

September 25, 2012

Dear Parents,

As the cool wind approaches we celebrate this time of year as another gift from God. Thank you for all who came to and signed up for service hours as the recent parent meeting/open house. We still need a group of helpers with the drop/off pick up if you are interested. Below are a number of things we are working on this fall. We are endeavoring to reduce sending home paper each week from the church so please read over all the upcoming events and place them on your calendars.

The Archdiocese of Chicago asks us each year to do a safety class for our students in Religious Education as part of the God' Protection of Children. As proposed by the church I attended training for Netsmartz last fall which we have begun with grades 1 & 2 in September this year. Every grade level will do one half of a class time doing the program throughout the year. To learn more about this program please go onto their web site www.NetSmartz.org. There is a special menu for parents to learn more about computer safety.

As discussed at the parent meeting we will **cancel the Wednesday class for October 31 (Wednesday**) for Halloween night. We will then **add a Wednesday class on December 19, 2012** to make up for the cancelled class.

Pig Roast- We still has tickets available for this Saturday's Pig Roast September 29, 2012. We have two seating's for food (one at 6 PM and one at 7PM). Please join us for the bonfire with professional storyteller Ben Rosenfield at 7:45PM (you need not have dinner to attend) Please support our fund raiser since this helps us to keep our tuition costs down. And bring a friend.

Reading Assignments- All 5th through 8th grade has a reading assignment for the month which is one of the 4 gospels. Below is the September and October gospel reading that the Archdiocese asks all students to be reading. The goal is that all our young people will read a gospel a year from beginning to end. Please help your student to keep up on their reading.

5th Grade Gospel of Matthew

September Chapter 1 through 3

October Chapter 4 through 7

6th grade Gospel of Mark

September Chapter 1 through 2

October Chapter 3 through 4

7th Grade Gospel of Luke

September Chapter 1 through 3

October Chapter 4 through 6

8th Grade Gospel of John

September Chapter 1 through 2
October Chapter 3 through 5

Blessing of Animals: Please invite the children to bring all their pets to be blessed on Saturday 10/6/12 at noon in the area in front of the Faith

Formation Center. Share the custom of St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)' (feast day October 4) affection for all of God's creatures

Grades 6-8 There is a Fall Harvest dance for grades 6-8 on Friday October 12, 2012 from 7pm to 9:30pm. This is sponsored by both the school and RE programs. We ask the students to bring a non-perishable item (canned food) for our St. Vincent de Paul group. For more information call the RE office.

Grand parents and Friends. Please invite the students' grandparents (including any older adult- uncles/aunts neighbors) to Mass and class on Wednesday October 10, 2012, 6:30 pm Mass followed by class and Sunday October 14, 2012 class at 9:30AM class time followed by Mass at 11:00AM. This is an annual event at St. Bede to celebrate the many generations in the church.

Please support our <u>Bede Bash on Saturday October 20, 2012</u> beginning at 6PM at the Antioch Golf Club. Religious Education will have an auction basket for 1 child tuition for the 2013-2014 year. Please support our parish event. For more information contact the rectory 847-587-2251.

Our <u>enrollment Sunday</u> for 8th grades is scheduled for Sunday October 21, 2012 at both the 9AM and 11AM Masses. Candidates with the last name from A-L will come at 9 and M-Z at 11AM. There will be no class for 8th grades that Sunday.

October Reading Night- Please join us for our family reading night on Thursday October 25, 2012 at 6:30PM till 8:00PM for a night of family reading. Teachers, Principals, DRE's and Catechists will read scary stories to all the children as well as some time for individual reading. This will take place in the Library of the Faith Formation Center.

<u>Drop off Pick up as</u> discussed at the parent meeting we would like to begin a new drop off pick up procedure in the month of October. We have a good group for Sunday but very few for Wednesday. If you are interested please email mrichards@stbedechurch.com to put your name in the group

Begin fall food drive for St. Vincent – As in the past we will begin a food drive in late October and the first week of November for our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. A flyer will be sent home with preferred food items. On November 18th St. Vincent de Paul has a community outreach dinner that includes a harvest table for friends to take home. Please help us to support St. Vincent. In addition RE continues to collect pop tabs for Ronald Mc Donald House. Please send all your pop tabs into class to be donated this fall.

Have a great fall time with your families!

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