

October Religious Ed News



News for ALL Religious Education Families:

The month of October in the Catholic Church is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7), and also the Feast of Our Lady of Champion (October 9). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary give us “thumbnails” of the life of Christ and his Mother.

- The Joyful Mysteries are taken mostly from Saint Luke’s Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus’ childhood.
 - The Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary
 - The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
 - The Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea
 - The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
 - The Finding of Jesus in the Temple
- The Luminous Mysteries bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross.
 - Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
 - The Wedding at Cana
 - The Proclamation of the Kingdom
 - The Transfiguration
 - The Institution of the Eucharist
- The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us.

- The Agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
- The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
- The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
- The Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died-His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.
 - The Resurrection of Jesus
 - The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
 - The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
 - The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
 - The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

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Religious Education 2023-2024:

If you have not yet registered, your [REGISTRATION is](#) late.

PLEASE, submit that if you have not submitted it yet.

Reminder: you'll need to **register every year**. *including SMSA 9th, 10th, & 11th graders! Parents, there are a **minimum of two forms to submit**; you'll get the link to register each individual child once you submit your family registration form.

Service EVENTS for all Religious Ed FAMILIES and Students [click here](#)

- Looking for High School Teens interested in LEADERSHIP and with a willingness to dive in deeper to their faith lives, and also to help organize the Middle School Youth Group events! [Click here](#)

- Coffee House - [CLICK HERE To help](#)



SACRED GROUNDS

Sponsorship Levels

Please, consider sponsoring to cover cost of coffee grounds, seasonal other drink options, filters, cups, lids, prepping supplies ect.

Coffee House Keep teens going to Mission Trips in the Summers & our Religious Ed. programing going strong!

We cannot *espresso* enough thanks!

\$25 Beans Keeping Us Grounded!

\$50 Sip Sip Hooray!

\$100 Brew-ti-ful Donation!

\$125 Our Flavorite Blend

\$150 Whole Latte Love

*Thanks a- Latte,
Religious Education Department*

**Checks payable
& sent to:**

**Shepherd of the
Hills, % Dawn Doll ,
W1562 Co Rd B,
Eden, WI 53019**

**Memo-line: Coffee
House**

- Annual Fall pre-selling for WINTER Faris Popcorn SALE [CLICK HERE for link to selling flyer \(Will be handed out at classes\)](#)

PREORDER FARIS POPCORN...WHAT ARE THE DETAILS?

CHECKS & PICKUP

student handwritten pre-order forms & Money
due Oct. 22nd *with their name on it

-Checks payable to Religious Ed. St. Matthew
*list "popcorn" in memoline please
(YES SMC even if you're SOTH)

-PopCorn will be picked up at St. Matthew Campbellsport Parish Center on Mill Street (on Dec. 3rd possibly able to wait until Dec. 10th)



(For students and teachers who attend Monday night classes at SOTH, Dawn is willing to bring your orders to class in December at SOTH!)

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High School RE News

- **High School RE News is found HERE:**
<https://www.myreligiousused.com/high-school-homepage.html>
*****PLEASE don't hesitate to contact me, Anna Kraus, if you have any specific questions or concerns. (920)375-1920**
akraus@sothparish.org

- **Oct. 8th is High School** meets at St. Matthew SEE below FALL Schedule for Parish TEENS
- 11th GRADERS SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT about this Sunday Oct. 8th...





- *** ADDED in is the October 11th at 3:15-4(ish) Anna will be at St. Mary Springs in the Campus Ministry room to chat with the SMSA 11th graders about session 1-8 of Decision Point & hand out some important directions for your PARENTS & Your SPONSORS!
- Let Anna know via email any sports or club schedules for your teen. I'd love to attend some events to see teens in the places they are spending a MAJORITY of their time
- We RECOGNIZE their GOD given talents and their efforts and dedication to these activities in their lives.
- I wish to show them that the Church VALUES their sharing of their talents! We want them to have "BOTH AND" meaning both team dedication & dedicated to Faith formation. THEY GO TOGETHER not separate.
- Look at the High School Session Calendar, and MAKE High School Sessions a priority. Your TEEN is genuinely missed when they do not

attend, and small group conversations are not the same without them. You are WELCOME to help provide the “hospitality/Snacks” for our Social Time following the 9AM Mass Oct. 8th & Oct 22nd REACH OUT to Anna at akraus@sothparish.org let her know you want to help with Oct. 8th & Oct. 22 hospitality!

- **Plan on your family being actively part of our programming WE NEED YOU for the Coffee House, and various fundraising and CERTAINLY events when we're in session for 1st-11th grade!**
- If you are not registered then you're likely not getting our emails or communications. Please, get registered online today!
- Get ready to SERVE via online link to our service page 8th grade-11th graders can submit any service hours (30 hours by winter of 11th grade's Confirmation & a short yearly service reflection paper each December of High School!)

Mission Trip News

- Oct. 15th We are headed to Racine for a mini Alive in You reunion & Mass as well as lunch & some fundraising with teens at St. Rita's in Racine. (Meet at Shepherd of the Hills 8AM-3:30(ish)PM)

-We had an outstanding time with the Alive in You Mission Trip this Summer. The theme was Ascend and discussed the virtue of Fortitude. Watch for Announcements about Alive in You SUMMER 2024 to go live this Fall. (We're anticipating spots will fill by October 22nd when they open for our Parish 2023 this year!) Location will likely be Knoxville, TN or possibly a suburb of Chicago, IL TBD!

We do group fundraising (2 in person events that make this trip VERY affordable, for any 9th-12th grader interested!) Please reach out to Anna Kraus if you are looking for details.

Elementary/ Middle RE News

2nd grade Sacramental Parent Meeting:

On **Wednesday, October 4**, the final Parent Meeting for all 2nd grade parents will be held in the church at St. Matthew at 6:20 pm. At least 1 parent from each family of 2nd graders must attend one of the meetings. Please contact Dawn at 920.322.5066 if you have questions or concerns. Rel Ed 2nd grade students will be in class at that time.

Here is the link to the 2nd Grade Sacrament Form which needs to be filled out for each child to be registered for 2nd Grade Sacraments: <https://forms.gle/BZto4mx9pxb7PFce6>
Please fill out the form today!

- Middle School Youth Group **October 5th is canceled due to only RSVP REGRETS**
- We hope Oct 26th is a better chance for middle schoolers to attend!
- See YG calendar on the website for the full year!
- We're always looking for High School Teens & adult SEE trained helpers! [here](#)

Youth Group Calendar

2023-2024

~ Fall ~

October: 5th & 26th
November: 16th

~ Winter ~

December: 14th
January: 11th & 25th
February: 22nd & 29th

~ Spring ~

March: 14th
April: 4th & 25th

~ Summer ~

June/ July/August
Mission Trips dates TBD

Youth Group details

WHO: 6th-8th graders

WHERE: typically St. Matthew
alt. location like bowling, a park,
Shepherd gym it's TBD monthly
flyer shows

How to Get in: Enter via Mill
Street St. Matthew gym doors.
Then we will most likely go into
gym/ cafeteria most of night!

WHEN: 6pm-8:30pm
Please be on time for arrival
& pick up.

WHY: Get to know fellow
middle school kids in our
parish who homeschool, go
to day school, religious ed,
and bring a friend if you'd
like to!

Please RSVP via a parent
TEXT to ANNA KRAUS by
24hours BEFORE event

This helps so Anna has
enough materials/ food/
games/ details like an
emergency contact # in case
you bring a new friend!



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RELIGIOUS ED CLASS NIGHTS:

Monday nights: At Shepherd of the Hills drop-off and pick-up will be as follows: enter Shepherd of the Hills from the east entrance (Mercury Lane) and go west through the parking lot. Please stop to unload/pick-up in front of the school entrance. Please ask your children to wait in the gym for the opening prayer before class. Doors will open at 5:45 pm and close again at 6:30 pm for Safe Environment reasons. They will open again at 7:15 pm for pickup. **Parents of 1st & 2nd graders, please come inside to pick up your child.** If you need to get into the building between these times, please call my cell at 920.322.5066. Thank you! - Dawn

Parents, please be sure that your child is wearing gym-appropriate shoes to Rel Ed if they plan to wait/play in the gym before classes at all on Monday nights. We've had a lot of scuffing on the gym floor from boots in years past, and it causes a lot of extra work for our maintenance staff. Thank you!

Wednesday nights: At St. Matthew, drop off and pick-up at the west school entrance just past the carport for classes. Please ask your children to wait in the cafeteria for the opening prayer before class. Doors will open at 6pm and then be locked at 6:30 pm for Safe Environment reasons. They will open again at 7:15pm for pickup. **Parents of 1st & 2nd graders, please come inside to pick up your child.** If you need to get into the building between these times, please call my cell at 920.322.5066. Thank you. - Dawn

REMINDER: Students entering 8th grade this year can begin turning in service hours toward Confirmation already! You can find the location to sign up for and turn-in service hours here: <https://www.myreligioused.com/service-hours--events.html>



Family Faith Points:

Thank you to all who participated in Family Faith Points last Rel Ed year! Family Faith Points is going out this week at Religious Ed classes. There are a total of 20 points available - feel free to do one or two of the activities and **return to it your classroom** teacher next week!

New this year - bring an item to class for the Parish Baby Shower for Moms who need some extra help to raise their little ones for 5 points! Details in your Family Faith Points packets!