

*St. Mary's Parish*  
*Office of Religious Education*



May 19, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another year of religious education has come and gone. Your children had some wonderful times sharing with each other and learning about our Lord Jesus Christ. Junior and Senior High participated in many community service projects, the Spaghetti Dinner/Heifer Project, Topton Home to play Bingo with the residents; they bought Holiday groceries for needy families and sorted packages for the Giving from Our Bounty Project.

The Elementary grades had fun in the activities with their Catechists. Level 3 and Level 2 actively participated at their respective First Communion and First Reconciliation retreats. The Youth Masses were successful as the children were eager to participate in the Liturgy. Your time and talent in working with your children has been evident. Please continue to support them in their thirst for knowledge about Jesus by bringing them to Mass and making it a family practice to keep the Lord's Day Holy.

**SOMETHING NEW!!!! We are changing our VBS program this year to be an evening program! We are hoping that this will provide a better opportunity for students to take advantage of this unique fun program since so many families have busy daytime schedules.**

Vacation Bible School is July 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm to 8:30pm.

We encourage you to register your child for VBS—it is a fun way to continue learning about Jesus and His teachings in the summer! This year's theme is →→→→ There will be games, songs, food, and of course lots of water fun! All of which will connect us to the love of Jesus!



**Something else wonderful for St. Mary's Parish!!**

This October we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> year as a parish. Throughout the year we will have different events to mark the occasion. The first is on October 13 we will be having an Anniversary celebratory mass at 11 am, the mass will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert. There will be a dinner afterwards, dinner tickets and more information will be forthcoming. Classes will not be scheduled that day and we will not have a scheduled Youth Mass in October in order to allow the parish to celebrate together as a community on October 13. On May 17 we will have a formal May procession as a parish and we are inviting the First Communion Children, dressed in their first Communion outfits, to join the celebration. Then in August there will be a parish picnic with a band and activities. Please keep watch in the bulletin for updates on these events and more.

It has been wonderful getting to know your families a little better. Thanks to all the catechists and parents who put forth such tremendous effort to make this program a joyful experience for the children.

I am looking forward to working with you again this fall for the 2019-2020 school year.

I hope to see you at Vacation Bible School.

Please read through each of the sheets in this mailing.

**To take advantage of the Registration Fee discount the pink registration form needs to be returned by June 21st.**

Please feel free to call or e-mail me with questions or comments.

May God bless you with a peaceful and restful summer,

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