



# WELCOME

## St. Wenceslaus Religious Education

### 2018 - 2019



Greetings! I am looking forward to my time at Saint Wenceslaus Parish and one of my primary roles is to hand on the faith to the next generation. Religious education is one of these ways that faith gets handed on to the next generation. If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families as we begin this new year of religious education.

In Christ, through Mary,  
Rev. Anthony Urban

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year of **Religious Education** at St. Wenceslaus Parish! Father Urban is looking forward to working with the youth and families of the parish.

**RE classes begin on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.** Class time will run from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday, unless otherwise stated. If weather conditions are a concern and class needs to be cancelled, the announcement will be posted on the St. Wenceslaus Facebook page and via email if an e-mail address is provided. If Bon Homme School has called off classes or dismissed early due to bad weather, then RE classes will be cancelled as well. If you have any questions, please contact the DREs or Father.

The Diocese of Sioux Falls requires the students of our Religious Education Program to receive annual, age-appropriate awareness training on how to keep themselves safe and report suspected abuse. Awareness training is presented in the classroom by our RE teachers who have also completed the safe environment program for adults. This year we are using the curriculum "Made In His Image" and it will be presented on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. As a parent, you have the right to opt your child(ren) out of the scheduled instruction. If you choose to opt your child(ren) out, please fill out the enclosed form and return on the first night of class, Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. They will still be expected to attend RE that night and will receive separate instruction from their class on a different faith based topic.

We are excited to open the **St. Wenceslaus "Disciples Diner"** again this year for our RE students, teachers and parents. The "Disciples Diner" will open at 6:15 p.m. and will serve a light meal until 6:45 p.m. All students will need to remain in the dining area until they go to the chapel at 6:45 p.m. A meal count will be needed for each week so we are asking that students, parents and teachers sign up each week at the "Disciple Diner" or send an email to the DRE by the requested date. Hope you can join us for some great food and conversation in a relaxed atmosphere.

There will be no supervision of the playground before or after class. Please do not send your youth to class too early. The chapel door will be opened by 6:15 p.m. for those that are going to the "Disciples Diner". Youth that are not attending the "Disciples Diner" should not arrive before 6:45 p.m. **Please enter and exit through the chapel door only. Please remind your children that Jesus is present in the chapel and they need to show respect by blessing themselves with holy water when entering the chapel, genuflecting in front of the altar on their right knee and making the sign of the cross, genuflecting again before they enter the pew and then sit quietly with no talking in the chapel while waiting for our group prayer and for class to start. They will genuflect and bless themselves with holy water again when exiting the chapel.**

This will be the second year for our **"Family Faith Night"**. There will be 4 sessions throughout the RE year. To start off the evening, we are inviting your family to dine together at the "Disciples Diner". Everyone will then gather in the chapel at 7:00 p.m. After a prayer, we will ask the students (Grades Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup>) to go to a designated area for their faith based activity or service with the teachers, parents and Father. We see this as a great opportunity to grow in faith as a family and hope that you do too. Your presence is pivotal in your child(ren)'s faith development. Everyone

will then join Father in church for the last 10 minutes of the program for Adoration. This is a night when Faith and Family come together! We look forward to seeing you!

The 2018 - 2019 RE Calendar and "Disciples Diner" Schedule and Diner rules are enclosed. The Youth Group will be getting a more detailed calendar of events from their group leaders prior to the first day of class.

**Also enclosed are the following forms that must be returned:**

- **2018-2019 Registration Form**
- **2018-2019 Behavior Policy Form**
- **"Family Faith Night" T-Shirt Order Form (if applicable – new students/teachers only)**
- **Photo & Video Release Form for Minor Children**

**Please return all forms to the DREs on the first RE Class on September 5<sup>th</sup>.** RE information and forms are also posted on the church website.

To help put into practice what your children learn in RE classes, please provide opportunities for them to attend church in Tabor on Saturday's at 5:00 p.m., Sunday's at 10:30 a.m. or another town. Remember mass times change with daylight savings time; watch the bulletin.

Listed below are the teachers and the location of where each class will be held.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Location</u>
Pre-K/K	Julie Burbach & Lynn Rous (Helper – Sarah Torsney Goeden)	K/1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Room
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jen Carda & Erin Pechous (Helper – Ann Souhrada)	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Room
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grace Zimmerman & Lisa Hauck	Downstairs Daycare Room
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kena Rezac & Lisa Vlcek	Music Room
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ronnie Cap	Special Education Room
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Souhrada & Heather Fillaus (Helper – James Fillaus)	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Room
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ione Cap & Gary Zimmerman	Title Room
Youth Group 9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Rezac & Terry Sestak	Rezac Home
DRE	Lisa Hauck	
Assistant DRE	Grace Zimmerman	
Pastor	Father Anthony Urban	

God's Blessings,  
Lisa Hauck  
Grace Zimmerman