

# 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 (509) 940-1010 Sunday Mornings during 9:30 Mass**

Classes begin at 9:30am on September 29<sup>th</sup> and lasts for 28 Sundays concluding May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 (509) 940-1011 Wednesday Evenings**

Classes begin September 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (509) 940-1012 Wednesday Evenings**

Wednesday night Faith Formation Classes begin September 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-8PM. We will cover various aspects of faith formation, focusing on a relationship with Christ, liturgical study and application of the Catholic faith in everyday life. 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 will utilize a variety of Bible Studies from the Formed.org platform focusing on the Mass, sacraments and living as a young Catholic. 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 (509) 940-0101**

### **Sunday Evenings**

**LIFE TEEN** is our high school youth ministry program that aims to "Bring Teens Closer to Christ." We are an extension of the parents in helping form their faith, knowledge, and relationship with God. We begin with LIFETEEN Mass Sundays at 5pm, with Life Nights to follow till 7:30pm. Our Kickoff to the year is September 29<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, LIFE TEEN provides weekly bible studies on Wednesday evening, multiple trips, retreats, and conferences throughout the year and summer. Please be sure to register your teen, so you may get an updated calendar with all the dates of different activities listed. Contact Mary Seidler for more information.

### **CONFIRMATION: Mary Seidler (509) 940-0101**

During their sophomore and junior year, teens will begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The goal of our preparation structure is to create a deep rooted faith in the Christ, the Church, and the Sacraments. Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation include: attending "Super Sundays", a 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. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Parent/guardian and child must attend class once a month from October through April, starting Monday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 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: Sheila LaSalle (509) 940-1021**

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 Mission, etc. Bible studies, drawn from both the Old and New Testaments, and classes based on writings of the saints and contemporary Church leaders, range from 6-12 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 Sheila or see the "Faith Formation – Adult" webpage on the parish website, or visit us on our blog: <https://ckadultre.com/>, and on Facebook and Twitter (@CKAdultRE). The Parish now has **FORMED** which will help you and your children in the formation of faith. To register for this **FREE** resource, go to [ckparish.formed.org](http://ckparish.formed.org) (use code **FVRWN2** if necessary).

**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, Sheila LaSalle

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