

Wednesday Night Arrivals and Dismissals

Classes begin at 6:15 each week.

Students should enter the school through the east door by the parking lot. For everyone's safety this is the only door that is unlocked. Students should not be dropped off on Main Street.

The emergency driveway between the school and the parking lot is blocked off on Wednesday nights so no cars can drive through.

The doors of the school are unlocked at 6:00. At this time students in **grades 1-5** are allowed into the gym to play basketball or visit. Students are not allowed to kick the balls or throw them at others (dodge-ball).

At 6:10 a whistle is blown and students in grades 1-5 must quickly put the balls away and leave the gym. Students should use the restroom and get drinks at this time so they are not leaving class during the session.

Middle school students have the use of the gym from 6:10-6:15. The same ball handling rules as mentioned above apply to them.

At 6:15 the bell will ring signaling the start of class.

A clean-up bell rings at 7:10 followed by the end bell at 7:15.

Finally students in **grades 1 & 2** must be signed out of class each night by a parent or sibling in at least 5th grade.



Class Cancelations

*If the Seymour School District cancels classes, dismisses classes early **or** cancels after school activities due to severe weather, any Religious Education classes scheduled for that evening will be cancelled.*

*If classes need to be cancelled and the district is still having events, the Seymour Public Schools involved will be notified in time to make an announcement **and** the parish web page, Facebook page and RE Department answering machine will be updated. We also understand that many of our parishioners live several miles out in the country and always understand if you choose to stay home in lieu of traveling on icy or dangerous roads. Remember—when in doubt—**please call us** before you head to class...*

The parish religious education program is just a part of the process of growing in our faith. We know that faith formation begins at birth and continues until the end of our earthly life. We acknowledge that parents are the first and primary faith formers in their children's lives and the parish program aides in educating our young people on Roman Catholic Doctrine.

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Faith Formation Program Information

We Want To Share the
Good News
with Everyone!

- ◆ *God is love and has created us for relationship with him.*
- ◆ *We have broken our relationship with God by our sin.*
- ◆ *Jesus restored our relationship with God through his Life, Death, and Resurrection.*
- ◆ *Jesus invites us to trust in him, to turn from sin and to give our lives to Him.*
- ◆ *Jesus has poured the Holy Spirit into our hearts to bring us to new life in his Church and sends his church on a mission so that others can experience new life.*

Our Program at a Glance...

Our Classes:

Grades 1-6:

We offer a traditional classroom program for students in grades 1-6 each Wednesday night from October to April. Classes meet from 6:15—7:15. Besides learning basic Catholic Doctrine and practice, students study Scripture, the Mass and are involved in weekly classroom prayer service and seasonal group services.

Grades 7 & 8:

Students in grades 7 and 8 also meet in a traditional classroom setting from 6:15-7:15 on all **but** the first Wednesday of the month. In these grades, students begin sharing their faith with younger grades through cooperative projects and activities as well as an in depth study of our Catholic Faith and Heritage.

High School:

Our High School program is broken up into several facets.

Freshmen and Sophomore students meet for one week in the summer for a faith module. Freshmen study “**The Teen Timeline of the Bible**” (overview of entire Bible), while the Sophomore session is titled, “**Thy Kingdom Come—The Gospel of Matthew**”.

The Freshmen and Sophomores along with the Juniors also meet one Sunday night a month to study “**The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth**”. This book is split up over a three year cycle so by the time a student is ready for Confirmation they have covered all of the Material. Students are also required to attend at least one Holy Hour each year and participate in at least one Lenten enrichment, and Triduum Service.

Finally, our **Confirmation** program begins the summer before a student’s Senior year in High School with the actual celebration occurring early that Fall.

Special Events:

Advent and Lenten Prayer Services:

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, students in grades 1-8 come together at the start of class each week for a prayer service. Classes take turns writing petitions and leading us in prayer. Parent’s are invited to attend any or all of these prayer services.

Christmas Ornament Party:

Students in grades 1-8 join together in the gym during the final class before the Christmas break to make Christmas Ornaments while enjoying music, fellowship and holiday treats.

Altar Server Training:

All students in grade 4 are trained and required to participate in Mass as an Altar Server for at least one year. Training is done on one of two Saturday mornings in the fall.

Christmas Eve Student Choir:

Students are encouraged to participate at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass Choir. Practices are held the two Sunday’s prior to Christmas following the 10:00 Mass.

Special Recognition:

Each year our religion program has a Scriptural or Evangelization theme. Students have the opportunity to earn “awards” for behaviors that exemplify this theme. Awards are posted in the hallway for all to see.

Middle School Award recipients:

The top male and female award recipients will get special recognition at the end of the year celebration and have the opportunity to lead in the May Crowning on a Sunday in early, May at the start of the 10:00 Mass.

Requirements:

In keeping with our Catholic Church’s acknowledgement that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our life, all families in the Parish program should regularly attend Mass and support the parish by sharing their time, treasure and talent.

All students are required to complete at least one Catholic Weekend **Mass Worksheet** a month (weddings, holy days and Holiday’s can not be counted toward this requirement). Worksheets are located in each of the classrooms and also on the table in Church in front of the Crying Room/Luxury Box. Students in 1st and 2nd Grade should complete the **green** form, all other students should complete the **purple** form.

All Students are required to attend **Ash Wednesday Mass**. Students in grades 1-8 will sit assigned pews with their classmates. High School students will have a sign in sheet .

Regular class attendance is expected in all grades.

In our goal as Catholics to be Christ like in word and deed, we expect the young people in our program to do likewise, treating others with compassion and respect. Treating others in any disrespectful way will not be tolerated.