

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PARENT INFORMATION 2021 – 2022

Session Overview

Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 5:

- Traditional classroom setting. These classes are held weekly at the Parish Center on Sunday mornings from 8:45 am to 9:45 am (Session I) and 11:15 am to 12:15 pm (Session II)
- Virtual/Zoom classroom setting (catechist-led from home)
- Parent-led homeschooling

Grades 6 – 9:

- Traditional classroom setting. These classes are held EVERY OTHER Sunday evening at the Parish Center from 5:00 to 6:00 pm (Session III)
- Virtual/Zoom classroom setting (catechist-led from home)
- Parent-led homeschooling

- Class Assignments will be arranged by the Religious Education Office for registered students. No Catechist is free to accept new students. If you have a special request for your child's placement, please make note of this when you submit your online form. Placements are scheduled to be mailed in early September.

- This year's registration fee is \$175 per child, with a cap of \$425 per family. If, for whatever reason, you find this amount financially draining, just let us know when you **submit your completed registration form on-line**. No child will ever be denied a place in the program because of economic circumstances.

- Children in the **First Eucharist Program (Grade 2)** will also be prepared for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (First Penance). If your child was **not** baptized at Saint Michael Parish, please furnish us with a copy of his or her baptismal certificate by November 1.

- We offer a program *for children with different learning abilities* who are not ready to be mainstreamed into the regular Religious Education classes on Sunday mornings. All learning is visually-based, entails limited language, and encourages repetition. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office at 781-275-6324.

- Special Enrichment Programs will be held throughout the year, and parents are always invited to attend. Please check the Parish Bulletin and our Facebook page for notification regarding dates and times. Parents of First Eucharist candidates are expected to attend special retreats and liturgies throughout the year. Confirmation students are required to attend a special retreat each year.

- In the event of inclement weather, classes may be cancelled. Cancellation notices will be placed on our website's homepage (www.bedfordcatholic.org) and on our Facebook page.