

ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
2022-2023

*Our program seeks:*

*To support parents in the formation of their children in the Catholic faith.*

*To help the students to experience the presence of God in their lives.*

*To nurture the student's desire to develop a deep and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.*

*To help students appreciate the beauty and traditions of our Catholic faith.*

*To form lifelong disciples who will know, love, and serve the Lord.*

## POLICIES

### **Mass Attendance**

Mass attendance is an essential part of your child's faith formation. Mass attendance goes hand in hand with the Religious Education Program. One cannot do the work of the other. Religious lessons are prepared with the presumption that the students are familiar with liturgy through regular participation in the Mass. To be eligible to enter our parish sacramental program, a child must attend Mass regularly.

### **Class Schedule**

*Tuesday 6:00-7:00PM*

*Sunday 9:15-10:15AM*

Students should be in their classroom and ready to begin on time. Lateness disrupts the class in session. For security purposes, outside doors will be locked during class time.

### **Attendance**

All grade levels of religious education are important. Students are expected to attend every class in order to gain the knowledge and experience appropriate to their age group and to continue to grow in their faith and to increase their awareness of the responsibilities as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Please call the office before class begins if your child must be absent.

### **Communication**

Communication between parish and family is essential. We will communicate to you mainly through emails. We rely on you to keep us informed of important developments in your family life that affect our ability to serve you.

### **Sacramental Programs**

Your child must be baptized in order to be eligible to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. A minimum of two years of preparation is also required. There will be parent meetings to address the specifics of each of the sacraments. We ask that at least one parent from each family be present at these meetings.

### **Special Needs**

Please let us know if there are any medical conditions, learning or physical needs which may affect your child's learning experience. Our goal is to provide a positive, affirming atmosphere in which all students can learn and grow in their faith.

It is the responsibility of the custodial parent to advise program directors of any court ordered restrictions on the legal rights of a non-custodial parent.

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**Fees**

Registration fees for the 2023-2024 school year are \$75.00 per child and \$125.00 per family.

**Safety**

To ensure the safety of your children:

All children should arrive no more than 10 minutes before the beginning of class. Parents should be on time when picking children up after class.

Outside doors will be locked during class time.

**Cancellation of class**

If it is necessary to cancel classes, announcements will be made at the public schools before dismissal. We will also make every effort to contact you via email/text. In the event of a public school closing or early dismissal due to weather conditions, religious education classes will not be held.

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**Mass Schedule** - September 9–May 19, 2024:

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00, 10:30AM

**Confessions:** Saturdays 3:00 -3:30PM

**Catechists**

Level 1 - Mary Beth Libro

Level 2 - Karen Torroni

Level 3/4 - Joann Gallagher

Level 5 - Alexis Keefer

Level 6/7 - Jill Halbruner

Level 8 - Bill McGinn

Sunday Class - Marion Rossi

*A Family Prayer to Mary*

*O Mary, Queen of Peace, teach us to live together in harmony and treat each other*

*with respect and dignity. May our home be a model of peace for all who enter,*

*and may our family grow together in the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen*