

ST. CECILIA PARISH



“Enlisting Witnesses for Christ” 2018 /2019

August 2018

Dear Parents,

How appropriate that the theme of our Catechetical year is “*Enlisting Witnesses for Christ!*” This year more than any other, we need to stand firm and rooted in the foundations of our Catholic Faith. We are to remember that we always need to be *Witnesses for Christ* to everyone we encounter. Catholics and Christians everywhere are hurting in light of the recent events covered in the news. Remaining firm in our teachings is needed now more than ever. Our children need to be instilled with the basic tenets of the Catholic faith. St. Cecilia’s is a safe haven where the children are always welcomed, accepted, and prepared to live as Christ in this world.

Registration for Religious Education classes has begun. Please complete a registration form for each child and return it to the Religious Education Office before September 16th. Registration is also available on-line through the parish website: www.stceciliaroch.org. Follow the link and instructions. Fr. Paul stresses the importance of youth activities in our parish and as always **the most important aspect is weekly Mass attendance.**

Catechetical Sunday is September 16th, we will acknowledge all teachers and aides at the 9:15 Liturgy followed by the “Get to Know You” breakfast in the Social Hall after Mass. Please join us for Mass, help support the parish with this breakfast fundraiser, and also gather in fellowship with our clustering Churches. The children will be able to meet their teachers and then you can visit their classrooms after 11:15. **This counts as our first day of class for grades 1 - 7.** For our Eighth and Ninth graders, *Confirmation Orientation* has not yet been determined. Please continue to check the bulletin for announcements.

Please note that Class begins with the start of Mass at 9:15 and dismissal is at 11:45. If you attend a different Mass please arrive at class by 10:30. Our **Youth Mass** and ***Faith in Action Days*** will occur once each month. Parents are encouraged to join us and share in the activity and lesson. Please see the designated dates on your calendar.

Our Youth Choir has grown significantly. Please encourage your child to join our crew and complete the attached Youth Choir Registration form. Mike Spagnolo works wonderfully with the kids. We need your child’s voice to enhance our Youth Masses. The parishioners so love hearing our Youth Choir!

Please include your e-mail address on the registration form; it is a most important tool. I am able to notify you regarding cancellations, changes, and special notices, this is a tremendous help to me. Your address will not be shared with anyone; my e-mail address is **chrispatsch2002@yahoo.com** if you wish to contact me at any time.

Enclosed is a calendar for your convenience. Please keep it posted in your home for reference throughout the year.

I am looking forward to another great year. I have missed the children and can’t wait to meet our new students. Please feel free to call the Religious Education Office any time (724) 775-2761.

May God continue to bless you, your family, and our Church,

Chris Patsch
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