

St. Richard Catholic Community
Presents

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES
2011—2012

Stewardship of Faith



Religious Education
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YOUTH



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Baptism – Infant Baptism classes are held on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9:30 – 11:30 in Jan., March, May, July, Sept., and Nov. Parents are encouraged to call the rectory before the birth of their child to schedule classes. PICs Ann Geise and Mary Warner 419-826-2791

First Reconciliation and Eucharist – Children are prepared to receive these sacraments for the first time typically during their second grade year. Two years of religious education are required before the Sacraments can be received. The sacramental preparation includes parents as co-catechists, with the parish providing the materials. Parent-child sessions are held during the fall/winter, with First Reconciliation taking place in December. Individual family celebration of First Eucharist take place at the regularly scheduled weekend Masses throughout the Easter season. PIC Jane Stiles

Confirmation – The preparation for this Sacrament begins in Advent of the 7th grade year, with the celebration of the Sacrament taking place during the spring of the 8th grade year. Two classes are held during the 7th grade year, and monthly classes are held during the 8th grade year. PIC Dan Karamol.

RCIA for Children – This program is for children ages 7 – 17 who have missed sacraments and desire to receive Baptism, 1st Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Meetings are scheduled and adapted to meet the needs of the participants. Sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil. PIC Gloria McQuade.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

School of Religion (SOR) – Classes are held during the school year for preschool through 8th grade on Sunday mornings between the Masses (9:10 – 10:20 a.m.) We also offer a two-week 30-hour summer session in July. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is used during the summer session for all children, and during the school year for preschool through 4th graders.

Catechist: Teacher, Assistant and/or Substitute – Preschool – 4th Grade use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, grades 5-8 use text material. PIC Ann Geise 419-826-2791

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Leaders help the young children of our parish to better understand God's Word by leading a separate Liturgy of the Word for them. Children's Liturgy is held during the Mass in Guadalupe Hall and uses translations of the readings that are geared to the children's level. PIC Becca Schultz rnwilson28@yahoo.com.

Vacation Bible School, Ecumenical – In cooperation with Swanton's Faith Lutheran and Trinity Methodist churches, Bible school is one week in June and open to all children in the community. PIC Sally Callicotte 419-825-2794

ADULT

RCIA – If you've ever thought about Catholicism, perhaps you'd like to explore the faith in our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Addults) process. The sessions are open to anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Church, including people who are Catholic and want to update their understanding. Some people in the RCIA process are not baptized, and others are baptized in another Christian denomination and are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. As you go through the RCIA process and decide to join our Church, you could become full members of the Body of Christ at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday or at some other time during the year. Sessions are ongoing, but formally begin in September. PICs Deacon Michael and Louise Sarra,.

SMALL FAITH SHARING:

Couples Prayer Series - Offers married or engaged couples a unique chance to experience praying together as a couple. Program is for 6 weeks on Thursday evenings, Oct. 6-Nov. 10, from 7-9 p.m. Contact Dick and Dianne Pinkelman to register 419-826-0426.

Book Club – Meets and shares the discovery of a new book of the month; for more details about what book they are reading and time and place contact Dianne Pinkelman, 419-826-0426.

Weekly Scripture Reflection, Liturgy Reflections – These are found in the weekly bulletin and are a great way for family to share at home or at mealtime.

Bible Study – There are two great opportunities to get to know the Bible better: Bible Basics – one evening session covering how the Bible came to be, different versions of the Bible, and how to choose and use a Bible; Little Rock Scripture Study – Thirteen session program exploring the Book of Isaiah. For more information contact Deacon Mike Sarra,

Parish Mission – To be held March 25-28 with Fr. Alan Phillips. Mark your calendar now to participate in the entire mission. Watch bulletin for more information and times of mission events.

RESOURCES

St. Richard Religious Education Library – located on the east side of Guadalupe Hall. The library is in the process of getting a “makeover”, and is continually being updated with new materials including books, DVDs, CDs, and lots of other types religious materials. PICs Sr. Valerie Schneider and Angel Rupp

YOUTH/ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE TEEN – Our high school youth ministry program designed to lead teens closer to Christ. LIFE TEEN (LT) programs are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, beginning with a LT Mass (parish Mass) at 6 p.m. It is a vibrant Eucharistic celebration including contemporary praise and worship music. The Life Night (LTN) for high school students follows Mass and includes food and fellowship as we delve deeper into either a catechetical or social issue, or just enjoy a social night.

In addition to the Sunday night programs, LT events are held throughout the year including ski trips, white water rafting, Appalachia trips, Spaghetti Dinner, Mother’s Day plant sale, paper drives, and more. LT Coordinator – Ann Geise, LT Advisor – Glen Dominique

LT Adult Core – help nurture the spirituality of the teens of our parish. Planning meetings are held every other Wednesday to help plan the programs that affirm, educate and challenge our teens to live the Gospel.

LT Youth Core Team – teens who are interested in leadership and commit to involvement in LT programs.

LT Music – if you have a God-given talent in music, share it by being part of our LT Music Group. PIC John Myers 419-877-9293

Appalachian Experience – High school students, college students and adults take a week in the spring to minister to those in need in this poor area of our country. HS Youthfest trip is April 9 – 14, 2012, College Workfest trip is March 4-9, 2012.

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Please mark "I" if you are interested or "CI" if you are currently
involved in the following:

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- 1st Reconciliation and Eucharist classes
- Confirmation
- RCIA for Children
- School of Religion, Preschool – Gr. 8
- I'd like to be a Catechist
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Vacation Bible School
- LIFE TEEN

ADULT Religious Education:

- RCIA
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- Bible Study – Bible Basics
- Bible Study – Scripture Study
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