

Youth Faith Formation Religious Education & Youth News!

Hello Parents!

Now that Spring is just around the corner we are looking at gearing up for Summer Activities and the **2017-18 School year!** Our hope is we may assist in the faith formation of the youth of our parish.

Families sending their children to the Religious Education classes need to register each year. For your convenience a **Registration form** is enclosed. You may turn them in as soon as possible with or without the fee, this helps with the planning for the new school year as well as securing which session you wish to have your children attend. If you turn in your fee, remember R.E. checks are deposited in July 2017. Be sure and mark your 1st & 2nd choice for class time. If you do not get your first choice I will call or email you in July or August. **Families registering in Religious Ed. classes need to be registered members of St. Benedict parish. You will find the information regarding most of the summer youth programs offered at St. Benedict. Please note that Payment for the activities need to be separate because the fiscal year ends in June. We need separate checks for the Faith Formation (R.E.) class registration, Totus Tuus fee, and Life Camp.**

You may place the forms in the basket on the large wooden table in the Commons or in the basket on my office door. If you have any questions please call the office, 455-4451, my extension is 226 and Deb Malcom is at extension 230. *Carol Bryan*

Just a couple of reminders:

We will not have R.E. classes March 12th—March 19th due to Spring Break. Another week we will be out is April 12th and 16th due to Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Last day of R.E. for this school year is Wednesday April 26th & Sunday, April 30th

Something New for the 2017-2018 School Year!

Because of the declining registration in our Sunday Evening Religious Education classes we have decided to offer Religious Education classes on

Sunday Morning 10:30—11:40 a.m.
for PreK—11th grades
and on

Wednesday Evening 6:30—7:45 p.m.
For PreK—8th grades

Those in 11th grade will attend the Confirmation classes on Sunday morning 10:30—11:40 a.m.

**MARCH 1st is
ASH WEDNESDAY!**



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season in preparation for Easter Sunday! Lenten Family Packets will be available in the Commons. This year we are testing a new booklet to see if the students in R.E. 1st—5th grades will find it useful as they prepare for Easter. It is called “Come Play and Pray with Jesus”. I hope your children will enjoy the activities. They will be distributed in the R.E. 1st—5th grade classes.



**Catholic Relief Services
Rice Bowls**

Please remember to return the Rice Bowls after Easter. You may place them in large white box with CRS sign that will be in the Commons.

Did you miss picking up one? It is never too late to add this to your Lenten Journey. Perhaps let your children decorate a box and place it on your dinning table.



Reminder to 2nd Grade Parents

**Prayer Day is
Sunday, April 2nd 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.**
Beginning in McGuire Hall.

**First Eucharist Masses are on
Saturday, May 6th at 5 p.m. Mass**
(For the All Saints students, Wednesday & Sacramental Prep Classes)

Sunday, May 7th at Noon Mass
(For the Sunday morning and evening R.E. Classes)



**Dead Theologians Society
St. Benedict Chapter**

The Dead Theologians Society is a Catholic apostolate for high school age teens and college age young adults. Through the Saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow. A special charism of the Dead Theologians Society is to pray for the release of the Souls in Purgatory. Its motto is, “Dead to the World, alive in Christ!” This is inspired by Romans 6:11 where St. Paul tells us to be dead to sin but alive in Christ Jesus.

Please join us at our Tuesday meetings from 7—9 p.m. in the St. Gertrude Room. For more information please contact Vandy Domeier at 918-231-1292 .

**DTS Lenten Retreat, Friday, April 7th
Members will be in the presentation of the Last Supper followed by the Retreat in the St. Gertrude Room.**

**TOTUS TUUS
Mark your calendars!**

June 4th—9th!

**Totus Tuus means Totally
Yours .**



Totus Tuus is a catechetical enriching summer program full of activities and prayer! Totus Tuus is facilitated by young catholic adults under the direction of the Youth Ministry Office in the Diocese of Tulsa. Totus Tuus teams are sent to different parishes during the summer. A Totus Tuus Team is two young women and two young men.

Our parish is serving as the second week of the Team’s training. This year we may have 10 Totus Tuus teams!

Many Volunteers are needed.

Registration form is enclosed and on the back is a list of how to help.

* Stewardship Collection *
* Food for our Mission of Hope Pantry *
* Please feel free to bring any items to help the *
* pantry each week. The following are some *
* suggestions of what to bring *
* In March & April: Boxes of Cereal *
* Please drop off your items in the Mission of Hope Carts *
* found by the Receptionist window in the Commons. *

Mark Your Calendar!

Vacation Bible School is

Monday, July 24th - Friday, July 28th!

VBS is open to children who are 4 years old by the 1st of May and those going into Kindergarten through the 4th grade.

VBS is from 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

VBS Registration form will be in the May/June newsletter.