

St. Nicholas of Tolentine
Religious Education Program
2012-2013

Sunday, October 7th, 2012

Dear Parents,

We are in the 3rd week of our catechetical year. I am writing this letter to thank you for your patience and help at the time of dismissal. I know that dismissal seems chaotic and in order to alleviate the chaos I am currently working in a better strategy for dismissal. I will be sending a letter next week with the details for this purpose. In the meantime I ask for your patience and please know that your cooperation is highly appreciated.

Also I have noticed that many children are coming to class holding pens and/or pencils in their hands. As you can see this can be a potential safety hazard. Please provide your child with a bag or backpack to carry their belongings. In reality, it is not necessary for them to bring pencils or pens since we provide those materials. If he or she prefers his or her own materials, they may bring them as long as they bring the materials in a bag or backpack.

Today for three years in a row, we have started a ministry called the "Rosary Devotion". Over 40 crosses were specially hand made for our program; the crosses were made out of a discarded old church pew. The crosses carry a Rosary. The crosses will be blessed today Sunday October 7th at 12:30 mass. Each class received two crosses that will be rotating among the students until the end of the year. Eventually your son/daughter will bring one home. October being the month of the Rosary, is a good opportunity to start the ministry. The ministry has three main goals 1-Promote the devotion 2-Encourage prayer as a center of family life and 3-Help children to learn repeated prayers of the rosary (Hail Mary, Our Father, and Glory Be) which we know can be challenging. Also the celebration of the month of the Rosary has been extended throughout the whole month in our parish. I hope that many of you take this opportunity. Turn off the TV, video games, computer etc. and take the time to pray as a family and I assure you, if you make the effort to do this, you will find so much peace (so much needed) and many outpouring of blessings.

Please do not hesitate to give us a call with any question, leave us a message and our secretary Mrs. Leticia Rios or myself will return your calls. Remember our email address, **stnicksreligious@gmail.com** if you would like to receive notices or information from our program, via e-mail. Please send us an e-mail to be included in our contact list.

God bless you all,
Mrs. Edith Robles
Religious Education Director

