

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.

Grade 6: In order for your child to be well prepared for our Confirmation preparation program, it is essential that they have an understanding of Salvation History – covering both the Old and New Testament. The complete list of bible readings for the past school year and the assessment are posted on the St. Aloysius Church parish website (starcc.com – *click on "Religious Education" then "Attendance Matters" and find appropriate readings for 6th grade here*). The readings are necessary in order to guide your child through the assessment. The children were given their bible in a case at the beginning of the religious education school year. If you cannot locate your bible, please contact us and we will provide you with another. The assessment should be completed and returned 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. The assessment will serve to review the 6th grade curriculum and better prepare your child as they advance on to the next level of formation.

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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