

Sacred Heart Parish

Religious Education Programs

Religious Education

for Kindergarten
and Grades 1-5
held Mondays, 6:15pm-7:30pm
DRE: Ms. Margaret Sadoski

The textbook series used for grades 1-5 is "*Finding God*", published by Loyola. The kindergarteners' lessons come from the textbook series "*I am Special*", published by Our Sunday Visitor.

Class sizes vary, but are typically around 10-15 children. Catechists are encouraged to add activities to the textbook lessons to recognize the liturgical seasons and holy days. Every grade level is also assigned a traditional Catholic prayer to learn and practice throughout the school year. Some of the extra activities the students join together to celebrate are:

- All-Class Masses
- St. Francis Pet Blessing
- Christmas Program
- Mardi Gras Bowling Night
- Seasonal Reconciliation
- Occasional community speakers

Regular attendance is stressed and a full calendar of events is handed out on the first class night.

First Reconciliation preparation begins in the First Grade, following through to the first semester of Second Grade where it is celebrated during Advent. Second Grade then builds on those lessons in their preparation for *First Communion*, held after Easter. Both sacraments are preceded by parent meetings and family workshops as part of the sacrament experience.

If you'd like to see a copy of last year's Parent Handbook for one of these programs, or have questions about the programs, please call the Parish Office at 920-485-0694. Both programs meet for about 30 class nights from September through early May. Breaks and cancelations are scheduled with consideration of the public school schedules wherever possible.

2017-2018 Tuition Fees:

\$90 for one(1) student \$140 for two(2) students \$170 for three or more (3+)
Non-Parishioners have an additional \$90 fee (per family)

There are additional fees for the students during their sacrament years (grade 2 and grade 11).

Youth Ministry

for Middle School Grades 6-8
and High School Grades 9-11
held Wednesdays, 7:00pm-8:15pm
YM: Mr. Bill Thimm

Our Youth Ministry program includes a strong emphasis on knowledge of the Catholic faith, involvement in prayer experiences and outreach activities. Service opportunities like yard clean up and serving at a soup kitchen are offered. Students receive the sacrament of Reconciliation each year, attend Mass and take part in prayer services.

Middle school students study the sacraments, church history and the Trinity. High school students study morality, the Bible and their personal faith journey, culminating in reception of the sacrament of *Confirmation*.

Our youth have the opportunity to be part of the adult choir practices Wednesday evenings. Students who play instruments are encouraged to set up convenient practice times and play at parish liturgical celebrations.

World Youth Day and Mission Trips are offered and fundraising opportunities are provided for the high school.

The Confirmation class attends a special retreat weekend in preparation for their sacrament. Sponsor support and interaction is encouraged early in the year.

