

# Religious Education - January Bulletin

As we enter 2019, the pace of the program begins to really pick up, especially as the students come closer to receiving a sacrament for the first time, i.e. Eucharist and Confirmation. Let us keep these young people in our prayers as this semester progresses.

**Congratulations** to the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Advent/Christmas Service Projects:** As I mentioned in the December bulletin, each grade partakes in a service project. The variety of community outreach chosen by the teachers was phenomenal. The student/family response this year, in particular, was equally amazing. Overall participation was more than I could have ever hoped for. I would just like to express a very sincere thank you to all families and students for your active role in reaching out to families both within and outside of our parish community.

## **Ski/Tubing/Snowboarding at Sunburst:**

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019: grades 6- 8**

I will be speaking to each grade on Monday, January 7. At that time they can pick up the forms for the event. I am inviting both the 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Religious Education Program /St. Jude School. To make this happen, I need chaperones as well. This is our sixth year doing this and they have gone very well because of the incredible cooperation I received from both parents and students. I am expecting the same for this year.

**Family Night Dinner for Religious Education:** The Elementary Religious Education Program is happy to once again host our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Night supper on **February 18<sup>th</sup>**. The purpose of this evening is to promote community building and another chance for the faculty and myself to meet the families in our program. The evening is going to be quite simple. We are going to have hot dogs and chili for supper and asking families to bring side dishes and desserts. There will be no speeches or presentations - just a relaxing night for all. As a result, no classes will be held that night. My only requirement is that since the catechists will be busy handing out the food, the parents will be responsible for their children. Therefore, if the parents are unable to attend, please keep your children at home because they will not be supervised. More information will be sent out in January/February.

**Confirmation:** Our retreat is on Sunday, February 10, from 1-8 pm at St. Jude. Please eat lunch before you arrive. Supper will be provided. Sunday liturgy will be a part of the retreat. More details will follow.

On behalf of the parish staff and all of the catechists, I hope all of you had a blessed Christmas and best wishes on this New Year.

Peace to you,

Gary Heun