



Dear Sunday Morning Families:

Thank you so much for all your dedication and faith to our program. Thanks to you, we have a Sunday morning program specifically for our young people. We are so excited to invite you back to our program for next year. We are expanding our Sunday morning program to incorporate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. If you are interested in continuing with this wonderful foundational experience for your children, please register for the Sunday morning program. Our program will begin in mid-September and run through early April. For our little ones, a Sunday morning program may be a great option to the traditional Tuesday evening program or the more intensive Summer program. Please find more information on how to register by reviewing the attached document: [Registration Form](#). We look forward to having your child in our program.

A reminder that we do **not** meet on March 20 or 27. We will return for two classes on April 3 and 10. Please advise your catechist if your child(ren) will not be returning on those days so we can plan accordingly. As well, we wish to share some sad news: Mrs. Hilger and Mrs. Rodammer, who have faithfully served in this program for 20 years, are retiring from this ministry. Please wish them well.

We will thank them as well as all other retiring catechists at our end of the year dinner for all our catechists. If you would like to contribute drinks or a dessert to this dinner, please let me know at [dballintyn@sjbde.org](mailto:dballintyn@sjbde.org). Any and all contributions are most welcome.

On March 14, 15, and 16 at 7pm in our Church, we are hosting our parish mission. Michael Vogt, OSFS, will be leading us in prayer and reflection on this year of mercy. Please join us for this wonderful experience of prayer. Wednesday, March 16, will be the celebration of the Eucharist with Fr. Vogt. I hope to see you there.

As well, I wish to also invite you to Refresh. This wonderful opportunity to pray and reflect and to spend some very faithful time together happens every Wednesday at 6pm in the Church. Please consider this an opportunity to refresh your week and your spirit. There is great music and gentle reflection as well as sacred silence. All our important ingredients to refresh our souls.

Again, thank you for sharing the joy of our children. We look forward to welcoming them back to the program. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact me as indicated above. Our children truly benefit from many dedicated and authentic witnesses.

With prayers of peace and joy,

Mrs. Ballintyn  
Director of Religious Education