



St. Michael Catholic Church

Faith Formation Office

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Postscript to Parents

November 6-7, 2011

Please remember that Daylight Savings Time ends on Sat, Nov 6.
It is time to set your clocks back one hour.

Religious Education Calendar Nov 6th, 2011 through Dec 26th, 2011

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| Sun/Mon, Nov 6 & 7 | - RE class
- 10:30 Father Robert Barron DVD "Catholicism"
- Daylight Saving Time ends |
| Sun/Mon, Nov 13 & 14 | - RE class
- Save Environment Instructions for all Grades K through 6
- Donut Sunday (Parish Cafeteria) |
| Sun/Mon, Nov 20 & 21 | - NO RE – Thanksgiving |
| Sun, Nov 27 | - NO RE for SUNDAY students |
| Mon, Nov 28 | - RE class for MONDAY students only |
| Sun/Mon, Dec 4 & 5 | - RE class
- 10:30 Father Robert Barron DVD "Catholicism" |
| Monday, Dec 5 | - RE Advent Reconciliation Service, 4:30PM (Grades 3-6) |
| Saturday, Dec 10 | - First Reconciliation Service– 2 nd graders |
| Sun/Mon, Dec 11 & 12 | - RE class - last class in 2011
- Donut Sunday (Parish Cafeteria) |
| Sun/Mon, Dec 18 & 19 | - NO RE – Christmas break |
| Sun/Mon, Dec 25 & 26 | - NO RE – Christmas break |

SAFE ENVIRONMENT INSTRUCTIONS – next weekend

Dear Parents,

In accordance with the Catholic Church's *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, the Diocese of Joliet requires all parishes to implement the *Safe Environment* program for students in Kindergarten through Grade 6. The focus of this workshop is to help children recognize inappropriate touching and to offer them strategies to deal with these situations if they arise.

St. Michael Faith Formation Office will meet this requirement by providing classroom instruction on **Sunday, November 13th**, and **Monday, November 14th**, 2011. The workshops will be facilitated by St. Michael's Catechists.

Parents are invited to view the Emmy Award winning video *What Do I Say Now?* which gives tips on how to listen to your child and how to talk to your child about awkward topics including touching safety. Your opportunity as a parent to view this video will be during Faith Formation Office hours, Nov 9-11, Wed-Fri, from 9:00AM-4:00PM in the Conference Room on the 3rd Floor of the Faith Center.

St. Michael Parish recognizes the role of the parent as the primary educator. Thus, there is the option to not participate. If you do NOT wish for your child to participate in the classroom instruction, please sign the attached release form, detach it and return it to the Faith Formation Office by Sun, Nov 6th or Mon, Nov 7th, 2011. Please fill out a form for each child. Other options will be provided for your child during the 20 minute Safety presentation.

Sincerely,

Magdalena Glaz,
Director of Religious Education

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Please return to the Faith Formation Office by Sun, Nov 6th or Mon, Nov 7th, 2011 only if:

My child listed below is to be excused from attending the 20 minute Safety presentation during Religious Education class on **Sun, Nov 13th** or **Mon, Nov 14th**, 2011. I understand that it is my right and responsibility as a parent under both state law and the guidelines of the Catholic Church to do any such instruction myself.

Child's First and Last Name

Grade-Room-Catechist

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

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CATHOLICISM

ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM

Please join us **this Sunday, November 6th**
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1st Floor of the Faith Center

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Sun, Feb 5th & 26th
Sun, March 11th
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