

# *Saint Andrew Parish*

*The parish of Saint Andrew,  
a welcoming, joyful and renewing Catholic community,  
dedicates itself to serving all of God's people  
with the love of Jesus and His mission.*

## **Religious education**

Our religious education program is designed to meet the needs of children who attend public schools and Sacramental preparation for all parish children who attend both public and Catholic schools.

### **Elementary-Junior High (Grades 1 through Grade 8)**

Meets: Saturday Mornings

From: 9:00AM to 10:30AM

Starts: September 20<sup>th</sup>

### **High School (Grades 9 & 10 as well as Grade 11 in Fall)**

Meets: Sunday Mornings

From: 9:30AM to 10:45AM

Starts: SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

*Note: Attending 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade religious education are prerequisites for our Confirmation program. Students who are in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade or older who wish to be Confirmed should register for the Confirmation preparation program.*

### **Rosebuds**

“Rosebuds” is a group welcoming children with mental and physical challenges to participate in a special religious education program including sacramental preparation. We welcome children from all parishes. Call the Religious Education Office for more information.

## **Liturgy of the Word for Children**

Liturgy of the Word for children happens at our 11:00AM mass. Young children ages 3 years through Grade 2 are invited to join the catechist after the opening prayer to hear the Word of God at their level of understanding. They return to their families after the General Intercessions.

Our Religious Education program has over 15 catechists who share faith with our young people and adults. They truly carry out the MISSION of our parish.

**Registration weekend is September 6/7-following all Masses in the gathering area of Church.**

Please keep our children and catechists in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Carol Hoffman, Pastoral Associate  
455-5853

## Sacramental Preparation (For all parish children)

Since Sacraments are part of the Catholic Initiation into parish life, sacramental preparation and celebration takes place within the parish. Children attending Catholic Schools need to attend our parish sacramental preparation sessions.

### Sacrament of Baptism

For Baptism of a child under 5 years of age, contact the rectory for information on the next Baptismal Parent session. Children over 5 years old should attend the Initiation of Older Children sessions—see below.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parish children in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will start preparing for First Penance in January. They will celebrate the sacrament in March. More information will be sent to the parents of our second graders.

### Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

Parish children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will start preparing for First Eucharist following the Christmas break. They will celebrate the sacrament in April after Easter. More information will be sent to the parents of our third graders.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Parish teens in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade who wish to be confirmed will attend a special Confirmation program.. The program starts with a Candidate and parent session in the Fall. Please call the Religious Education Office for more information.

### Sacramental Parent Sessions

These sessions are for parents who have a child about to celebrate a Sacrament. This is a time to share our concerns...a time to deepen our understanding of the Sacraments. Parent sessions are a mandatory blessing!

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

*RCIA is a faith-journey by which adults find their way into the Catholic Church.*

Perhaps a family member or a friend has questions about the Catholic faith...our inquiry sessions will help to answer some of those questions. The primary goal of the RCIA process is the conversion through faith, rather than simply the transmission of doctrinal facts. ***“Faith is caught more than it is taught!”*** You are the means God uses to spread the Gospel, please invite those you know and love to “Come and See” through the RCIA inquiry sessions. For more information, please call 454-2486.



### Initiation of Older Children (IC)

*(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for use with children)*

Unbaptized children who have reached the age of discretion are to be admitted to the Children’s Catechumenate and are to be initiated in the same manner as adults who are enrolled in the RCIA process.

Older children (7-13), who were baptized Catholics at infancy and those baptized in another faith, and need sacramental preparation for Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation will also enter into this process.

For more information, please call 455-5853.