**St. Mary Religious Education**

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**Welcome!**

The Catechists and staff of St. Mary warmly welcome you and your children.  We recognize the profound responsibility we share with you as together we seek to learn more about the faith, traditions, and values of our Catholic Christianity.

            Your child/ren will attend class on the following days:

            **FAMILY NAME**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CHILD’S NAME**                                                                                    **GRADE**

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| **Schedule** **Nursery**: Sunday during 10 a.m. Mass     (Ages 8 months to 3 years)**Sunday** 9:50-11:00 a.m.  -  4 yr olds, Kind, 1stGrade**Tuesday** 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. -  2nd thru 5th Gradeor**Thursday** 3:30 -5:00 p.m.  – 2nd thru 5th Grade**Alternate Sundays** 11:15 – 1:00 p.m. 6th thru 8th | **Fees** **Nursery**: donation appreciated**Grades Preschool through 8th**$150 per child/$350 family maximum**Home Study**: $30 per child (includesBooks/materials)   |

**FEES**: The cost per child $150, with the family maximum of $350.  To save billing expenses, it would be appreciated if you could pay before Oct. 15.  However, your child’s religious education is our top priority.  If you need financial aid, please let us know.  Call Beth Ewald at (734) 475-7561 for confidential assistance.

**SNACKS**: This year St. Mary will be providing snacks. (The 2nd through 5th graders come to us hungry and tired after a full day of school.  A snack is just what they need to keep them going until dinner.)  Our other grades will also offer an appropriate snack for their time schedule.  We will offer fruit, granola bars, cheese and crackers, etc. trying to keep it on the healthy side.  **\*\*If your child has a food allergy please provide an alternate snack or let us know what is safe for them from our snack assortment.\*\***The children consume mass quantities of snacks and water.  If your budget allows you to donate extra snacks to our program, we would appreciate it.  Pretzels, goldfish crackers, granola bars, cheese sticks, gogurts, fruit and veggies with dip would be appreciated.  Or if you would like to include a cash donation toward snacks, that would be equally appreciated.  Thank you so much for your support of our program.

**TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:** Bus # 52 will pick the children up at Beach Middle School on both Tuesday and Thursday.  There will be an adult assisting the children for the first few weeks.  After that, we have high school and middle school students assisting.

**ATTENDANCE**: If you child will be absent from our Tuesday or Thursday class, **please call our office**, or you may email Marita at maritamartindre@gmail.com.  Sometimes they forget that it is a religious education class day and ride the bus to their homes (which may have both parents at work).

**FIRST GRADE PARENTS**: This is a very important year for your child to begin their First Communion preparation.  Our first graders begin learning about the sacraments and the Mass.  This is part of their two-year preparation for this sacrament.  Please bring them as often as possible so they can receive all the grace that Jesus wants to give them through the Eucharist.

**PARENTING WITH A PURPOSE:** “When will the next storm get here?  A tree with deep roots can weather any storm.  In your life and mine, it is only a matter of time before the next storm gets here: an illness, the death of a loved one, unemployment, financial difficulties, a troubled child, natural disaster, marital strife, or any number of things.  The storms of life as inevitable.  The question is not whether there will be another storm.  The question is: When will the next storm get here?  And when the next storm gets here, it’s too late to sink the roots.  When the next storm gets here, you either have the roots or you don’t?”

(Rediscover Catholicism by Matthew Kelly.)  May our families’ roots grow deep with the love of Jesus.

“Contemporary children listen more willingly to witnesses than to parents, or if they listen to parents, they do so because they are witnesses.”

(Pope Paul VI revised quote)

“He evangelizes more who prays without speaking than he who speaks without praying.”

(Fr. Canalamessa)

We are praying for you and your children.  Please pray for us also.  May we become the witnesses and prayer partners our children need us to be.

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All religion teachers and aides