



**St. Patrick Church  
Religious Education Office**

August 2021

Dear St. Patrick Families-

Greetings in the Lord! I hope this message finds you well. In preparing for the upcoming school year, I wanted to reach out to all of our families that may have children approaching Sacramental age. As our database lists the children by birthday, not grade, I am reaching out to a broad span, hoping that we don't miss anyone. I apologize if you have received this message in error. Our program does welcome all kindergarten through eighth graders, if you are not in the grade listed below.

This reminder is being sent to all of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade families. Our Diocese requires 2 years of religious preparation, either through Catholic schools, homeschooling, or religious education prior to a Sacrament. Additionally, our parish utilizes the Matthew Kelly Decision Point program, which we split over two years of preparation classes. If you wish to have your child receive their Confirmation with their grade level peers in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, you need to be registered in one of these programs, Catholic schools, homeschooling, or religious education, for seventh grade and also register for our first year of Confirmation preparation. If you have a public school student, you would sign up through me in the St. Patrick Religious Education office. If you are homeschooling or have a Montini student, you would have them complete their school program and attend an additional Confirmation preparation class at our church. If you wish to register for the first year of Confirmation preparation, dates are on the back of this form and the registration form is included. There is no fee for first year of preparation. Please contact the Religious Education office to receive more information about any these programs.

Our Religious Education registration is currently open. If your child will be attending religious education, I ask that you fill out the registration paperwork no later than August 15, to allow us time to plan. All of the details for our program are available at <https://www.stpatrickmchenry.org/religious-education> and packets are available in the vestibule at church. If your registration is not received by August 15, a late fee of \$10 per child will be applied to your accounts to cover additional ordering of books and supplies. Payment is not required at this time, however, if you are prepared at this time to make payment, payments can be turned into the parish office or made online via Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/355/event/7842>.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me, Lisa Johnson, in the Religious Education office at [reoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org](mailto:reoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org) or 815-385-2959.

God Bless-

Lisa Johnson, DRE

St Patrick Church, McHenry

2021-2022 First Year Confirmation Preparation Dates

Each candidate class will meet from 10-11:30 at Montini Primary Center. One parent is asked to attend a parent session at the same time as classes. These classes will occur in the parish center. Parents and child will meet together at the end of class for reflection of material.

Sunday, October 3

Sunday, November 7

Sunday, January 2

Sunday, February 6

Sunday, March 6

Sunday, April 3