



Religious Education 2010-2011

December 15, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

With only a few days left before Christmas, maybe we should slow down just a bit to complete our preparation for Christmas. The following is a quote from Pope Benedict:

“In being born among us, may the Child Jesus not find us distracted or merely busy, beautifying our houses with decorative lights. Rather, let us deck our soul and make our families a worthy dwelling place where he feels welcomed with faith and love”.

Class schedule at a glance: *The program calendar is also posted on the parish website.*

- December 22, 29: No class
- January 5: No class
- January 12: Class as usual

Special dates for second grade parents:

- January 26: First Eucharist parent meeting in the church. Begins at 6:30 PM.
- February 24: First Eucharist parent meeting in the church. Begins at 6:30 PM.
- March 19: First Eucharist retreat for second grade students and parents.
9 AM to 1 PM.
- April 14: Eucharist interviews in the school gym.
- May 1 and May 7: First Eucharist dates

Bad weather cancellation policy:

Just a reminder that the cancellation policy for religious education class is as follows: If the Dubuque Community schools cancel classes on Wednesday due to bad weather, or release early because of bad weather, RE classes for the evening are automatically cancelled.

If Dubuque Community schools announce a start time delay without early release, RE classes will proceed as scheduled.

From the Office for Protection of Children

Attached to this parent letter is the third of a five part series of parent NewsNotes from the Office for the Protection of Children from the Archdiocese of Dubuque. The purpose of these publications is to help all of us be more informed of the issues and topics related to the abuse of children. It is our sincere hope that by partnering together we can continually provide the safest possible environment for all our young people to grow into healthy, Christ-filled adults.

Future NewsNotes will be distributed during the months of January and February.

Additional resources can be found at the Virtus website at <http://www.virtusonline.org>.

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2011 Summer Religious Education program

The summer Religious Education program is offered as an alternative option to the Wednesday night program. The 2011 summer session will be held over a two week period, starting on Monday, June 13 and ending on Thursday, June 23. Classes will be conducted in the mornings (8 AM until Noon: Monday through Thursday) during those two weeks. We plan to include grades 1 through 7 in the 2011 summer program.

Class sizes will be limited. Registration for the summer program will be held on February 2.

Please call or email if you have questions about the summer program. Look for more detail in the January parent newsletter.

Just for Fun

Try to match up these Christmas terms and descriptions:

Match the correct terms:

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| 1. The word "Christ" | a.) Season of preparation for Christmas. |
| 2. Advent | b.) Legal father of Jesus. |
| 3. Christmas | c.) Signifies the unique and eternal relationship of Jesus to God the Father. |
| 4. Jesus | d.) Means in Hebrew: "God Saves". |
| 5. Title "Son of God" | e.) Celebrates the birth of Jesus and the mystery of the Incarnation (the son of God assumes our humanity). |
| 6. Joseph | f.) Comes from the Greek translation of the Hebrew <i>Messiah</i> , which means "anointed". |

If you have questions or comments about the Religious Education program, please feel free to contact me at 556-7511 or dbq058re@arch.pvt.k12.ia.us . Likewise, please feel free to stop at the parish office during the week to see me.

Thanks in advance for your continued cooperation and interest.

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Answers to the quiz: 1. **f** 2. **a** 3. **e** 4. **d** 5. **c** 6. **b**