

Dear Parents,

Our Lady Star of the Sea will start Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) classes within the next few weeks.

What is RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)? RCIC is open to all children between the ages of 7-14, baptized and unbaptized. Children will be preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. These classes also will serve as education for those children who are wishing to *join* the Catholic Church. Whether your family is just entering the Church, is returning after a time away, have decided as a family to delay the child's sacramental preparation, or any other circumstance, all are welcome.

The RCIC team not only includes the teacher and the children, but the parents/guardians also. The true success of the program hinges upon the follow-through of the family in teaching the faith at home, and making sure the family is actively participating in parish life and attending Mass. Parents are welcome to join in RCIA while their child is in RCIC held on Monday nights.

Details on start date will be sent to interested families.

Please contact Joanne Pensenstadler at <u>youthministry@olss.org</u> or call the Parish Office if you have any additional questions.

In Christ, Joanne Pensenstadler