

St. Stephen's Parish Religious Education Program - PREP Registration - 2019-2020

1441 W. Oakwood Road, Oak Creek, WI 53154 - 414-762-0552

Welcome to St. Stephen's Family Prep & High School Program!

I am so excited to be with your family this year as we walk this journey of faith together. I am married and have three grown daughters and three grandsons. I understand the joys and woes of parenthood. One thing I can tell you for sure is I couldn't have made it this far without my faith... and there were times I tried.

PREP is really about developing a deep relationship with Christ. We draw closer to Christ through both traditional and experiential catechesis. Traditional catechesis provides a solid knowledge of our Catholic faith. Experiential catechesis provides youth and families with hands on opportunities to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Christ longs for us to make him part of every decision we make and trusting that he knows what is best for us. He wants us to be happy and live a life of joy.

The Church teaches that you, the parents, are the primary educators of your children. Our prayer is to nurture the foundation that is provided by you in the home. This is a lifelong process that includes involvement in parish life. Your active presence at St. Stephens strengthens and affirms your baptismal promise as you are the greatest witness to your children.

Blessings for a great PREP year!

Betsy Potter, MS, Director of Religious Education



Parental Expectations

We ask that you live your faith through...

† **Faithfully participating in weekend Mass as a family.** The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith as Catholics. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist each weekend helps us to keep our focus on Christ and his plans for our lives.

† **Participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with your children.** Eliminate any barriers in your relationship with Christ by participating in this life-giving sacrament at minimum twice a year; during Lent and Advent is a good practice to have.

† **Praying and practicing traditions at home that nurture and instill the Catholic faith.** More than anything taught in the classroom, your children will carry on these traditions as they catechize their own children.

† **Giving priority to Religious Education.** As you balance other activities in your children's lives, make Mass and Christian Formation a priority over all other activities. This instills in your children that God **always** comes first.

† **Attending all scheduled sessions for parents and families.** Participate in adult and family formation opportunities. This year we will begin a family program. We will start with a meal, then split for formal catechesis, then come back together for family time.

† **Becoming active in Parish life.** Grace awaits you as you participate in what God is doing in and through His Church. God has given you gifts to build his kingdom, are you using them?

† **Supporting our Parish & its ministries** through sacrificial giving at a minimum of \$260/year (\$5 X 52 weeks).



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Two Options for Family Program

Family Program Sessions:* Wednesday Evening: 5:30 — 7:15pm or Sunday Morning: 8:45am—10:30am

(Space is limited for each session, spots will be filled on a first come first serve basis)

- ◆ Each session will begin with a meal, then kids will go to their classrooms for traditional catechesis and parents will attend parent program, we will join back together for our family session.
- ◆ Families will rotate bringing in desserts, side dishes and beverages for meals. Parish will provide main protein source and paper products.
- ◆ Families will rotate setting up and clean up.

High School 9 & 10 grade* Sunday Mornings: 9– 11:30am.

- ◆ Teen will join their families for Mass at 10:30am.
- ◆ Parents are needed to run small groups during these class sessions.

Confirmation - 11th grade* Sunday Mornings; 9– 11:30am.

- ◆ Teen will join their families for Mass at 10:30am.

***Confirmation, High School and Middle School Teens:** will be expected to attend an annual retreat; and participate when service opportunities are offered.

Absences Please notify the PREP office at 414-762-0552 (ext. 224) or e-mail bpotter@saintstephenmil.org if your child will be absent. Leave your name, child's name, grade and reason for absence.

Cancellation of Classes Cancellations for weather will be announced on TV Channel: Today's TMJ 4. If school was closed due to weather we will not have class that evening.

Communication

- ◆ Parents should call the prep or parish office to update any change in address, phone or e-mail.
- ◆ Dates and up coming events will be posted in the weekly bulletins.
- ◆ **Most communication is done by e-mail.**

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

September 15th - 9th, 10th & Confirmation - 9:30am First Class Session/Parent Orientation

- ◆ 9th and 10th grade teens will go to classroom #2.
- ◆ Confirmation Teens will go to Madonna Room.
- ◆ **Parents:** Go to worship space at **10:00am** for Orientation.

September 22nd - First PREP Family session Sunday Group

Orientation Parents Only During Parent Session

September 25th — First PREP Family Session Wednesday Group

Orientation Parents Only During Parent Session



PREP Calendar for remainder of year coming soon!

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Family Information (PLEASE PRINT)

Family Last Name	Father (First Name)	Mother (First name)
_____	_____	_____
Street	City	Zip
_____	_____	_____
Primary E-Mail	Phone	Cell
_____	_____	_____
Marital Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced
Second E-Mail (If communication should be sent to 2 addresses)	_____	Notes:
Emergency Contact	Phone	Relationship
_____	_____	_____

Family Program: please select only one Session Time (grades K-8)

Wednesday Evenings: 5:30 — 7:15pm

Sunday Mornings: 8:45am—10:30am

<u>Child's First Name</u> <small>(include last name only if different from family name)</small>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	M/F	<u>Please Indicate Sacraments Received</u>			<u>Grade 2019-2020 School year</u>
			Baptism	1st Reconciliation	1st Communion	
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						

Special Needs of the child (academic, physical, emotional, medical, allergies) which would be helpful for us to know:

SAFE ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION—SEE

SEE training is required when working with children and youth of the parish.

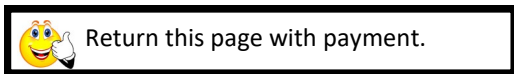
- _____ I (we) have completed SEE training and submitted information to St. Stephen's
- _____ I (we) have completed SEE but have not submitted information to St. Stephen's
- _____ I need to complete SEE training please let me know when the dates are

Archdiocese of Milwaukee and St. Stephen Parish, Oak Creek, WI

RELEASE FOR INFORMATION

___ I give / ___ I do not give, St. Stephen Parish permission to use my child(ren's) photograph. I understand that these materials are being used for the promotion of St. Stephen PREP and parish. I release staff, volunteers, etc. of any liability connected with the use of my children's picture. NAMES AND TAGGING WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE PHOTOS WE USE.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _____ DATE: _____



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Tuition Form 2019-2020

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Parishioner: One Child: \$100.00; Two Children: \$160.00; Three Children or more: \$215.00

Sacramental Fees: First Holy Communion & Reconciliation: \$40; Confirmation: \$75 (includes Retreat)



Please include a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if your child will be receiving a sacrament this year.

Retreat Fee High School (9th and 10th grade): \$40

Number of Children in the Program Fee - _____ = \$ _____

Number of Children in Confirmation Fee - _____ x \$75 = \$ _____

Number of Children Sacramental Fees (2nd Grade) - _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

Number of Children High School Retreat - _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____ *

Payment must accompany the registration form by July 15, 2019.

___ Payment Option 1: Full Payment. (July 15)

___ Payment Option 2: Half of fees. (July 15/ Jan 15)

___ Payment Option 3: Quarter of fees. (July 15/Nov 15/Jan 15/Mar 15)



Please mail payments to St. Stephen Parish, Attn. Betsy Potter, DRE, 1441 W. Oakwood Road, Oak Creek, WI 53154 by July 15, 2018. Or drop them in the collection plate at Mass. Thank You!!

*If there is a family hardship or difficulty in paying the tuition, please contact Fr. Robert at the parish office (414-762-0552) for confidential arrangements.

Parent/Child Involvement



We need your gifts! We ask each family to assist in a minimum of one area this year. Please mark the area in which you are interested in and we will contact you with more information.

<u>PREP</u>	<u>FAMILY PORTION</u>	<u>PARISH</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Catechist Sunday(K-4) <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Catechist Wednesdays or Sunday(K-4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with Speaker Events <input type="checkbox"/> Help Plan Crafts <input type="checkbox"/> Shop For Crafts Projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister (must be confirmed) <input type="checkbox"/> Lector (adult and/or child)
<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Catechist Sunday(5-8) <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Catechist Wednesdays or Sunday(5-8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Come early to help set up projects/session (WED or SUN) <input type="checkbox"/> Baker (as needed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Usher (can work with child) <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter (as a family) <input type="checkbox"/> My child would be interested in participating in Children's Choir
<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute Catechist Wednesdays or Sunday(K-8) <input type="checkbox"/> 9th & 10th grade small group leader	<input type="checkbox"/> I am a specialist in _____ and would love to share this with the other parents.	<input type="checkbox"/> Musician (adult or child) <input type="checkbox"/> Cantor (adult or child) <input type="checkbox"/> Choir (adult or child)



YOUR DONE!

