

St. Thomas the Apostle Church

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Curriculum Requirements

2019 - 2020

Grades K-6:

- Attendance at classes is essential.

Grade 2:

In order to properly prepare the children for the Double Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, certain requirements must be met. Our parish follows these Diocesan guidelines:

- Families must be registered parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle parish.
- Proof of baptism must be available to the Office of Religious Education (either on file at St. Thomas Rectory or by providing a baptismal certificate).
- First grade Religious Education must be completed through a CCD program or by attendance in a Catholic school.
- Classes must be attended regularly. Students cannot miss more than 2 classes. Please call when a child will be out sick.
- The children should be attending Mass on a regular basis.
- Parents will be required to attend two parent meetings over the course of the 2019 - 2020 school year. Only one parent needs to attend.
- Your child must attend rehearsals prior to First Communion. More information will follow.

Grades 7 and 8:

- Mandatory attendance at classes scheduled on Monday evenings.
- Any missed classes are expected to be made up in the month missed.

Grade 9:

- Mandatory attendance at classes scheduled on Monday evenings.
- Any missed classes are expected to be made up in the month missed.
- 6 hours* of documented Community Service dated between March 2019 - March 2020.

Grade 10:

- Mandatory attendance at classes scheduled on Monday evenings.
- Any missed classes are expected to be made up in the month missed.
- 9 hours* of documented Community Service dated between March 2019 - March 2020.

Grade 11:

In order to properly prepare the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation, certain requirements must be met. Our parish follows these Diocesan guidelines:

- The Sacrament is received during the junior year in high school. The student must be 16 years of age.
- The student must choose to be confirmed through his or her own decision making.
- Grades 8, 9 and 10 of Religious Education must be completed prior to the Grade 11 Sacrament year.
- Families must be registered parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle parish.
- Proof of baptism must be available to the Office of Religious Education (either on file at St. Thomas Rectory or by providing a baptismal certificate).
- Attendance at all Confirmation classes, including a Retreat, is mandatory. Classes meet once a month.
- 5 hours* of documented Community Service dated between March 2019 - March 2020.
- Paperwork must be completed regarding the student's Saint Name and Sponsor information by the designated date listed on the schedule of classes. More information will follow.
- Attendance is necessary at the Confirmation Rehearsal by both student and sponsor.

Please consider volunteering to help with parish activities throughout the year or feel free to ask for a list of additional Community Service suggestions. Please note: It is **not considered Community Service if you are helping out a family member (parents, grandparents, etc.) with house/yard work or if you are receiving payment for your services. Community Service forms will be available to all students.*