

Welcome to the Religious Education Program 2019- 2020!

Classes will begin on **September 11th** and conclude on **May 13th**. Classes are held on Wednesdays at Bishop Ryan Catholic School from **6:00-7:15 p.m.** Please utilize the schedule for specific dates.

Program Highlights:

- **Spirit of Truth** will be the curriculum of choice once again (except 2nd & 8th grade)! Spirit of Truth covers the breadth of the entire Catechism in a rich and age-appropriate way, to connect with students of differing familiarity with the Faith. It also emphasizes the importance of the students' *personal* spiritual journey. While it's important for the students to understand the Faith, Spirit of Truth is designed to help them internalize the Faith and apply it to their own lives, providing ample opportunity for them to reflect on how everything they are learning applies to their own lived experience. Learn more about Spirit of Truth:
<https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/shop/spirit-of-truth-parish>
- **Eucharistic Adoration** will again be implemented to nurture the spiritual growth of the children as well as strengthen their relationship with Christ.
Each time that you go to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, you touch His Heart with your faith. Each holy hour that you make in the Presence of Jesus releases His power and graces upon you, your family, your parish, your diocese, and the world. Therefore, St. John Paul II, said that "the Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic Adoration."
- **Joy of the Gospel** will help the children get more out of Holy Mass and grow closer to Christ through a weekly lesson on the upcoming Sunday Gospel.
- **Heavenly Hall of Fame** is a weekly introduction to various saints for the children.

Total Consecration of Jesus through Mary consists of a 33-day preparation with each week focusing on a different theme/saint. After the 33-day preparation is completed, the Act of Consecration is made on a Marian Feast Day. We will begin on November 6th (actual date should be Nov 9th) and end on December 11th, Vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast.

33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley will be utilized for the preparation period.

"The Immaculate alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. She seeks souls that will consecrate themselves entirely to her, that will become in her hands forceful instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spread of God's kingdom." St. Maximilian Kolbe

The ROCK is a great event that is hosted by BRCS each year. It is a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to grow in knowledge and love of their Catholic faith! The event includes pizza, drinks, music, Catholic trivia (with prizes), Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, and excellent speakers. This year the ROCK will be held on **October 23rd** and **November 20th**.

The ROCK begins at **6:30 p.m. (arrive at 6 p.m. for class)** and usually ends between **8:00-8:30 p.m. Please adjust your child's transportation according.** It is available to students in grades 9-12; however, 8th graders are welcome. Adults are encouraged to come as well!

Traffic Flow

Please use the **south door (door A)** when picking up and dropping of children. We ask that you do not drop children off more than **10 minutes before class** begins. Please be punctual in picking up your children from class as a courtesy to our generous volunteers. For those that require parking, please use the parking lot to the north of the school and enter through the north door (door H). **A door monitor will be available for the safety of your children only at the south door (door A) until 7:25 p.m.**

Confirmation

Children in 9th grade will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation by attending Fr. Waltz's class on the Sacraments and Morality. Class will be held on **Wednesdays in the BRCS library from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** A separate schedule will be given to the confirmation students during the **first class on September 11th.**

A parent of the confirmation candidate is required by Fr. Waltz to attend all classes with their child (unless both parents have previously been through the class).

Confirmation for the children in this year's class will be held in the Fall of 2020.

Communication

Information will be shared via a variety of methods: St. Leo's website, App or bulletin (I also like to call people: old school haha).

If you are able and have not yet done so, please download the St. Leo the Great App as it is the most efficient means of swift notification -e.g., weather-related cancellations.

Please, in addition to RE, take your children to Mass. Christ Jesus, the Second person of the Holy Trinity, God-become-Man, is physically with us at every Mass. He is real, He is alive, and He stands before us, body, blood, soul and divinity in an unbloody manner, shrouded behind the appearance of bread and wine but substantially present in them. We do not merely *commemorate* Him. He is with us. We adore His Divine majesty. We fall down in worship before Him. And by joining our hearts and minds with the priest as he offers the Mass, we are participating in the only true gift we can give to God: the adoration of His Son.

Please contact Beverly Brintnell at 701-838-1026 or beverly.stleos@midconework.com with any questions, concerns, or great ideas for the program. :)

"It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

St. John Paul II

