

August 2016



We hope that you and your family are enjoying your summer! The St. Bron's staff is already looking forward to the next session of Religious Education. Enclosed with this letter are the Registration forms you will need to fill out and return in order to register your children for the 2016-2017 school year. **The starting dates are listed on the back of this letter.** Parents are to attend the first class with their children. At that meeting you will receive the Religious Education Handbook which includes the class schedules for the entire school year.

**Registration:**

**Important! Fill in all empty areas. PLEASE provide an email address for correspondence during the program year, so that we can reduce paper memos coming home in folders.**

**We will not reserve a place for your child by phone; you must submit the forms in order to hold a class time.** You will not receive written notice that your child has been registered. If you want to confirm that your forms arrived at the parish or if you have registration questions, email [kim@stbrons.com](mailto:kim@stbrons.com) or call 715-341-6700 x 102.

**Please be aware that the class time selection listed on the form is dependent on the adult/young adult volunteers who come forward to fill the roles of catechist, aide and various other responsibilities.** We still need volunteers, so if you or someone you know would be interested in teaching, please contact us.

**Sacraments:** Please complete the Sacramental Registration form if you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have a child in grades 3-9 that did not receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Eucharist, return the completed form and contact Jody at 715-341-6700 x 107 for more information.

**Confirmation:** This is a three year program at St. Brons. Students begin in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and complete the program in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Students must complete all three years of formation in order to be confirmed in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. If your teen is in 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade and has not been in our program, you will need to contact Julie at 715-341-6706 for more information.

We look forward to sharing an exciting year with you and your children!

God Bless!

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**Safe Environment Training:** In the first weeks of the Religious Education program, children will spend about 20 minutes learning about safety, a safe environment, and the care that surrounds them. ***if you do not want your child to attend this portion of their class***, you must complete and return the “*Safe Environment Student Training Declination*” form ***before classes begin***. You can pick up a copy of the form in the Religious Education or Parish office, or go to the diocesan website (diolc.org) under the “Safe Environment” section.

-----*Mark your Calendars!*-----

## **Catechist & Core Meeting**

September 7 6:30 PM Diocesan Policy & Procedures open to catechists, parents and any interested parishioners (Safe Environment paperwork takes place at this meeting. If you are a new or returning catechist or a volunteer working with children, you are required to attend this meeting.)

## **Starting Dates...**

Grades 1–5	Wednesday, September 21	(Parent(s) <u>and</u> children meet in Church)	4:00 p.m.
Grades 1-6	Wednesday, September 21	(Parent(s) <u>and</u> children meet in Church)	5:30 p.m.
Grades 7-8	Wednesday, October 5	<b><u>(Mandatory)</u></b> Parent(s) and students begin in Church)	7:00 p.m.
Grade 9	Wednesday, October 12	<b><u>(Mandatory)</u></b> Parent(s) and students begin in Church)	7:00 p.m.

## **Other Dates...**

### **Family Fully Alive Parent Conference & Luncheon**

Sunday, October 23 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch and Family & Marriage speaker  
(childcare and youth activities)

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Important Confirmation Dates...**

Sunday, March 5	Mandatory Confirmation Retreat
Wednesday, April 5	Youth Rally – at St. Brons
Sunday, April 23	4:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Important Date...**

Saturday, October 1 Mandatory Event – St. John Bosco Day at Holy Hill

### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Important Date...**

Saturday, October 8 Retreat at Rudolph Grotto (information provided at 1<sup>st</sup> class)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Important Dates...**

Wednesday, October 19	Parent meetings regarding 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation
Saturday, December 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Retreat & Celebration of Sacrament
Wednesday, February 1	Parent meetings regarding 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion
Wednesday, March 15	Parent meetings regarding 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion
Saturday, April 22	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat & Practice 9:00am – 12:00pm
Sunday, April 30	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Mass @ 12:30 p.m.

**Community and Parish Involvement Hours** - Each year community and parish involvement hours are a part of the Confirmation Program for students in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. There are several opportunities coming up; The Roast Pork dinner is October 15<sup>th</sup>, our annual fun faith filled trip to Fire on The Hill – John Bosco Day is October 1<sup>st</sup>, and the TNT Halloween party is October 27<sup>th</sup>. Also, students have an opportunity to sign up to help during Elementary Religious Education in the classrooms or in our workroom. Watch for sign-up sheets posted in the gathering space or check out our website at [stbrons.com](http://stbrons.com) under youth ministry.