



Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matt 19:14)

### **Religious Education Parent Letter 2025 – 2026**

We are made in the image of God. If we do not know who God is, we will never know who we are. Religious education is not just one more thing to be added to our already busy calendar, it is THE THING that people need TO BE HAPPY. Parents are the primary example of faith to their children. Our religious education program is here to help our families pass on the faith.

### **Schedule**

Preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st grade meet during the 10 am Mass beginning September 14.

2nd through 5th grade have monthly family catechism meetings. Parents and children meet together for the first 30 minutes and then the children go to their classrooms and parents meet with Becky for an adult faith presentation. The time choices will be Saturday- 9:30 am, Sunday- 4 pm, or Tuesday- 6 pm beginning September 13, 14, 16.

6th through 8th grade meet after 10 am Mass beginning September 14. This is a parent/student meeting with food included to kick off our program for the year.

8th graders are invited to prepare for Confirmation. They will be Confirmed early in their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. We do not have the exact date yet, but historically it was in October. If you have a high schooler that has not been Confirmed and would like to prepare please contact Becky Keiser to discuss the best option for your young person. We will have the Confirmation orientation meeting after 10 am Mass October 5th in the Knights of Columbus room.

### **Fee**

\$100 per child/\$250 family maximum. If you need financial aid, please let us know. Call Alyssa Galante at 734-475-7561 for confidential assistance. If you are more comfortable you may reach out to Becky Keiser as well.

Home Study: \$25 per child for books/materials

Forms are available on our website or in the religious education hall.

Call 734-475-7561 or email Becky: [beckykeiserdre@stmarychelsea.org](mailto:beckykeiserdre@stmarychelsea.org) with questions or concerns.

We are praying for you, please pray for us,

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