

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to the Religious Education programs at Holy Spirit Parish. We look forward to assisting you in educating your children in the Catholic Faith. Below you will find information about Holy Spirit's Religious Education programs. On the back page is registration information

Class Times

- ❖ Preschool (3 year olds and 4-5 year olds): Sundays 9:00 am and 11:00 am
- ❖ Kindergarten to 5th Grade: Wednesdays 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm
- ❖ Middle School: Wednesdays 6:00 pm and 7:15 pm
- ❖ 9th and 10th Grade: Wednesdays 7:00 pm for Life Teen
- ❖ 11th and 12 Grade: Discipleship Groups meet on their own schedules
- ❖ Family Faith Formation: This program is taught at home.

A detailed schedule for classes is online. holyspirit youth.com/religious-education.html

Special Classes: Is this your **first time in Religious Education**, and you are in 2nd grade or older? We offer some special catch up and sacramental preparation classes. Please call the office at 371-1478 to set up classes.

Parent Involvement: Holy Spirit Religious Education does **require** that parents volunteer in our program. This allows you to actively participate in your child's religious education, and keep costs down. **Registration will not be processed without parent involvement.**

Volunteering as a teacher, catechist, is a wonderful way to share your time and talents. It is also a great witness to the importance of growing in the faith. We offer training for our teachers, and there is the option to team teach.

Additional Opportunities for students:

1. Children's Liturgy of the Word: This is for children in kindergarten to 2nd grade. This is offered at the 9 am and 11 am Masses. You do not need to register to participate.
2. Children's Choir: Practices are from 5:00-5:55 pm on Wednesdays in the Choir Room of the church.
3. Youth Choir: Practices at 10:15 am on Sunday mornings in the Choir room. This is for students in 7th-12th grades. They sing at Mass each Sunday at 11:00 am.
4. Junior high youth group and high school youth group meets throughout the year. More information can be found in the bulletin or the website.

<http://www.holyspirit youth.com/high-school-youth-group.html>

****Registrations are due August 8th, 2018****

Registration Procedure:

1. Go to: holyspirit youth.com/religious-education.html

_____ Complete and print **Registration Form**.

- All students in your family use the same form.
 - Baptism dates are important to PreK-5th grade. We celebrate Baptism Days.
 - Hard copies of Registration Forms are available in the parish office.
2. Enclose the **registration fee**.
 - Preschool: \$35 per student
 - Grades Kindergarten -12th: \$45 per student (\$55 after August 8th)
 3. Drop off at parish office during the week or in designated area in the back of the church after weekend Masses.
 4. Assume your children are registered. We will only contact you if there is a concern.

Registration will not be taken by phone.

Classes will be closed when they are full. If you need a specific time, register as soon as possible. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Important Notes:

- ❖ The registration fee is due with the registration forms. If this may be difficult at this time, please contact us and we can discuss different options.
- ❖ We offer tuition assistance. The form online needs to be completed.
- ❖ The Parent Handbook is online. Please read before the first class.
- ❖ We need to keep email addresses current. Email is our primary form of communication for Religious Ed.

Open House: Save the Date for parents and students. Parents must attend.

- ❖ Kindergarten to 9th grade: September 19 at 6:30 pm in the Worship Area
- ❖ 10th Grade: September 26 at 7:00 pm in the worship area
- ❖ Preschool: You will meet your teachers, September 30, the first day of classes.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year!!

Holy Spirit Religious Education Staff

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