

Dear Parishioners/Catechism Parent

We hope you and your family have enjoyed this beautiful summer and are looking forward to many of your regular routines returning to somewhat normal in the fall.

This fall Holy Redeemer Parish will continue to offer two formal opportunities for children to learn about our Catholic Faith: religious education classes and sacramental preparation. We also encourage children to participate in other parish functions, including weekly Mass, to learn more about their faith and their church.

This coming catechism year, we are hoping to be more hands on and dynamic. Last year we operated on a skeleton volunteer base. We survived but we could have used more help in many areas. For this to happen, we need you! We need as many parents, grandparents, and or parishioners as possible involved in a tangible way supporting this important ministry. As they say “many hands make light work”.

We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

1. **Catechists and helpers** to assist in the classrooms on a weekly basis.
2. We are also planning to have a **Children’s Mass** once a month starting in November, with children from catechism participating in every ministry. We need volunteers to assist with preparing the children to be greeters, readers, altar servers and bringing up the gifts at the offertory. We could also use help assisting with a children’s choir.
3. We also want to reintroduce **Children’s Liturgy** downstairs during Mass, and we need at least two volunteers per week.
4. Assistance with **special events** such as Advent, Christmas and end of year celebrations, games night, etc.
5. **Door monitors** on Catechism evenings.

As you can see, there are numerous ways you can help. You are probably thinking that you don’t have the training or experience. *Training will be provided, and lessons and activities are already prepared.*

Unfortunately if we don’t get enough volunteers, we may have to consider cancelling programs.

Please indicate what you may consider to volunteer for, by contacting the parish office 204.669.0501 or sending an email to [kateklassen@live.com](mailto:kateklassen@live.com).

Many blessings.