

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH 2018-2019 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

July, 2018

Dear parents and guardians,

As most of you are aware, the Archdiocese Renew My Church process has merged St. Bede in Ingleside and St. Peter in Antioch, and they are now one Parish. Both worship sites will remain open under the name *Our Lake of the Lakes Parish*. Our new Pastor, Fr. George Koeune and Associate Pastor, Fr. Michael Grzesik will serve at both worship sites.

As part of this merger the Religious Education (RE) Programs will merge as well, so please take the time to read over all the new information in this packet. Deacon Mark Buckley will continue to oversee the RE Program at St. Bede and Kari Leaf will continue to oversee the RE Program at St. Peter. The good news is that this merger will offer more options for your children on class schedules.

Class Schedules:

St. Bede RE classes are located at 36399 No Wilson Road in Ingleside. (Rt. 59 & Wilson Rd.)

Classes are offered on Sunday mornings.

- Pre-K through 8th grade meets from 9:30am-10:50am. Classes begin on September 16, 2018.

St. Peter RE classes are located at 900 Saint Peter St. in Antioch. In former school building. (Rt. 173 & Rt. 59)

Classes are offered on Wednesday evenings.

- 1st-6th grade meets from 5:30-6:50pm. Classes begin September 19, 2018.
- 7th-8th grade meets from 7:15-8:45pm. Classes begin October 3, 2018.

Class Calendar:

The Class Calendar is published as soon as the dates are set and will be distributed to parents. The dates for classes are coordinated with the Parish Calendar and Holidays.

Sacrament Preparation:

As a requirement of the Archdiocese of Chicago, all children receiving First Communion or Confirmation must have two consecutive years of religious education preparedness before receiving a Sacrament. We hope all parents strive to have their children attend RE every year as a foundation for their Faith Formation.

If your child has not been baptized and are over 6 years of age they need to receive formal religious education classes before baptism.

If your child was baptized, but not in a Catholic church they need to have a Profession of Faith, which is a declaration that they want to join the Catholic Church.

Attendance:

The Archdiocese of Chicago requires a set amount of hours of religious education classes each year. We have scheduled classes to meet those requirements, so we ask that families do their best to make sure their child attends class as often as possible. We know that other commitments happen so we ask that your children take their book home and make up any lessons they have missed. If a student misses a significant amount of classes throughout the school year, they will be expected to do make-up work.

We also strongly encourage families to attend weekly Mass as often as possible and be contributing members of the parish. The new Mass times for *Our Lady of the Lakes* are:

St. Bede Church

Saturday Vigil Mass-5:30pm

Sunday Masses- 8:00am, 11:00am, and 2:00pm

Confessions are Saturdays from 11:30am-12:30pm

St. Peter Church

Saturday Vigil Mass-4:00pm

Sunday Masses-6:30am, 9:30am, and 12:30pm

Confessions are Saturdays from 8:15am-9:00am

Summer School – Home School – High School – Youth Group

Summer school is no longer offered at either worship site. If we have enough catechists willing to teach summer school, it might be something that is offered in the future.

Home school-If a child cannot attend Sunday or a Wednesday class; we can work with your family to make sure your child receives the Religious Education that they need. Deacon Mark will meet with home school parents in early October and go over books and parameters of the program. Please indicate this on your registration form if your child will need to participate in home schooling. ***Home School is not available to First Communion and Confirmation students.***

High school-If there are high school students who still need Confirmation, classes will be conducted at St. Bede. Please contact Deacon Mark to discuss this further.

High school youth group for grades 9-12 is offered at St. Peter led by Kari Leaf to any student who wants to join, and is strongly encouraged for all high school students. Typically the youth group meets 1-2 times per month. Students spend time learning more about their Catholic faith, going on retreats, working on community service projects, partaking in fundraisers, eating good food, and many students attend our annual summer mission trip to Catholic Heart Workcamp. No formal registration is needed for participating in youth group, but please let us know if your family would like to be added to the youth group email or text list.

Community Service Hours:

The 7th & 8th grade students have to complete 20 Community Service Hours each year before Confirmation. They can obtain those hours by volunteering at Parish activities listed in the bulletin, activities at their school, activities at other non-profit organizations, helping someone NOT in their household; such as; “free” babysitting, shoveling a grandparent’s driveway, mowing the grass for an elderly neighbor, etc. Each student needs to keep track of their hours. A complete listing of how to achieve these hours will be given to the students at a later date. 5 hours each year must be done with their family members.

Family Service Hours:

Families are required to volunteer 5 hours of their time to the Parish. It can be for items we ask for throughout the year, volunteering in the RE Program, or volunteering in any of the Parish fundraisers/events. We will provide a card where you can log those hours. Please watch the parish bulletin and e-mail announcements for opportunities to get involved.

How Do I Enroll My Students:

Complete the 2018-19 Enrollment Form enclosed. Complete each section and make sure you mark what site your children will attend, either at St. Bede or St. Peter. Take the time to read everything and complete the form in full. Turn in the form, along with payment and any other information required. The attached registration forms can be emailed, mailed, or dropped off at St. Bede School for St. Bede and the Rectory Office at St. Peter.

The RE Program relies on the generosity of the Parish members. If you would like to contribute to a scholarship fund where money could be used to fund students who are otherwise unable to pay, please let us know. Any amount would be appreciated and you may include the amount with tuition or any time of the year.

Communication:

We will communicate with parents via e-mail, unless you request otherwise. Make sure we always have your up-to-date e-mail address, and make sure your computer allows the church websites. **ALSO, CHECK YOUR EMAIL OFTEN.**

Contact Information: (The RE staff’s email addresses have changed!)

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