

Dear Parent:

The 2016-2017 Religious Education school year has come to a close. St Aloysius Church provides an organized, structured environment in which the teaching and traditions of our Catholic faith are passed to our children. The parish religious education staff and our volunteer catechists are happy to share with you in the important ministry of the spiritual formation of your child.

We trust that in bringing your child to our religious education program, you take seriously the promises you made at your child's Baptism. Attendance of religious education classes is of utmost importance in their ability to understand basic Catholic truths and the Church's beliefs, doctrine, rituals and traditions. As is customary, we record attendance each week that we are in session. We also noted attendance at all Religious Education scheduled Masses, Family Faith Formation events, Stations of the Cross, etc. You are receiving this letter because your child has had more than the 5 permitted absences this school year.

Grades 1 & 2: We ask that you work with your child in completing some assignments from the Faith and Life textbook and return the completed pages to our office no later than August 1, 2017 in order for your child to be placed in the appropriate religious education class in the upcoming school year. These exercises will cover the lessons missed, serve to review the curriculum for the year and better prepare your child as they advance on to the next grade of formation.

The required assignments are posted on the St. Aloysius Church parish website (**starcc.com** – click on "Religious Education" then "Attendance Matters" and find appropriate assignments by grade here). The children were given their Faith and Life textbook at the end of the religious education school year. The book is necessary for you to guide your child through the assignments. If you cannot locate your book, please contact us and we will provide you with another book.

As the faithful, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to share God's Word and message through joyful worship, lifelong learning, compassionate service and responsible stewardship. Please contact us if you need any additional assistance or resources.

*"I can do all things through him, who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13*

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