

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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RE Office Personnel Changes



Dean Checknita and Kristy Lumley recently joined the team. Dean is the Coordinator and Kristy is the RE Assistant. Diana Roets continues to provide the rocksteady support managing the office and sacramental program.

The mission of the Religious Education program is to support parents in fulfilling the promises they made during the baptism rite; to encourage a lifelong desire to know, love and serve God through the Catholic faith so that they may spread the Gospel and participate in the life of the Church as seen in the book of Acts. This would include regularly participating in the richness of the sacraments, and to actively engage in fraternity with their brothers and sisters in Christ through parish life.

RE Program Kickoff



Orientation for the 2021-2022 Religious Education Year

August 29, 2021 (Sunday Classes Meet in the Gym)

Students enrolled in the 8:45 am session

- 8:45 Arrival/Welcome and introductions of staff/catechists
- 9:00 Students go with teachers to classrooms/Parents orientation with DRE
- 9:30 Parents go to classroom to meet catechists

Students enrolled in the 10:45 am session

- 10:45 Arrival/Welcome and introductions of staff/catechists
- 11:00 Students go with teachers to classrooms/Parents orientation with DRE
- 11:30 Parents go to classroom to meet catechists

Evening students in 7th Grade/Conf.1 or 8th Grade/Conf.2 can attend either the 8:45 or 10:45 sessions

*****First day of classes: September 12, 2021*****

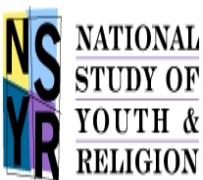
September 1, 2021 (Wed. Out-of-Cycle Sacramental Prep Classes Meet in Parish Center)

- 6:00-7:30 PM Overview of online program. Students will receive login information and curriculum guide. ***Very Important for all students to attend!***

*****First day of classes: September 8, 2021*****

Parents should keep a separate bookbag/tote bag for all RE materials. It should include a box of crayons for grades K-3 and colored pencils for grades 4-6.

Lessons from the National Study of Youth and Religion



We can learn how to be more successful parents and catechists by looking at the findings of longitudinal studies that tracked children through adolescence and adulthood with respect to their faith. The study indicates that the primary driver that a child will know and love God and will continue in their faith throughout their life, is home religious habits. Simply put, the most important thing parents can do is to lead by example by constantly demonstrating the faith, to include regular attendance at mass, consistently choosing the higher good, and leading their family in daily rosary and prayer. We can support but not replace parents for religious education.