

# GOOD NEWS NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome Back

Welcome back to another faith-filled Religious Education year. In order to have the best program possible, it takes the effort of our many wonderful catechetical ministers, St. Elizabeth's staff, students, and parents. This newsletter has come about to improve communication between all of these different people.

The newsletter will include what the students are learning in the classroom, ideas for continuing that learning at home, special events coming up, and interesting tidbits of information about our faith.

Please take time to read this newsletter each time it comes and use it to fulfill the promises made at baptism to be the primary educators of faith for your children.

## Grade 9 Confirmation

There will be a Parent/Student informational meeting on Wednesday, September 28th, at 6:30pm. The meeting will explain the Confirmation program, requirements, tips on choosing a mentor, and why the Church is asking for more involved participation from your mentor.

If you have not made your sacraments at St. Elizabeth's, please bring your Baptismal certificate and record of First Eucharist with you.

## Getting to Know Our Staff

St. Elizabeth's has gone through many changes over the summer, so this is a great time to do a 'Who's Who' of our Religious Education program.

Rebecca Schumacher is still the Director of Religious Education for Grades PreK-Five. After the birth of her son, Isaac Matthew, in November, she has cut down to part time and is now in the office Tuesday-Thursday.

Polly Kulas has left us to get married and move to St. Paul where her husband, Chuck, is finishing law school. Her position as Director of Grades 6-12 has been divided between two wonderful women.

Beth Lakmann is now, in addition to Music Ministry, taking on the role of Coordinator of Grades 6-8. After ten years of teaching, she is excited to be downsizing to one job. She looks forward to spending more time with her husband, Mark, and children, Lexie and Sam.

Kathy Payne has joined our staff to take on the role of Coordinator of Grades 9-12, including the Confirmation Program. Some of you may remember Kathy and her husband, Norm, from when they lived in Holmen from 1976-1991. She even taught in the program!! She has also been Director of Religious Education at St. Mary's Lycurgus, Waukon, IA, and St. Luke's in El Paso, TX.

Please contact us in the parish office with questions, concerns, or praises!!!

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## Attendance

If your child needs to miss Religious Education classes for any reason please contact the Parish office. This helps us ensure the safety of

ALL of our students!



## Calendar

August 20-21	Religious Education Registration Booth set up after Masses	
August 24	Meeting for all Support Staff Meeting for all New Catechists	6:30 7:15
August 27-28	Religious Education Registration Booth set up after Masses	
August 28	Introduction to Religious Education program for all new parishioners	9:00am
August 31	Meeting for ALL Catechists	6:30
September 7	Meeting for ALL Catechists	6:30
September 14	<b>FIRST NIGHT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>	6:30-7:45
September 18	<b>3/4 YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 3 year old - Dickinson Funeral Home 4 year old - Learn 'N Grow Preschool	10:15am
September 20	Children's Choir	4:00-4:45
September 21	Church of Rock Religious Education Fire Drill	5:45-6:30 6:30-7:45
September 24/25	Catechetical Weekend	
September 25	3/4 Year Old Sunday School	10:15am
September 28	Religious Education Grade 9 Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting Parents and students meet in church Penny Frenzy Begins Theme Basket Collection Begins	6:30-7:45

## Reconciliation Changes!!!!

The Diocese has asked that we change the age that our students receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Students are to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before they receive First Eucharist.

Our relationship with God, like our relationships with family and friends, relies on love and forgiveness. If we have done anything to harm that relationship, we have the wonderful gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can ask forgiveness of God and heal our relationship before we receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

Due to this change, all students in grades 2-4 who have not yet received the Sacrament of Reconciliation will need to do so this year. There will be two options for you to attend a MANDATORY parent meeting. These meetings will take place on Sunday, October 2, 6:30-7:30pm, and Wednesday, October 5, 6:30-7:30pm. You must attend one of these meetings.



## Musical Opportunities

Any First through Fifth Grader interested in having fun and using their musical talent to praise God, please join us for Children's Choir. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 20th, 4-4:45pm at the church. For more info, contact Rebecca in the parish office.

Church of Rock will continue this year, but with a new twist. Beth Lakmann will be directing this group, and it is open to all students in grades 6-12. We will rehearse every other Wednesday evening from 5:45 to 6:30, beginning September 21st. This group will focus on contemporary praise and worship choral music, and instrumentalists are welcome as well. If you like to sing and want to have fun praising God together, please join us!!! If you have any questions, contact Beth in the parish office.

## Did You Know?

September 8th is the celebration of the birthday of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Although we have no definite record of Mary's birthday, September 8th was chosen by the Eastern churches in the sixth century

Get a statue of Mary, bake a cake, sing 'Happy Birthday,' and plan a party with your children to celebrate Mary's birthday.

