



# Religious Education News

## JANUARY 2023



Happy New Year, Amazing RE Families!! I hope you and your families enjoyed a beautiful Christmas together! My family was together for the *first time since 2019*, and I am so incredibly grateful. I have learned over the last couple years that each moment (even the tense and crazy ones) with my children and extended family is a gift. I hope to begin 2023 with renewed gratitude for my blessings and a greater trust in God's plan during the challenging times. Honestly, the last two years of FINALLY reading the Bible through the Bible in a Year podcast has been so helpful and rewarding to me, and this year I will try the Catechism in a Year podcast. I highly encourage each of you to find your ONE new spiritual habit that can make your 2023 AMAZING!



### Congratulations to the following RE Students for Perfect Attendance for First Half of the Year:

- Hannah Funk (PreK)
- Gavin Schwartz (Kindergarten)
- Grace Roda (1st Grade)
- Jeanette Page (2nd Grade)
- Serenity Schwartz (3rd Grade)
- Avery Jenkins (3rd Grade)
- Claire Roda (4th Grade)
- Malina Myers (5th Grade)
- Jordan Gober (7th Grade)
- Gabriella Grifone (7th Grade)
- Ethan Smith (7th Grade)
- Juliana Heinz (8th Grade)
- Addison Wise (8th Grade)

Please make sure you are signed up on REMIND to get notifications from RE in case of inclement weather. Use your phone to text to 81010, and text message @stpeterre2



### Virtue of the Month: **MEEKNESS**

*Acting with patience, mercy, and charity when resolving conflicts*

**MEEKNESS** overcomes the sin of anger. Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the world." When he was confronted by angry crowds who wanted to torture and kill him, he prayed for them. How often do we become upset and consumed by trivial matters? Use Christ as your model, control your anger and resentment, and cultivate patience through this virtue.

If you, your child, or someone you know shows an example of meekness, please add the name to our MEEKNESS board outside my office this month!

### Mass Times

- Saturday Vigil Mass 4PM
- Sundays 8:30 & 10:30AM



\* We had 14 Students who demonstrated GENEROSITY last month!



## So Sorry You're Sick...

Please remember to make prudent decisions about illnesses. Masking is optional, and we do our best to provide a safe, healthy space for learning.. Please contact your teachers about illnesses and missed classes so they can keep you informed about lessons and activities.



## Words to ponder...

*"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."*  
St. Catherine of Siena

## A New Opportunity for ALL RE Students and Families



Beginning on January 4th, students will receive a "Mass Question of the Week" that can be answered by attending Mass that week.

Because the answer can be found in the First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading or Gospel each week, everyone has a chance to get the answer by attending in person at any Catholic Mass, watching online, or even by looking up the Sunday readings on UCCB website or reading The Word Among Us (booklets given out at church). Questions will be geared to 3 age groups: PK-2nd, 3rd-6th, and 7th & 8th.

Students turn in their answers (yes, parents can help!), and all correct responses will go into a monthly drawing for each age group. This is something new I would like to try so it may need some "tweaking," but my hope is that more families return to Mass and learn more about the Word of God.



## LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES!

*Don't forget to check out choir, rosary, and Lectio Divina on Wednesday nights. There are still spots open for Altar Servers, Lectors, and Ushers as well. Youth who love music may join the Youth Choir too!*

**VOLUNTEER**



## UPCOMING RE DATES

1/1/23	No 7/8 RE Happy New Year
1/4/23	At Home Lesson PreK—6th
1/15/23	At Home Lesson 7th & 8th
1/18/23	Adoration 7PM*
1/22/23	First Reconciliation Workshop
1/28/23	Confirmation Dinner

**\* ALL RE Families are invited to join us for a chance to learn more about Adoration and to spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist!**

## THANK YOU...

...to everyone who contributed to the collection for the Missionary Childhood Association this Advent and to everyone who participated in the Knights of Columbus Drawing Contest. The closing dates for both of these is extended to **Wednesday, January 11th.**