes will continue. Maybe they will have a decision by November!

I am sure that we are all looking forward to a fruitful year of learning in Religious Education, and I will plan to see all of you on the morning of September 13th at 9:00 in the classroom area.

Your fellow servant in Jesus,

Karen Ronnebaum, Director of Religious Education

