

May 10, 2017

Dear Families,

Another year of religious education has come and gone. Your children had some wonderful times sharing with each other and learning about Our Lord.

Senior High participated in many community service projects, the Spaghetti Dinner/Heifer Project, Topton Home to play Bingo with the residents, 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.

Please read through each of the sheets in this mailing. The elementary classes will follow the same format for classes next year: we will meet 3 Sundays per month, and a Children's Mass will be celebrated on the third Sunday of each month.

The pink registration form is due by June 16th. Vacation Bible School is July 31st – Aug 4th this year from 9am – 12pm. 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 about how *God Created You for a Purpose!!!*

In the short time I have been here you have made me feel so welcome, and I am looking forward to being a part of your community. I have 4 young-adult children, 25, 23, 20, and 18 years old, all who went to Catholic School to 8th grade, and graduated from Northwestern Lehigh School. I've always been involved in the Catholic Church in one way or another and feel it is important to teach our children our faith as well as try to live the best we can by Jesus' example.

Please feel free to call or e-mail me with questions or comments. Just as a reminder all of St. Mary's emails have changed and you can reach the religious education department at: stmaryreled@ptd.net. I am hopeful for a blessed 2017/2018 to come!

May God bless you with a peaceful and restful summer.

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