

## Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As your children head back to school for this **NEW 2023-2024 School Year** we warmly welcome them to a new Grade and year in our **Parish Religious Education Program.** Our **Catechetical Theme** this year is.. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened." (Matt.11:28), God will soothe all our fears and anxieties. God has our back!

Therefore, a BACKPACK BLESSING will be given at all weekend Masses on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm and September 10<sup>th</sup> at either 9:00am or 11:30am.

Please complete a REGISTRATION FORM for each of your children. You can either submit the fees online or drop off a check. Carefully read the HANDBOOK and make a copy of the SCHEDULE. Once your child is registered, you will receive a text to join the REMIND App. This will be our most important means of communication!

Our first class will be on Sunday, September 10th. Kindergarten/Liturgy of the Word children will attend the 9:00am Mass and be dismissed for their own Gospel reading and reflection and be returned to their parents after the Homily.

Also on Sunday, September 10, **Grades 1 to 5** will begin their classes at **10:00 AM** and **Grades 6,7 & 8** will start at **7:00 PM**. Please refer to the Religious Education Handbook for drop-off and pick-up procedures.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at 570-848-1258.

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