



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.

Meg Schutjer 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

2018 – 2019 Religious Education Year @ a Glance

9:15 – 10:45

September: 16th - Class #1: 1st Day of Religious Education
23rd – Class #2:
30th – Class #3

October: 7th – No Mass or Class
14th – Class #4: **Work Mass**
21st - Class #5
28th – Class #6

November: 4th - Class #7
7th - Class #8: Cluster Mass @ 7:00 PM in Riceville
11th - Class #9: **1st Reconciliation & Confessions, Work Mass**
18th – No Mass or Class
25th - **Thanksgiving Break No Class**

December: 2nd - Class #10
9th – Class #11
16th – **Class #12 & 13: Work Mass & Christmas Program & Meal**

January: 6th - Class #14
13th – Class #15
20th – Class #16: **work mass**
27th – **No Mass or Class**

February: 3rd – Class #17
10th – Class #18
17th - **Winter Break**
24th - Class #19: **Work Mass**

March: 3rd – No Mass or Class
6th – **Ash Wednesday**
10th – Class #20
17th - Class #21
24th – Class #22: **Clean Religious Center & Stations of the Cross**
31st - Class #23: **Confessions, Work Mass & Religious Education Celebration**

April 7th - No Mass
14th – **Palm Sunday**
21st – **Easter Sunday**
28th - **1st Communion**

May: 5th – **May Crowning & Senior Recognition**

**St. Peter's Religious Education Catechists
2017 - 2018
Father**

1 st Grade & 2 nd Grade Sacraments	Ms. Briana Howland, Ms. Kaylee Klaes & Ms. Julia Klaes
Grades 3 & 4	Mrs. Brenda Miller & Ms. Corin Johanns
Grades 5 & 6	Mrs. Mary Klaes & Ms. Corin Johanns
Grades 7 & 8	Ms. Tanyon Schutjer
Confirmation & High School	Ms. Neysa Sturgeon & Ms. Meg Schutjer

Upcoming Events

- **Confirmation Parent Meeting: October 14th @ 10:00**
- **Confirmation 2019: Saturday, October 12th @ 11:00 in New Haven**
- **NCYC November xx - xx 2019**
- **Christmas Program: December 16th**
- **Totus Tuus – Summer 2019???? 2018 was a hit**
- **Catholic Heartwork Camp – still a goal**