

St. Mary Catholic Church

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Religious Education 2023-2024

Dear Families,

We're so happy that you are enrolling your child(ren) in Religious Education classes. Now more than ever, we need to prioritize that our kids have a strong faith foundation!

This year Father Chris, our Pastor at St Mary Catholic Church and myself, the Director of Religious Education want our program to focus on the spiritual growth of the children, as well as their knowledge of our beautiful Catholic faith and the doctrine of the Church, which in turn will create faithful Catholics for a lifetime, *and not just a family looking for a Sacrament for their child in order to check the box.*

To accomplish this purpose, our Pastor has made Mass Attendance and Parent Classes mandatory for families who have children preparing for First Communion and youth preparing for Confirmation. The youth will also have to do Service Hours (20) at the Church (VBS, Choir, Service Day, Fish Fry, etc.) These requirements will be recorded weekly and presented to Father Chris; if a family is not fulfilling these requirements, Father Chris will meet with them to discuss further. Before the date of the Sacrament, Father Chris will meet with each family and will test the child to determine if he or she is prepared to receive their Sacrament.

Please, register *early* to help us prepare and order materials accordingly.

The Registration fees are as follows:

Early Registration (before Sep 8th)	Late Registration (Sep 13th – child cannot start class on 1st day of RE)
\$50.00 for one child	\$65.00 for one child
\$90.00 for two children	\$105.00 for two children
\$125.00 for three or more children	\$140.00 for three or more children

Retreat fees:

- 1st Communion & Sacramental Prep: \$20
- 1st Year Confirmation: \$50
- 2nd Year Confirmation: \$100.00

This fee is in **ADDITION** to the registration fee. The retreat is mandatory. If you have questions or concerns regarding the Registration and Retreat fees, please contact me.

To register:

1. Please make sure you are a registered family at St. Mary. If you have not registered yet, you can get a *Parish* registration form at the front office.
2. Please fill out the R.E. Registration form. Make sure that all information is current and that your phone numbers, mailing, and email addresses are correct. PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY.
3. **New students:**
 - a) Fill out the *Student Pick-up Permission and Emergency Notification and Release of Liability* form (one form per child).
 - b) Include copies of *OFFICIAL* birth and sacramental certificates.
4. Come to the office to drop off your forms and payment.
You can also pay with the following QR code (when you submit a payment, write down your student's name(s) on the Notes).



Elementary & Middle School

The first day of class is Wednesday, **September 13th, 2023**. The time and place for each class is as follows:

Grade	Building	Time
Pre-k, K and 1 st	PAC	Wednesday 6:00 to 7:30pm
2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th		
6 th , 7 th , 8 th *	Parish Hall	
Parent Class	Badger House	

* *New curriculum for Middle School & High School.*

High School

The first day of class is Sunday, **September 17th, 2023**. The time and place for each class is as follows:

Grade	Building	Time
9 th – 12 th	Parish Hall	Sunday Time TBD
Confirmation – year 2**	PAC	Spring Semester Wednesday 6:00 to 7:30pm

** *Confirmation – year 2 needs to attend both classes. Sunday class is Youth Group and Wednesday class in the Spring will prepare them towards receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

May the Peace of Christ be with you always,

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