

# *St Nicholas R. C. Church*

Vocationist Fathers

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September 14, 2005

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our 2005-2006 Religious Education program (CCD) is about to begin at the end of September.

Last May 2005 I called a CCD Parents meeting to announce a new format of religious education for the grades 1 to 4. Unfortunately not many of you came. **I strongly ask you to come to the Parent meeting scheduled for Friday September 23 at 7:30PM in Church Hall.** You are an essential component of your child religious education and need to take charge and responsibility.

**Grades 1 to 4** will have Religious education (CCD) **every Sunday from 12:00 to 1:30PM starting on October 2, 2005 at 12:00PM.** This Religious education program will include 45 minutes of class (12:00 to 12:45PM) and 45 minutes of mass (12:45 to 1:30PM) that will have particular activities for children, like songs, prayers, etc. A whole team of parish catechists is preparing this important event for our children. **Grade 1 to 4 will not have CCD on Tuesday!**

Grades 5 to 8 will continue to have CCD every Tuesday 4:00pm-5:00pm, **starting from Tuesday September 27.**

This change is due to both lack of parish facilities and involvement of our children in our Sunday liturgy. Anticipating some question or concern that you may have it is crucial that you will make it to the Parents meeting of Friday September 23 at 7:30PM.

Our office is open for registration Mon to Fri from 10 AM to 5:00PM.

Our goals of 2005-06 CCD will be:

- ✓ Teach our kids about the Bible by projecting a **monthly video** in our Church Hall.
- ✓ **Get to know personally the families** of our CCD students and provide a personal attention to your child.
- ✓ An integral part of Christian formation is the **frequency to the sacraments**, that are Confession and Sunday Mass.
- ✓ Below is the double schedule for 2005-2006 CCD classes. Make sure that your child will be here on time. In the event of snow or bad weather you can call the rectory or check our website to know whether CCD is held.

**Grades 1 to 4 Classes Calendar: Sundays 12:00PM to 1:30PM**

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
November 6, 13, 20, 27  
December 4, 11, 18, 25 (No CCD 1/1)  
January 8, 15, 22, 29  
February 5, 19 (2/12 and 2/26 no CCD)  
March 5, 12, 19, 26  
April 2, 16, 23, 30 (No CCD on 4/9)  
May 14, 21, 28 (No CCD on 5/7)

**Grade 5 to 8 Classes Calendar: Tuesdays 4:00 to 5:00PM**

Parents are strongly encouraged  
to motivate their children for any Sunday Mass and come with them.

**September 27**

October 4, 11, 18, 25  
November 1, 15, 22, 29 (11/8 no CCD)  
December 6, 13, 20 (12/27 no CCD) 12/25 Christmas Mass 12:30PM  
January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
February 7, 14, 28 (2/21 no CCD)  
March 7, 14, 21, 28  
April 4, 11, 18 (No CCD on 4/25)  
May 2, 9, 16

The CCD material also this year will be in a format of leaflets. **No books to carry around!** Review the leaflet with your child after class and know what he/she learned. Keep the leaflet. Thank you for your cooperation in making our CCD program a joyful and enriching experience.

The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will celebrate and receive the sacrament of First Confession; The children of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will receive the First Communion.

Sincerely,

Fr. Armando Palmieri, S.D.V.  
Pastor

**P.S.** To be up to date about the CCD Program events, please check the Religious education webpage on our parish website **www.saintricholasparish.info**