

June 27, 2011

Dear Religious Education Parents/Guardians,

I am pleased to share with you what a successful year we have had with your children. We have heard from many parents and the children regularly on how much they like coming to class in the atrium. They and we have learned so much about our faith.

Beginning this fall, September 2011, we will be expanding our offering of class times for Level II Good Shepherd which is for grades 1, 2 & 3 which we know you will find more convenient. We will limit our class size to 10 students per atrium. To make the experience as personal as possible for your child. Our five trained and certified catechists are offering more class days and times.

The classes will be filled on a first come basis. You will be asked to pick a first and second choice for day and time. PLEASE keep in mind that for next year, the 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes will only have Wednesday night from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in the SCCS building. This is especially for those with siblings in the program.

Choice of Day and Time for classes are as follows:

Grades 1-3:

Sunday 10:00-11:15 a.m. (Back atrium)

Sunday 6:00-7:15 p.m. (Back atrium)

Tuesday 4:00-5:15 p.m. (Back atrium)

Tuesday 6:00-7:15 p.m. (Back atrium)

Wednesday 4:00-5:15 p.m. (Front & Back atrium)

Wednesday 6:00-7:15 p.m. (Front & Back atrium)

Thursday 4:00-5:15 p.m. (Front & Back atrium)

Thursday 6:00-7:15 p.m. (Front & Back atrium)

Grades 4-7:

Wednesday 6:00-7:15 p.m. (SCCS building) on Jefferson Street

Grades 7 & 8:

Sunday 6:15-7:30 p.m. (Holy Angels Church)

Grade 8

Sunday 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (Lower room of St. Mary's Church)

Fees for these programs (Grades 1-8) are:

\$70.00 per child OR \$100.00 for 2 or more children in the program.

Sacramental Fee for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (2nd grade) \$40.00 per child

Sacramental Fee for Confirmation (8th grade) \$40.00 per child

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We are asking parents, grandparents or older siblings' (8th grade or older) to ***volunteer*** as a classroom aide. It is always a good idea to have at least two adults with any number of children. Depending on how many volunteers we get will determine how many nights you would be needed. We do have a schedule for the year for people to sign up. **Duties are simple, but important, 1) come to every class you sign up for and 2) observe the students as they do their own work and help keep them on task while the catechist is making her presentations to other students. We sincerely hope each and every one of you will prayerfully consider this request.** We all have the same goal – to lead your child closer to God and give them greater and more meaningful understanding of their Catholic Faith.

Things to remember:

- 1). On the registration form give two choices for day and time; **First and Second.**
- 2.) Class size is only ten **(10) students per class, so first come first serve.** (*We will contact you by email or phone about what class time you got.*)
- 3.) Registrations will begin in July.
- 4.) We will need at least **six (6) students** to make up a class.
- 5.) We will need adult volunteers for every class session **so PLEASE** let us know when you can help. **(See attached form)**

Thank you for your prayers and support. God Bless!
See you at Mass!

In Faith,
Mrs. Deb Geason
Catechetical Leader

Please Note: Opening night (Sept. 14th) classes for grades 4, 5, 6 & 7 – will not be at the school (SCCS on Jefferson St.)- We will have a St. Mary's Parish Anniversary Mass @ 6:00 p.m. in the church. Families are invited to attend. Any student who would like to participate in the Mass as a server, cantor, usher, lector or offertory gifts presenter – please sign up with Mrs. Geason.

Students in grades 1, 2 & 3 will have their class in the Atrium @ 6:00 p.m.

Enc.: registration; medical release form; volunteer sign up sheet.

You may go to the website to view the calendars for all of the programs online:
www.stmarysandusky.org under Faith Formation