



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in our Religious Education Programs at Holy Spirit Parish. We are happy to assist you as the primary educators of your children in our Catholic faith and offer many opportunities for your children's Religious Education. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY and COMPLETELY the following information about registering your child(ren) in our programs!

All of our Religious Education Forms and information is now online—to be printed off, filled in, and returned to the Parish Office no later than AUGUST 1. There will be hard copies of the forms and information available at the Parish office.

- Religious Education classes for students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade on:

*Wednesdays:*

3:00 to 4:15 PM (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

6:00 to 7:15 PM (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

7:15 to 8:30 PM (6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

7:00 to 8:30 PM (9<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup> grade)

*Sundays:*

10:10 to 10:55 AM KINDERGARTEN

- Holy Spirit Religious Education does REQUIRE that ALL parents volunteer in some capacity in our RE programs. Parent involvement in our programs will allow our parents to actively participate in their child's Religious Education, as well as keep our costs down. There are many options to choose from listed on the Parent/Guardian Involvement Form online. In order for your children to participate in our RE programs, parents must sign up for Parent Involvement activities.

To volunteer your time and talents as a Teacher or Catechist is a great way to grow in knowledge of our faith and... the blessings are many! With the help of the Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Discipleship, we offer special training for our Teachers of Religion in our Teacher In-service meetings.

The choices of involvement offer parents' ways to participate that can fit into busy schedules. Please indicate your choice(s) on the Parent/Guardian Involvement Form. We ask that each family sign up for one activity, but you are more than welcome to sign up for more!

- PRESCHOOL CLASSES will be offered for 3's & 4-5 year olds on Sundays, during the 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM MASS in the preschool rooms of Holy Spirit School.
- HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS (9-10) are expected to participate in "Life Teen" which will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: Will meet in small discipleship groups using the Y Disciple model. Each group will decide when they will meet and customize a plan for their group.
- We will continue to offer Children's Liturgy of the Word for children Kindergarten through 4th grade age at the 9:00 & 11:00 AM Sunday Masses. Children need not be registered to participate. ALL children (Kindergarten-4th grade) are invited to come.

- We offer special classes for: students who are entering Rel. Ed. for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in a grade other than K or 1<sup>st</sup> grade or students who need Sacramental preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation & Holy Communion. PLEASE notify our office if your child/ren need these classes.
- Children's Choir practice will be from 5:00-5:55 PM on Wednesdays in the Choir Room of the Church.

**REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:** ONLINE at: [holyspiritsf.org](http://holyspiritsf.org) you will find all the information and materials necessary to sign up everyone involved in religious education. Please print the forms and when your forms are completed, please turn them in on Sundays to a special collection box in the Church Foyer or to the Parish office during the week. **ALL REGISTRATION FORMS & Payment DUE AUGUST 1st.** A late fee will be charged after that date. *Registrations will not be taken by phone!* We appreciate your cooperation with our registration procedures.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- All students from Preschool through High school sign up on the same form
- Registration Fees are \$45.00 per student for grades 1- 12 students.
- Harrisburg students who started the Confirmation Program at HS will also pay \$45.00
- NON Parish Members fees are \$65.00
- Preschool & Kindergarten fees are \$30.00 per student.

All Registration fees are due with the Registration forms! If there are problems with payment at this time, please let us know—we can help! Call us or make a note on the form to let us know.

**BE SURE ALL INFORMATION is COMPLETE,** including information about SACRAMENTS.

For Baptismal Dates, the month and year will be sufficient. We celebrate "Baptism Birthdays" in our elementary gathering times so this date is **VERY IMPORTANT** to include! Please be sure to give us a current e-mail address! Communications about Religious Ed. are made through e-mail.

- The PARENT HANDBOOK (also online) outlines procedures and other information about Holy Spirit's Religious Education Programs.
- An Open House for ALL parents and students involved in our WEDNESDAY Religious Education Programs will be held on September 20 FOR ALL Gr. 1-9 CLASS TIMES, at 6:30 PM beginning in the Worship Area of Holy Spirit Church. The Open House will begin with an information meeting for all parents and students followed by introduction of our teachers and an open house in the classrooms. This means that the family will come just once for 1 open house, instead of coming at separate class times. The 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation classes will meet for open house on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.  
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN parents will meet their child's teacher as they come to the first class on SEPTEMBER 24 and receive the information they need at that time. Sunday Children's parents do not need to come on September 20<sup>th</sup>!
- FINALLY---The registration fee is \$45.00 per student before August 1, after that date, the fee is \$55.00 per student. Classes will be closed when they are full: If a certain time is important to you, please get your registrations in as soon as you can; classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Assume your child/ren are in the class you have signed them up for. You will hear from us ONLY if there is a problem. Forms may be turned in on Sundays to a special collection box in the Hospitality Area or to the Parish Office during the week. Remember, registrations will not be taken by phone!

THANK YOU for taking the time to read through all of this information! May God Bless You and Your Families!

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