



Children's Religious Education

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Dear Parents,

Once again, I thank you for your commitment to the faith formation of your children, and to this parish program. The first month went very well, and quickly!

Please let me know of any questions or comments you have about this program. I am available by email anytime: epindner@msn.com or by phone all day Tuesdays & Fridays in the parish office: 303-838-0338.

In addition, I am phasing out the paper copies of this newsletter as well as notes home. I hope to transition to email & website as more efficient methods of communicating with parents by Nov 1. Please notify me if you have an email address that you prefer to receive these

attachments.

The newsletters, calendar and curriculum information are all on our website now: www.olpines.org

The Music Program is described in depth in the article below; and we are all excited about enhancing the children's music ministry for the 11:00 Children's Liturgies every month. Contact Doug Sandusky with any musical questions.

As you know, all students must be taken into & out of the building by an adult. Especially be aware that in picking up your children, they need to remain inside until they or I see you—the parking lot is too busy for them to safely run through it, as they love

to do. We are using the lower level back door only this year—please remind your 6th & 7th graders, since they are upstairs this year. One access point makes it easier for us to monitor who is with your children.

Another safety facet is that of the Archdiocesan requirement to offer the program, "Formation in Christian Chastity" for parents to teach their children. See details on reverse.

I appreciate the trust you have put in this program to further the faith formation of your children.
*Eileen Lindner
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Our Lady of the Pines & St. Elizabeth*

Children's Music Program

At our second class of the year, we started reintroducing a musical component to the weekly CRE classes. This program is to enhance your child's religious education experience and to encourage the children to participate more actively in Mass through music. We will be using the first 15 minutes of class and go to the Church to sing and learn some of the music which is sung at Mass.

All children are invited, but not required, to participate. The children involved may sing together as a group in the choir area during the monthly Children's Masses.



Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Weather Closings
If schools are closed, so are we. We will notify parents in the event of weather related closings. Please be sure we have accurate phone numbers & email addresses. Please consider your safety first & avoid driving if the weather is questionable.

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Children's Liturgy Oct 18 at 11 a.m. Mass

**Class sessions this month:
Wednesday 4:15—5:30**

- October 1
- October 8
- October 15
- October 29

Sunday 9:15—10:30
October 4
October 11
October 25

Archdiocesan Curriculum

The Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection offers additional information & materials to parents as tools to aid in educating their children. On behalf of the Archdiocese, in early October, we will be sending letters from their office to all parents of children in grades 1-5. Complete lesson plans from the Formation In Christian Chastity program will be included so you may present this information to your child at home. This program has been mandated by Archbishop Chaput and the United States Bishops' Conference to educate our children. The Archdiocesan website, <http://www.archden.org/index.cfm/ID/319/Lesson-Plans:-Formation-in-Christian-Chastity/> has further details.

Instead of adding time to our current schedule of classes, and since the parents are the primary educators of their children, especially in faith & morality concerns, we are providing all the materials needed to meet these Archdiocesan requirements to the parents of children in grades 1-5.

We offer this as a tool for you to use to educate & inform your children at home, in a comfortable environment that may lead to fruitful discussions of faith & morality issues which are best addressed by parents. If you have questions, please contact Christopher Pond at the Archdiocesan offices at 303-722-4687.

Parent Opportunities!

As you help your child learn their prayers, you may start remembering other prayers, or other traditions that you learned as a child. If it has been a while since these were familiar, or your children come home with interesting questions after class, consider attending one of the Adult Education Classes. OLP offers sessions for Adults during CRE time, giving you a quiet opportunity to learn & meet other parents while your children are also learning. Volunteering in ministries is another opportunity for spiritual growth. Your example of living your faith is so important to your children. Continue to commit your time to learn about & celebrate your faith so your children are excited to be part of it.

Children's Liturgies



Thank you to the wonderful children who took part in the first Children's Liturgy of this CRE year on September 27. Our readers were: Sierra Fortin, Micaylah Loebig, & Isabella Rocha. The excited ushers were: Joe McCabe, Vonie Grubb, Kira Farris, Callie Grawe & Forrest Farris. Maggie Cadilli, Cameron Clarke, Cheyanna Duran, Riley Wilson, Callie Grawe, Joe McCabe, & Vonie Grubb were excellent gift bearers. If your child would like to participate in the Children's Liturgies near the end of every month, please contact Eileen, or have your child sign up at CRE class. The next Children's Mass will be **October 18, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. The Music Program has also begun, and the children are also invited to sign up to sing together during the October Children's Mass. Thank you so much for supporting this way of introducing your fine children to ministries and to the parish community.

2009-10 Children's Masses:

October 18

November 22

December 24

January 17

February 21

March 21

April 18

Sixth Annual All Hallows Eve Family Party!

The family party that is always so much fun is returning on Friday,

October 30,

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Trick or Treat Street, the cake walk & crafts are always FREE!

Please call Eileen at 303-838-0338 if you want to help. Our youth, middle to high schoolers, will be helping entertain & distribute candy. Please bring your candy donations to the parish office anytime this month.