

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



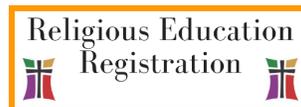
Welcome back to a new school year. We pray that everyone is excited and ready for the year ahead. It proves to be a great year ahead and we look forward to a wonderful year of learning and formation.

OPENING NIGHT REMINDER



Tuesday classes begin on September 11 at 6:30pm. We will begin with our opening prayer service in the Church and then the students will be dismissed to the school with their catechists. The parents/guardians will remain in the Church for the discussion of the new protocols for security, pick-up and drop-off. All Tuesday night families are required to attend this opening session.

REGISTRATION



We are still accepting registrations for the Tuesday evening and Sunday morning programs. More information on both programs can be found via this link: <https://sjbde.org/religious-ed-program> On this page, you will find the times, calendar, registration link, and other related information.

FINAL REMINDER



Miss Ballintyn recently sent out a reminder if we are still in need of Form A and/or payment for this coming year. Please note that these items are critical for a successful year. Your prompt attention is much appreciated.

THANK YOU



In these difficult days of hearing negative news in regards to the Church and those who have done wrong, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who have not left. When Simon Peter asked Jesus: "Master, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:68-69 for full quote and context), he was addressing the challenges that faced the apostles as people left Jesus because it was easier to leave than to stay. We are asked everyday to fight for our Church; the Church of Jesus. We are so grateful to all our families who are staying and not letting the ugliness take them away from our home. Please continue to be the prophetic voice and let us recommit ourselves to our mission and calling.

Please watch the following video as it is a powerful affirmation of who we are as Church: [Bishop Barron](#)

CATECHIST/STAFF INFORMATION



Please keep our catechists, aides, and support staff in prayer. We are grateful for their dedication to this ministry. We are happy to share that we have all our staff for this year in place. We are blessed beyond measure. They make this program a wonderful encounter with Christ. Should you need to speak with your child's catechist, please send an email to the office, and we will forward it to them. If during the year, there is a

concern or issue, it will be shared immediately by the catechist. Please support the catechists by addressing their concern with your child as soon as it is shared with you.

CALENDAR



The link for the Tuesday evening calendar is found here: [Tuesday calendar](#)

The link for the Sunday morning calendar is found here: [Sunday calendar](#)

The calendar is subject to change. We will send notices through Flocknote should there be an unexpected closing.

ADVENT PROGRAM

OTHER SPECIAL DAYS



We will be having several special events throughout the year and one in particular will be a highlight for our 1st graders as they are asked to participate in the Advent play on Dec. 18. More information will be shared with the first grade parents in a separate email that will be sent via Flocknote by Oct. 1 at the latest. All first graders who are part of the Tuesday evening and 2018 Summer program are invited to participate in this wonderful prayerful portrayal. Thank you to the first grade summer and academic year catechists and Mrs. Prange for all their help in rehearsing and preparing the children and to Mr. Samson who will be providing the music.

ABSENCES



Please report your child's absence as soon as possible to [Miss Ballintyn](#). Catechists will supply make-up work to your child when they return to class.

WEATHER INFORMATION



Please be reminded that if inclement weather is predicted, we will post any delays or closures by 3pm via Flocknote emails and text messaging as well as on Facebook and on WDEL's Snowatch system. We were blessed with only one closing last year. Our rule of thumb is if St. John the Beloved School is closed, we are closed. More information to come as we enter the winter months.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Our Youth Ministry calendar can be located via this link: [2018 Calendar](#) Please consider joining us for another great year of adventure, learning and formation. Parents are most welcome to join the team. Our first adult team meeting is Sept. 10 at 6pm in the Vianney Conference Room. Please contact [Mrs. Ballintyn](#) to let us know you are interested in joining us as a team leader.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Blessing and Joy always!

