

Mandatory Parent Meeting

6 September 2017

5:35 p.m. in Church

You will be reminded/updated about the following:

- The Diocesan Program, **Safe and Sacred:** Protocols and directives; access to the entire program, how to register and access the various levels;
- Introduction to and access to the 2017-2018 Religious Education series: www.gospelweeklies.com
- Notices/updates for **REMIND**; reminder notices about weather-related cancelations;
- Review of handbook.

Is this meeting optional? NO!

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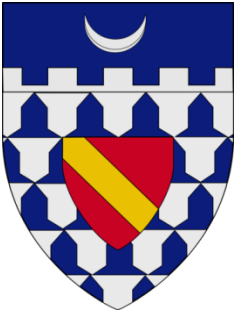
Greetings,

We are quickly approaching another year of Religious Education. Attached, you will find registrations forms for Religious Education students. **You are asked to verify the student information and sign each form. Also, please complete and sign the Media Release form and return all paperwork BEFORE NOON, 21 August.** You may return all pages of registration by: placing them in the collection basket; posting by mail; delivering all to the Business Office during regular Business Office. **Registration fees are: \$25/single child or \$40 for a family.** (Remember, there is an additional late registration fee of \$50.00 over and above the family registration fee. There is NO EXCUSE for late registrations. Because of the need to order books and supplies...our Custer isn't paying the additional postage for late registrants!) Post the calendar page as a reminder. Thank you for your continued commitment **you** made when you asked to have your child(ren) baptized.

There are a couple specific items that need your attention:

- 6 September is the first class. Concurrently, there will be a mandatory parent meeting in Church after the students have been dismissed.
- Like school, it is very important that students be on time...limited time and classes.
- Semester attendance notices will be sent to you. Attendance does have an impact on the Sacramental reception and extra-curricular activities of students. (It is sad when a student may not participate because of lack of attendance.)
- During the year, electronic notices and reminders are sent. One (1) issue surfaces when a family changes their e-mail address. PLEASE notify us. There have been times when notices have bounced back to us!
- Baptismal Certificates are required with your registration for all first-time enrollees and their younger siblings.**
- As parents, the expectation is **YOU** teach your child(ren) the prayers of the Church. The Diocese has listed specific prayers and grades. These are listed on the Diocesan Web page.

There are specific important dates on the calendar. Please take notice of these dates, especially the Sacraments. As usual, we will be celebrating First Reconciliation (first semester) and First Eucharist (second semester). Confirmation will be celebrated during Easter Time. According to Diocesan Policy (which has been in effect since 2013 and has been referenced periodically), the Cluster Office knows who specifically who will be making their First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. To avoid any questions or misunderstandings (or rumors!), a brief synopsis is quoted:



Diocese of Lafayette -in-Indiana
Guidelines for the Reception of the Sacraments
These Guidelines for the Reception of these Sacraments (Youth)
are effective August 1, 2013.

For First Reconciliation and First Communion:

2. The child, at a minimum, will have celebrated their seventh birthday. (CIC 11)
3. The child will complete at least one (school) year of formal catechesis either in a parish religious education program, Catholic home school, or parish school prior to the time of the preparation of the sacrament.

For Confirmation:

1. Young people receiving the sacrament of Confirmation must have reached their 13th birthday by the reception of the sacrament.
2. Young people must be active members of the Church as noted in the Precepts of the Church.
 - a. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
 - b. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
 - c. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.
 - d. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
 - e. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church. (CCC 2042)
3. It is expected that all Confirmation candidates participate in parish Confirmation formation. This includes public school, Catholic school, and home school youth.
 - Sunday Mass attendance, in addition to classes and one retreat, is an expectation in Confirmation formation and parishes should emphasize this in the program.
 - The candidate for the sacrament of Confirmation is expected to have participated in yearly ongoing faith formation since his/her reception of First Eucharist to assure a continuous, systematic, age appropriate catechesis. (75% annual attendance participation.)

Thank you for your help and support in your child's pilgrimage (and yours) to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Rev. Leroy G. Kinnaman
Pastor

If you misplace the forms, all are available on the Cluster web page:
www.preciousbloodcluster.org

PRECIOUS BLOOD CLUSTER 2017-2018 MEDIA RELEASE FORM*

*to be completed annually and returned with registration

Precious Blood Cluster Religious Education Media Release

We believe that both the child and the Parish benefit from positive recognition. There may be an occasion for media coverage concerning your child(ren) throughout the school year. We ask for your permission to release this type of communication. This may include, but not be limited to newspapers, **The Catholic Moment**, bulletin boards, Precious Blood Cluster website, videos made throughout the school year, etc. Please circle below indicating your choice.

Family Name: _____

Child's Name(s): _____

CIRCLE YES OR NO

- Yes The Precious Blood Cluster has my permission to release RE related communication involving my child to any media.
- No The Precious Blood Cluster does **NOT** have my permission to release RE related communications involving my child to any media.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return by August 21, 2017. Thank you.

PRECIOUS BLOOD RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017-2018 CALENDAR

CLASS TIME: 5:30 P.M. – 6:45 P.M.

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER/2017

JANUARY-MAY/2018

SEP 6 (Parent meeting)

JAN 10

SEP 13

JAN 17

SEP 20

JAN 24

SEP 27

JAN 31

OCT 4

FEB 7

OCT 11

FEB 14**

OCT 18

FEB 21

OCT 25

FEB 28+++

NOV 1~~

MAR 7

NOV 8

MAR 14

NOV 15

MAR 21

NOV 29

DEC 6###

APR 4

DEC 13

APR 11

DEC 20

APR 18

APR 25

MAY 2

SPECIFIC DATES:

1st Reconciliation classes & 1ST Communion classes: TBA

###Advent RE Reconciliation and 1st Reconciliation

~~ Mass for the Holy Day

**** Ash Wednesday Mass**

+++ Lenten RE Reconciliation

^^ Way of the Cross(K-12)

6 MAY: 1ST Communion 10:00 a.m.

9 MAY: Confirmation 5:30 p.m.

20 MAY: HS RE Recognition Brunch 11:00 a.m.