

Christ the King Church

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another Religious Education school year. We thank all of you who have volunteered to help teach and for your support as parents and guardians. We are in need of many volunteers—please see enclosed form. After filling out the registration form **circle your address and/or phone number if there have been any changes.**

EARLY CHILDHOOD (age 3 by August 31 through first grade)

Dori Luzzo Gilmour 946-1154 ext. 248

Sunday Mornings during 9:30 Mass

Classes begin at 9:30am on September 24th and lasts for 28 Sundays concluding May 13th. The program introduces the children to Bible Stories as well as basic symbols and prayers of the Catholic Church, utilizing curriculum by RCL Benziger which are Imprimatur approved curricula. They will praise God through song, prayers with class activities while learning the most important lesson that God Always loves them. We have several special musical performances during the ECRE year and processions as well. There are two classrooms for each age level, and class lists will be posted in the hallways. Please remember to drop off your child after 9:20 and pick-up promptly after Mass concludes. All children must be school ready including toilet trained, able to leave parent with confidence, and be taught with age appropriate materials.

ELEMENTARY (Grades 2– 5) Jean Rieb 946-1154 ext. 225

Wednesday Evenings

Classes begin September 20th from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. We use the Sadlier We Believe, Parish Edition © 2004 Program for our Elementary Classes (Grades 2-5). Each grade level has a specific focus on age-appropriate, educationally sound lessons that nurture faith. Scripture is the foundation of the program and is integrated throughout the text. Please drop off your children no earlier than five minutes before class and pick them up promptly at 8:00 P.M. For the safety of you children, 2nd and 3rd graders will not be released to the parking lot. We ask that a parent or older sibling pick them up at the classroom.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6– 8) Melissa Montenegro 946-1154 ext. 234

Wednesday Evenings

Wednesday night Faith Formation Classes begin September 20th from 7-8PM. We will cover various aspects of faith formation, liturgical study and relationships. Our active, discussion based curriculum is designed to meet the unique needs of middle school students and includes various hands-on activities including service projects and presentations. We utilize the Theology of the Body curriculum from Ascension Press during a three week series which uses an engaging mix of stories, real-life examples, activities and prayers addressing our culture, modesty chastity and healthy relationships. We also offer Bible Studies to supplement our program. All 6th graders participate in the Encounter: Experiencing God in the Everyday Bible Study featuring Mark Hart the Bible Geek. 7th and 8th graders select from other Bible Studies including the Altaration, The Reason Series or DOCAT What to Do programs. Once a quarter we have a fun night led by a select group of high school students. During these events, all middle school students gather together for a night of games and faith sharing. In addition to the regular Wednesday night faith formation classes, we also have a monthly social youth group featuring bowling nights, dinners and holiday parties. Our landmark event, the Building Bridges Middle School Rally, brings together middle school aged Catholics from all over the diocese for a two day event filled with live music, activities and prayer.

HIGH SCHOOL/LIFE TEEN (Grades 9 - 12) Mary Seidler 946-1154 ext. 228
Sunday Evenings

LIFE TEEN starts with a LIFE TEEN Mass at 5pm. High School Youth will attend and/or participate in different roles of the Mass. They will then meet immediately after Mass in the Gathering Hall for LIFE NIGHT. Please note that the start/end time is dependent on when Mass is over. Life Nights begin September 24th. Life Nights are energetic and engaging catechetical sessions. Core team members will facilitate each Life Night - developing relationships with the teens and leading them closer to Christ. Along with Life Nights, there are multiple activities, trips, retreats, and bible studies for teens to get involved in. Contact Mary for more information.

CONFIRMATION: Mary Seidler 946-1154 ext. 228

In addition to Life Teen, sophomore & juniors will be prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation by attending "Super Sundays", attending the Confirmation Retreat, being involved in the Life Teen program and partaking in 20 volunteer hours. **You must be registered for Life Teen.** The Diocese has made it a requirement to have two years of religious education in the years directly preceding a sacrament. If your child is not registered and active with Life Teen their Sophomore year, they will not be able to be confirmed their Junior year.

CIC (Christian Initiation of Children) (Grades 4 and up) Michelle Portch 946-1154
Second Monday of the month (October through April) 7:00 – 8:30pm

This program is specifically for those children, who have not received their sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation, or First Communion) by the fourth grade. Students must simultaneously attend Religious Ed classes on Wednesday nights or be enrolled at Christ the King School. Parent orientation will be in the church before regular Religious Ed classes on Wednesday, Oct. 11th at 6:30pm. Parent/guardian and child must attend class once a month from October through April, starting Monday Oct. 16th with a church tour. Classes will cover the history of the Church, the seven sacraments, and how to live as Jesus' disciples using the curriculum, Our Catholic Faith, from Sadlier Publishing.

ADULT: Gretchen Sarrazolla 946-1154 ext. 222

Our parish has many and varied opportunities for continued faith development and spiritual growth for adults which include, but are not limited to, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), Adult Bible Studies, programs for returning Catholics, Young Adult Ministry, the Parish retreat, etc. Bible studies, drawn from both the Old and New Testaments, range from 6-11 weeks long and are offered in the mornings and evenings for your convenience. Classes and studies begin in September. For more information on ongoing formation opportunities for adults, please contact Gretchen or see the "Faith Formation – Adult" webpage on the parish website.

Please keep the young people of our parish and the many volunteers who work in our religious education programs in your prayers, as we get ready to begin a new school year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Lori Wasner, Michelle Portch, Jean Rieb, Dori Gilmour
Melissa Montenegro, Mary Seidler, Gretchen Sarrazolla

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