

Faith Formation for Children and Youth

Religious Education

Our Religious Education Program provides a comprehensive and systematic presentation of Catholic beliefs so that students will become knowledgeable about their faith, grow in intimacy with Jesus, and integrate these beliefs and traditions into their personal lives. Classes for preschoolers through grade ten meet on a weekly basis beginning in September according to the following schedule:

- Pre-Kindergarten (Ages 3 & 4): Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- Kindergarten: Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- Elementary (Grades 1-5): Wednesday 6:00-7:15 p.m.
- Middle School (Grades 6-8): Sunday 11:00 AM -12:15 PM
- High School (Grades 9-10): Sunday 11:00 AM -12:15 PM

For students in grades eleven and twelve, mini-courses on a variety of topics are offered throughout the year on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

In addition to the weekly catechetical sessions, there are many opportunities for receiving the sacraments, for participating in retreats, as well as for sharing fellowship with other young Catholics.

Children's Stewardship Committee

The Children's Stewardship Committee seeks to cultivate in our parish children the spontaneous and selfless service of others that we see in the example in Jesus Christ. The committee meets monthly throughout the school year to plan and organize a variety of events.

Mission Trips for Youth

Middle and high school youth have the opportunity each summer to participate in various service retreats and conferences. Each opportunity is directed towards helping the youth to understand the importance of witnessing to Christ in their ordinary Christian living.

Volunteers

It takes many dedicated individuals to assist with the Education Ministry. The following are some of the volunteer roles needed to make our programs successful.

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- **Catechist/Co-Catechist:** Catechists primarily share their faith with our children and youth. Catechists are supported in their ministry with detailed lessons plans, training, and opportunities for their own faith formation.
- **Substitute Catechist:** Substitute Catechists assume the teaching of a session when the primary catechist is absent.
- **Catechist Aide:** Catechist Aides assist the catechist in the classroom. Opportunities are varied and may include helping with a craft project or assisting a child with special needs.
- **Chaperon:** Chaperons supervise retreats, social activities, and other special events held throughout the year.
- **Childcare:** Childcare volunteers care for the younger children of our catechists and other program assistants during religious education sessions and other related events.
- **CRE Assistant:** CRE (Coordinator of Religious Education) Assistants monitor the hallways during class time; collect the attendance charts, and complete follow up phone calls for absences.
- **Parking Lot Monitor:** Parking Lot Monitors provide for the safety of our children by monitoring the parking lot area at both the arrival and dismissal times of scheduled classes.