



Saint Ann Catholic Church
Sunday School of Religion
Youth Faith Formation Program
August 25th, 2019

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Thank you for registering your child for Sunday School! We look forward to a wonderful year of Faith Formation, Sacrament Preparation, and fun! Your registration fee helps pay for your child's textbook and other supplies, but this program is also funded from your parishioner contributions for the needs of the church. Our first class will be **Sunday, September 8th**. Class meets from 9:40 to 10:45 am. The start time may vary based on when Mass ends, so please wait with your child until his or her teacher arrives.

There are a few safety rules of which you should be aware:

- a. Do not drop students off alone, either inside or outside the building
- b. Do not enter a classroom without a teacher being present
- c. Enter on church side, not 52nd avenue side
- d. Children from downstairs are not allowed to leave without an older sibling or adult
- e. Children from upstairs may pick up siblings downstairs, but please do come by every so often to meet your child's teacher!

You will receive both written and emailed communications related to special events, times of the year, service projects, etc. If you did not supply an email address on your registration form, please get this to your catechist and/or the Director of Religious Education so that you can receive emailed communication.

Your children will have wonderful catechists instructing them this year, but remember that YOU are the primary educator of the faith for your child! Below is a reminder of the agreement you signed on your child's registration form:

If you are interested in being involved in this program either as a teacher, assistant teacher, or substitute teacher, please contact me! Several of our catechists have been teaching for many years. I consistently hear from them how rewarding they find it to be! It's a great way not only to evangelize, but to learn about and strengthen your faith at the same time. Should you ever have questions, please contact me!

The Catholic Church teaches that parents are the primary educators of the faith to their children. The Youth Faith Formation Program at Saint Ann hopes to supplement, not replace, your primary responsibility as parent in this regard.

With this in mind, we ask parents to agree to the following:

- 1) Parents agree to attend Mass with children on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.*
- 2) Parents agree to financially contribute to the Church according to their family's financial situation.*
- 3) Parents agree to be active, registered members of Saint Ann Parish, and to contribute to one or more ministries.*
- 4) Parents agree to bring their child to, and pick them up from, class on time. Parents agree to ensure their child misses class very minimally.*
- 5) Parents agree to attend scheduled meetings and to read communications from the Director of Religious Education regarding the program.*

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- i. Welcome and Introduction; Parent Letter
- ii. Calendar
- iii. Class start and end times – 9:40 to 10:45; be aware of Mass schedules
- iv. Safety Rules
 - a. Do not drop students off without a teacher, either outside or inside the building
 - b. Do not enter a classroom without a teacher being present – certainly don't put yourself in a position to watch other parents' children without the teacher being present
 - c. Enter on church side, not 52nd avenue side – please do not open the door for someone on the 52nd avenue side
 - d. Children from upstairs may pick up siblings downstairs, but we ask that you come every now and then to get to know your teacher, especially if they are preparing for a Sacrament
 - e. Children from downstairs are not allowed to leave without an older sibling or adult
 - f. Inclement Weather Announcements will be communicated by email before 8:30 AM
- v. Please look for and read communications both written and emailed from catechists and DRE
 - a. If you did not include an email on your registration form, please be sure to get it to your teacher or to me as this is the primary means of communication
 - b. If you change your address, phone number, email, please let me know and I will communicate to your child's catechist
- vi. Purpose of Religious Education - "Parents are the first educators of their children in the ways of the faith."
 - a. Family Faith Pledges
 - b. Opportunities to involve yourself
 - i. Ask your student what they learned today
 - ii. Throughout the year, teachers may send home documents, activities, prayers, "for my family" pages in the book – read these over, do some research on the topic, talk about it as a family
 - iii. Go over book at end of the year
 - iv. Email and print communications may include special prayers and activities to correspond with the time of year – pay attention to these and go over them as a family
 - v. Sacrament prep – attend mandatory parent meetings; seek out materials if you are unable to attend; Sacrament Instructor involvement
 - c. Reminder about agreement to be an example on the registration form
 - d. Attend Mass with your child on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
 - e. Be active in ministries
- vii. Ways to Get Involved in This Program
 - a. Directors' Assistant
 - b. Teachers
 - c. Assistant Teachers – adults and teens
 - d. Substitute Teachers
- viii. Any Questions?

September 8th – First Day of Class, 9:40 – 10:45 am, School Building

September 15th – Catechetical Sunday, 8:30 Mass – All catechists (teachers) will be recognized

October 27th – All Saints Day Program, 10:00 am, Neidert Hall

November 14th – First Reconciliation Parents' Meeting, 6:30 KOC Room (Thursday)

December 1st – First Sunday in Advent & *Potential Advent Service, 10:00 am, Church* (The class after Thanksgiving will not be cancelled this year)

December 8th - Breakfast with St. Nick; No Class

December 15th – Last Day of Class in 2019



January 12th - First Day of Class, 9:40 -10:45 am, School Building

January 23rd – First Reconciliation, 6:30 pm, Church (Thursday)

February 13th – First Communion Parents' Meeting, 6:30, KOC Room (Thursday)

February 27th – Confirmation Parents' & Sponsors' Meeting, 6:30, KOC Room (Thursday)

February 29th – Confirmation Retreat, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, PLC

March 28th – Confirmation, 5:00 pm, Saint Ann Church

April 5th – Palm Sunday; Lenten Service, 10:00 am, Courtyard or upper level of school

April 12th – Easter; NO CLASS

April 26th – First Communion, 11:00 am, Saint Ann Church

May 10th – Mother's Day, May Crowning, 10:00 am, church

May 17th – Last Class

