

2017-2018 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To **TEACH** the faith
To **PREACH** the gospel
To **LIVE** as Christ lived

Annunciation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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2017-2018 IMPORTANT DATES

PreK – 6th Grade: Every Sunday morning (unless otherwise noted below) 9:30am – 10:45am
 7th gr. – 10th Grade: Every Sunday evening (unless otherwise noted below) 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Oct 15	Parent Meetings	9:30am Marian Hall 2 nd gr. Parents (1st Reconciliation/Communion) 6:30pm Church Atrium 9 th /10 th gr. Parents (Confirmation)
Oct 29	NO CLASSES	Teacher Inservice Morning
Nov 10-12	Immersion Retreat	Wisconsin Dells – Wintergreen Resort Optional for students 9 th gr. – 12 th gr.
Nov 26	NO CLASSES	Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 13	Reconciliation Service	6:30pm Main Church ALL RE FAMILIES with students 3 rd gr. – 10 th gr.
Dec 24th	NO CLASSES	Merry Christmas
Dec. 31st	NO CLASSES	Happy New Year
Jan 17	1 st Reconciliation Service	6:30pm Main Church 2 nd gr. Families Only
Feb 4	NO CLASSES	Teacher Inservice Morning
Feb 28	Lenten Reconciliation	6:30pm Main Church ALL RE FAMILIES with students 2 nd gr. – 10 th gr.
March 11	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm Main Church ALL RE FAMILIES
March 25	NO CLASSES	Happy Spring Break
*March 27	Chrism Mass	Cathedral – LaCrosse - time TBA For 9 th /10 th gr.
April 1	NO CLASSES	Happy Easter
April 15	Banner Making	9:00am Marian Hall 2 nd gr. families ONLY
April 22	1 st Communion Rehearsal	9:00am – 10:30am 2 nd gr. students report to classroom Parents report to Main Church
April 29	1 st Communion Mass	11:00am 2 nd gr. students report to Marian Hall at 10:30am
May 13	Last Sunday Classes	May Crowning during 11am Mass *more information coming

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS

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PreK	Pam Schipper
Kinder	Chelsey Nedland
1 st	Jill Bailey
2 nd	Terri Komay
3 rd	Michele Halvorson
4 th	Karen Gehrke
5 th	Dan & Rhonda Kiedinger
6 th	Libby Frank
7 th /8 th	Kathryn Anderson Brent Nedland
9 th	Rebecca Kimmet
10 th	Brenda Corr

EXPECTATIONS

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

This is the faith! We are called to participate and be loving members of our community. The home is where our children learn this first and foremost. In addition, RE Class will also be a place where our children learn, not only about our Catholic tradition, but they will experience the greatness of community by learning the faith together. When a student is not present, it affects the community. Please commit to having your children at RE classes every weekend. Planting small seeds bears great fruit!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Forming good practices helps us better ourselves. Please make our faith community a priority in your family. Please be sure to attend the Special events throughout the year (Reconciliation Services, Stations of the Cross, Holy Days of Obligation, and Sunday Mass) with your students. Consider making these days family events.

BEHAVIOR

The RE building should be bustling with energy and celebration every weekend. We should delight in the joyful noises! We want to encourage this type of atmosphere while maintaining an environment that is respectful. Please encourage your students to be respectful and responsible while attending classes (or any church function). Please no food, candy, gum or drinks during class, unless the teacher has prearranged for something special. We understand the age of technology. If you need your student to have a cell phone with them during class, that is fine. We will however ask everyone to silence their phones and keep them put away during class. Teachers will have the discretion of taking phones and putting them aside if they become a disturbance. No mP3 players, iPods, iPads, etc.

PARTICIPATION

Teachers will encourage active participation. If a student becomes too active and is a disturbance to class, they will be asked to go to the office and parents will be notified of disruptive behavior.

CANCELLATIONS

Classes will be held every Sunday (unless otherwise noted by the schedule). During winter months, IF THERE IS A WINTER WEATHER WARNING, classes will be canceled. Look for cancellations via email, office voicemail message and our [Closed Facebook Group: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary \(ABVM\) Youth Faith Formation](#). This is a group only for parents/guardians of the youth in our program. It is private to members only. No public posting. Please do not call the rectory to ask about class cancellations.