

Please be aware of the following as we begin our year together:

1. **Drop Off/Pick Up** -Parents should park in the church parking lot and enter the church narthex. After Mass parents should escort their children to the gym using the LINK that connects the church to the school. We will have opening announcements in the gym after which our catechists will bring the students to their classrooms. At the end of class children will be dismissed from the classrooms and brought back to the gym where parents may pick them up. Please see our drop off guide for more information.
2. **Baptismal Records** – All students must have a copy of their Baptismal Certificate on file in our office. This should be brought to the first day of class or mailed to the office to my attention at 820 Division Street, Lisle, IL 60532. (For those baptized here at St. Joan of Arc, a copy of the certificate is not necessary.)
3. **Two Year Sacramental Preparation** – Students are required to complete two full years of sacramental preparation before receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If your older child has not received First Reconciliation or Holy Communion and has not attended the Second Grade year, he/she will be asked to attend tutoring classes for those sacraments in their SECOND YEAR of classes.
4. **Communication** – Please be sure to provide us with your email address. Most of the information we distribute regarding our program is done via email. If you do not have an email account, I encourage you to get one. Yahoo and Gmail both offer free email services. We are here to serve you and your children. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me, I am very happy to help.
5. **Family Participation** – All families are expected to participate in our parish life. This will give your family and children a sense of belonging and community. Religious Education is about all of us, as members of the Church family, learning together, witnessing and growing in our faith together.
6. **Family Welcome Packet** – All families will receive a welcome packet on the first day of classes. This will be sent home with your oldest child. The packet will contain a parent handbook, information from the Diocese regarding safe environment, information about the special events of our program this year and some resources that you can use to help you and your children grow in God's love.

Thank you so much! Many blessings to you!