



Holy Rosary Cluster

St. Bernard Parish, Alta Vista, IA Immaculate Conception Parish, Elma IA
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Lourdes IA St. Peter Parish, New Haven, IA
Immaculate Conception Parish, Riceville IA

Dear Parents and Families,

A Mission Priority from our Archbishop is “Strengthening Programs for On-Going Education in the Faith.” Faith formation, teaching others about Jesus and forming disciples of Jesus in the Catholic Church, is the most important ministry for continuing Jesus’ mission. All we do as a Church rises or falls on the strength of our efforts to educate people in our Catholic Faith.

Our religious education program is a principal way the greater parish assists parents in their vocation as primary formators of our Catholic Faith for their children. I encourage parents and families to regularly discuss as a family what is being taught at religious education. We mostly use the *Finding God* textbook series for our classes. Their website has great additional resources for families to help with this discussion: www.findinggod.com

I also encourage you to participate in any religious education activities that are open to or need parent or family involvement. And I especially invite you to further your own faith formation at an adult level. Most importantly, continue or begin to make weekend Mass a priority for your family. We come into contact with Jesus at Mass, we hear His word and receive the Eucharist, and we worship as a family of God. Regularly make your family part of God’s family at Sunday Mass. A recent survey of students and adults in our Archdiocese showed formal religious education, whether through Catholic schools or religious education programs, has minimal impact on a child’s living their Catholic Faith unless their family itself practiced the Catholic Faith. Go to Mass and pray as a family. Live in a way that shows your child you’re serious about being a disciple of Jesus.

Sheila Kobliska continues as our Director of Religious Education. She is experienced and dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus with others. Please contact her or me if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

In Christ,

Fr. Jerry Kopacek

Dear Religious Education Families,

For the Religious Ed year 2018-19, the following information will pertain:

Tuition will be:

1 st child	\$30.00
2 nd child	\$45.00
3 rd child	\$55.00
4 th child & above	\$65.00

For each Sacrament a student will receive, there is a \$20 fee for supplies. Sacraments are First Reconciliation and First Communion for the 2nd graders, and Confirmation for the 9th & 10th graders.

Some of our families have children who attend St. John's School of Religion in New Hampton once they reach High School. If one of our Combined Religious Ed families has a child who does attend St. Johns School, this child will be counted in on our annual tuition for the Combined Religious Ed.

All of the books that the students get they will be allowed to keep. There will be a cost of \$20 for each student for their "consumable" book. The book purchased in 9th grade is used for the entire high school years. **If anyone has difficulty covering any of these costs, please let me know.**

My hope is that if there are any questions that arise at any time you feel free to let me know. My phone number is: cell: 641-257-8705.

Sincerely,

Sheila Kobliska
Director of Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE 2018-2019

Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

September 5 - Meet and Greet with Father- class afterwards

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October 3

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November November 4-10 Vocation Week

7-Cluster Mass with Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation Students at 7PM-Riceville

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21-THANKSGIVING-NO CLASS

28 ? Lourdes First Reconciliation and Advent confessions

December 5-? Lourdes First Reconciliation and Advent confessions.

12-Christmas ~~program at 7PM in Lourdes~~-Soup supper with silent auction fundraiser
5:00-7:00

19 Snowdate for fundraiser and Christmas Program

25- Happy Birthday Jesus!

January 23

30 Safe Environment Training for Children/Protection of Children

February 6

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March 6-Mass at 6PM Lourdes-Ash Wednesday

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20-Lenten Reconciliation?

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April 4-make up if needed

21- Easter

27-First Communion 4PM Lourdes; 6PM Alta Vista

May 4th-First Communion and May Crowning in Lourdes 4PM and in AV 6PM.

2017 – 2018 Catechists

1st Grade	Elizabeth Geerts-- 641-364-5081; 641-229-5732
2nd Grade	Diane Gardner--cell 641-330-7439
3rd & 4th Grade	Marilyn Klobassa--364-4858 cell 641-229-5078
5th & 6th Grade	Barb Pickar--cell-319-269-5794
7th & 8th Grade	Sandi Burke--cell 563-419-0902
Confirmation 9th/10th	Bethany Glaser-641-229-6237
11th & 12th Grade	Russell Murphy--393-2270

Substitutes:

Karen Knutson (563-569-8571) cell 563-379-7627

Karen Meirick (364-2402)

Trudy O'Donnell (393-2187)

Nancy Valvoda (364-7592)

Ann O'Brien (393-2242)

Paula Zweibohmer (393-2664)

Renee Burke (393-2587) cell 319-240-9192