



The Sower at Sunset (1888), Vincent van Gogh

...some fell on good ground

- Matthew 13.8

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Parish
157 Cleveland Drive
Cheektowaga, New York 14215
September 2017 - May 2018**

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Roman Catholic Church
Department of Religious Education
157 Cleveland Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14215

September 19, 2017

Dear Parents,

Through the bulletin and the personal letter you have received from us, you have become aware of the changes that are being made to our Religious Education program this year. As we have stated, all parishes throughout the Diocese of Buffalo have been charged with developing a more "family centered" religious education program. Why the change? The reason is simple. It is becoming increasingly apparent that so many of our children are not coming to mass on weekends. You have heard us state many times the great proclamation from Vatican II's *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* which stated that the mass is "the source and summit of our faith." What that means is that, Jesus Christ literally and truly dwells in our hearts, minds, souls and body in the Word proclaimed and the Eucharist we share.

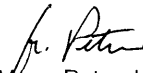
If your children are not at mass each week then, they are missing out on an incredible mystery. A mystery that can transform your precious child/young adult into someone who can help change the world; simply by radiating the person of Jesus Christ they encounter in the sacred Liturgy. Please take this invitation and call seriously. If you don't bring your children to the Sacraments, they are missing the core of what it means to be a Catholic Christian and a disciple of the Risen Lord Jesus. Let us help you to help them.

We invite you then to become partners with us this year in the spiritual formation of your children. We invite you to get involved with your child and their religious education. Come and participate in our monthly sessions. Come to the Liturgy and the Sacraments so that Jesus Christ can be a living force in your child's life. Help us make the connection between what we do on Tuesday to what we celebrate on Sunday. We need you and we want you to be a part of our mutual responsibility and privilege of raising the next generation of Catholic Christian disciples. That is our hope and our prayer as we begin this new academic year.

In the Peace of Christ!



Robert F. Rybarczyk
Director of Religious Education



Msgr. Peter J. Popadick
Pastor

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SEPTEMBER 2017 – MAY 2018

CLASS TIME: 6:15 to 7:15 PM

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017	OPENING PRAYER SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2017	CLASS
OCTOBER 3, 2017	CLASS – Family Activity
OCTOBER 10, 2017	CLASS
OCTOBER 17, 2017	CLASS – Protecting God's Children
OCTOBER 24, 2017	CLASS
OCTOBER 31, 2017	NO CLASS (Vigil -Feast of All Saints)
NOVEMBER 7, 2017	CLASS – Family Activity
NOVEMBER 14, 2017	CLASS
NOVEMBER 21, 2017	CLASS
NOVEMBER 28, 2017	CLASS – Family Activity
DECEMBER 5, 2017	CLASS - Confessions: Grades 3-4-5-6
DECEMBER 12, 2017	CLASS - Confessions: Grades 7-8
DECEMBER 19, 2017	CLASS - Confessions Grades 9-10-11
DECEMBER 26, 2017	NO CLASS (Christmas Break)
JANUARY 2, 2018	CLASS – Family Activity
JANUARY 9, 2018	CLASS
JANUARY 16, 2018	CLASS
JANUARY 23, 2018	CLASS
JANUARY 30, 2018	CLASS
FEBRUARY 6, 2018	CLASS
FEBRUARY 13, 2018	CLASS - Family Activity
FEBRUARY 20, 2018	NO CLASS (Presidents' Holidays)
FEBRUARY 27, 2018	CLASS - Confessions: Grades 3-4-5-6
MARCH 6, 2018	CLASS - Confessions: Grades 7-8
MARCH 13, 2018	CLASS - Confessions: Grades 9-10-11
MARCH 20, 2018	CLASS
MARCH 27, 2018	CLASS – Family Activity
APRIL 3, 2018	NO CLASS (Easter Break)
APRIL 10, 2018	CLASS
APRIL 17, 2018	CLASS
APRIL 24, 2018	CLASS
MAY 1, 2018	CLASS – Family Activity
MAY 8, 2018	MAY CROWNING PRAYER SERVICE

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Confirmation – Spring 2018 (Grades 10 and 11)

First Penance – Saturday, March 3, 2018 – 10:00 AM

First Eucharist – Sunday, May 6, 2018 – 11 AM Sunday Liturgy

CATECHISTS
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: 2017-2018
SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA PARISH

Director of Religious Education: Robert F. Rybarczyk
Moderator: Rev. Peter J. Popadick

Kindergarten	Kathy O'Brien (512-3814)
First Grade	Kathy O'Brien (512-3814)
Second Grade	Jeanie Bloom (440-3215) and
Third Grade	Kathleen Mychajliw (868-7969)
First Sacraments	Hal and Nancy Lane (834-3584)
Fourth Grade	Patty DiNatale (481-4835)
Fifth Grade	Patty DiNatale (481-4835)
Sixth Grade	Patty DiNatale (481-4835)
Seventh Grade	Lisa MacKay (868-7812)
Eighth Grade	Lisa MacKay (868-7812)
Ninth Grade	John Fahey (510-6798)
Tenth/Eleventh Grades	John Fahey (510-6798)

Parents may contact Catechists at the numbers listed above.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sundays – 9:00 AM MASS

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IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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ROBERT RYBARCZYK: 688-1380 (H)

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