



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The following is a description of the Religious Education program in some detail so everyone is aware of what is being done to support parents in the faith development of their children.

**In addition to the core instruction done in the classroom**, we involve families and parishioners in the following ways:

- Wednesday evening Mass and potluck, allowing RE families to come together as a community at the start of the school year
- Opportunities to work with students at fundraisers and parish activities
- Children's Masses, about once/month with rehearsals
- Christmas Program with rehearsals
- Stations of the Cross during Lent

We schedule Reconciliation before Advent and Easter, and involve parents in preparation for reception of the sacraments.

Individual classrooms have also taken on projects during the school year. Examples include:

- Creating decorations for parish and RE fundraisers
- Trick-or-treating for canned goods dressed as saints
- Collecting items to create care packages for community members in the military
- Writing letters to service personnel
- Ninth and tenth grade service projects, including Make a Difference Day in October and cleaning of the cemetery in April
- Projects and activities that connect students to the liturgical season

We also offer Vacation Bible School in the summer for the elementary grades, to explore in more depth Bible themes and stories.

This is only a partial list of the many ways in which the program seeks to engage our students in faith formation, which we consider a sacred responsibility.