



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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Dear Parents of Our Religious Education Program,

With only another month of summer vacation, we are preparing for another year of Religious Education. For over 40 years, the parishes of SS. John and Bernard in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph in St. Joseph, have combined our resources to provide religious education to our public and home-schooled students. Each year has its specific topics and areas of focus. In particular, students preparing for First Penance/First Communion in May and Confirmation in the spring have a two-year process. For the non-sacrament years, the Faith is taught and shared to compliment the Faith Formation of each student.

Registration is beginning the weekend of August 4-5 or 11-12. The nominal fee covers the textbooks and other materials need for the year. (Second grade and Eighth grade is more, due to the retreat and other materials needed for the respective sacraments.) Classes resume the week of September 16. I cannot emphasize the importance of Sunday Mass attendance all year round. We are grateful for the volunteers who supplement your teaching efforts. The NET team will be helping with Confirmation again, as well as youth ministry for our middle and high school students at LMC, public schools and home schools.

If you have questions, please direct them to our Religious Education Director, Mr. Tim Smith or our Re Ed administrative assistant, Ms. Roxanne Rogers. Let's have another great year in the Faith.

Sincerely,

Very Rev. Robert F. Creagan
Pastor