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Dear Grade 8 Families,

We are excited to welcome you back to the Religious Ed program here at St. Michael Parish! By now, you should have received your Class Assignment packet in the mail, and are aware that classes will begin on **Sunday, October 3**. Middle and High School Classes will take place — as they did last year — twice most months, with a total of 13 classes between September and April. Please pay careful attention to the calendars that were sent home in your packets and make note of the dates, as they are not necessarily every other week. If you need an additional copy of that schedule, it can be found at <https://bedfordcatholic.org/calendars>. Please also note that classes are now 75 minutes long to give catechists ample time for each lesson.

Your Grade 8 student has a fun year ahead of them, as they begin their journey toward Confirmation. Beyond their studies, there are a few different assignments/activities coming up. All of these have been marked on the class schedule (Class Masses and Enrichment activities are on the bottom of the page), but I would like to highlight them for you here as well:

- Sunday, December 19: Class Mass + Hospitality
- Sunday, April 3: Spring Baby Shower (a service activity ... details to come in early 2022!)

You'll receive further details, directions and sign-up information for these gatherings in advance — I just send the dates to you now so you know what to expect.

The students will be receiving their "Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed" workbook at their first class. To access the online/video component of the program, please use the following link and bookmark the page for easy reference: https://ascensionpress.thinkific.com/enroll/870485?th_ug=e460ab32&th_c=mi-chellecolasante-altaration2020-bedfordma. You will need to create a username and password for your child.

Thanks to you all for your support of the program - enjoy your day!

With JOY in Christ,

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