



## **CRE = Continuing Religious Education**

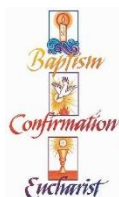


Dear Parents,

**Happy Easter!** This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! The word “rejoice” sounds like we are repeating joy. Let us rejoice in the love of God that we reflect to each other with socially distant greetings, streaming messages, care packages, prayers, etc. Let us rejoice in the dedication of all our families, teachers, and students to continue their online lessons. Let us rejoice in the selfless dedication of all those who are at risk as they take care of us (priests, teachers, medical professionals and assistants, transportation, mail carriers, delivery services, grocery personnel, food service cooks, and many more!) Let us rejoice for those who are recovering from illness. Let us rejoice in our faith of eternal life in the Kingdom of God founded on our Lord’s resurrection to new life!

On behalf of the CRE Staff and Catechists, we extend our warmest wishes and prayers for health and safety, from our families to yours, for a Happy & Blessed Easter Season.

The Lord is risen! He is Risen indeed!



**RCIA:** We celebrate and pray for our new members of the Catholic Church.

We are grateful for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to bring them to the table of the Lord!

Congratulations to:

Newly Baptized: Skylar and Anastasia

Newly Confirmed: Ashley, Dawn, Chad, Kathrynne, Lauren, Sarah, and Valerie.

**Is God calling you to be a Catechist?** Discipleship in Jesus includes sharing the Good News of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection with others. Catechists joyfully proclaim the Word of God to help disciples of all ages grow in faith in Jesus. We are getting close to the end of the current catechetical year, but that does not mean that our witness takes a break. Training and formation for this vital ministry is year-round. Please contact the CRE Office for details and opportunities to learn and serve as followers of Jesus.

**Pre-registration for children’s CRE Classes** for next Fall is underway! We look forward to having classes in person. If Home Study / On-demand becomes necessary, then we will keep you informed.

Many volunteers are needed to best serve our parish family. Would you like to learn more about Jesus, the Church, and Sacred Scripture? Would you like start training to be a catechist, sponsor a catechumen, or pray with others for the needs of our parish? Feel free to inquire anytime!

With peace and gratitude, Mrs. Lisa Rajnicek

### **Important CRE Dates**

**Apr. 12** **CRE on-demand** lesson; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade CRE meets in church 6:30pm (NOT livestream)

**Apr. 19** **CRE on-demand** lesson

Apr. 21 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Reconciliation, 6:30pm

Apr. 25 Older First Communion, 10:00am Mass

**Apr. 26** **CRE on-demand** lesson (Last Week)

Apr. 28 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Rehearsals, 5:00pm and 6:30pm

May 01 2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Communion Masses 9:00am and 11:00am

## **Chastity Education resources for Parents:**

How do we raise holy children in our culture?

1. <https://purelyyou.org/> provides resources to assist parents discuss virtues and growth/maturation with their children. Contact the CRE Office for materials, or order directly.
2. <https://www.drray.com/> Dr. Ray Guarendi – Catholic family psychologist with 10 kids of his own and a great sense of humor!
3. <https://chastity.com/> Jason and Crystalina Evert’s ministry to help parents and young adults
4. <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/theology-of-the-body-for-teens-middle-school-edition> redeem code: **HF4JV7** to view lessons (code expires in June)



Do you have your copy of **52Sundays** yet? Copies are in the CRE Office and Gathering Space while supplies last. Suggested donation \$9.00. You can also subscribe for free weekly emails at <https://www.52sundays.com/>

Join our Parish Facebook Group:

**StL's 52 Sundays - Reclaiming the Lord's Day for Faith and Family in 2021**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/822004188224685>



## **Vacation Bible School**

Revised format for outdoor activities.

Registration will begin soon.

Adult catechists are needed!

Contact Lisa Rajnicek in CRE Office to volunteer

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Information for particular dispensations for the faithful who may find themselves in specific circumstances is found at

<https://www.aod.org/comehometohope-dispensation>



Our Parish Family is **St. Lawrence, St. Kieran, and St. Matthias.**

Register your email to receive updates and details for upcoming gatherings <https://www.familiesofparishes.org/parishes/slu/>