

# St. John the Beloved

## Religious Education Program

# January Newsletter

January 2, 2018

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Welcome. The office extends to all our families God's blessings for a wonderful 2018. As we continue in our Christmas season, may our hearts be rekindled with deeper love and appreciation for the gift of Jesus that is reborn each day into our hearts. It is truly a gift to welcome Jesus into our lives. Let us always relish this gift and appreciate the joy of serving Jesus with joy and appreciation.

### *St. Benedict Reflection*

"Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, 'I came as a guest, and you received Me' (Matt. 25:35)." In this quote it is important to remember that all must be greeted with attention and gratitude. As students enter and leave the building, we ask that they are gracious and attentive to their catechists. Behavior that reflects these postures is critical for a successful, instructive, and formative time together. Our catechists are volunteers who strive to treat all the students with exceptional attention and instruction. The students are asked to respond with hospitality and respect. To act as Christ is to treat every encounter as if we are guests being invited into someone's home. Our home during Summer programming, Sunday mornings, and Tuesday nights are our opportunity to respect and welcome each other into our hearts for there is where our home truly resides.

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## REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19

Registration for the 2018-19 academic year has begun. We are accepting registration for all students for all program times. Information on the registration process is located on-line via our website (the link is posted below) Our summer program will run the week of June 18-22 from 8:30am-2:30pm. We will have a mandatory information session on April 18 at 6pm in the Church. All parents registered for the summer program must attend this meeting as there will be important information shared. We will offer two classes per grade to accommodate all students. Our Tuesday evening program will continue offering classes in grades 1-8 and our Sunday morning program will continue to offer classes for 4-year old and Kindergarten students. Our tuition will remain the same as last year. Tuition must be paid by May 1 for all summer program students and is non-refundable after June 1. For students attending after care, the fee for that program must be paid in full by May 1 and is non-refundable. We look forward to welcoming your family to our program once again.

[Registration and more information is located via this link](#)

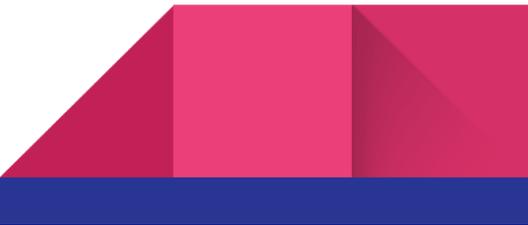
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## HELP IS NEEDED

The summer program is in need of catechists, aides and lunchroom volunteers. We are meeting on Monday Feb. 5 in the school library beginning at 6pm. All volunteers, returning and new, are asked to attend this very important meeting. I will explain all the program upgrades. If you would like to meet with me individually to discuss where or how you may be able to help us, please know I am happy to do so. Please email me at [dballintyn@sjbde.org](mailto:dballintyn@sjbde.org) and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you.

Carefully review the calendar information on next page. Please retain this page in your records.

Thank you!



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## CALENDAR INFORMATION

January 7- Sunday Morning and Summer Week #1- 9:30am-10:30am

January 9- Tuesday evening classes resume- 6:30pm-7:30pm

January 10- Confirmation meeting for parents and children- 6pm- in the Church

January 14- NO Sunday morning classes for the MLK weekend

January 17- Alternate Confirmation meeting- 6pm for all parents and children in the Church

January 21- Summer Week #2 session- 9:30am-10:30am

January 23- Retreat for the students preparing to receive Reconciliation in Church beginning promptly at 6:30pm. Parents are asked to stay for this retreat experience

January 27- Celebration of Reconciliation for all students in the preparation program- 10am in the Church

January 30- First Eucharist Parent Meeting in the Church beginning promptly at 6:30pm

January 31- Alternate First Eucharist Parent Meeting in the Church beginning promptly at 6:30pm. Parents must attend one of these sessions.

