

Dismissal Procedures

For the safety of your children we ask that you please park the car and come into the building to meet your child. Late pick up is discouraged. Children not picked up 10 minutes after dismissal will be waiting in the front desk area.

Mass Attendance

Mass attendance each week is essential in a complete Religious Education. Lessons in the classroom will incorporate the weekly Mass readings. Please plan on attending Mass each week with your child. See the Parish bulletin or website for weekly Mass Schedules

Religious Education Fees

Fees for the full year program are as follows:

1 Child	\$80 total
2 Children	\$140 total
3 or more Children	\$200 total

Volunteers receive a discount on the registration fee.

No child will be denied a Religious Education because of financial need. We are willing to work with anyone in need of financial assistance, please contact the RE Office at 972-875-9650.

Children's Religious Education

Communication

We hope this flow of communication helps inform the families of important upcoming dates, religious education policies, etc.

- We send letters home with important information about Sacramental dates. **It is responsibility of the parents to let the RE staff know of changes in their mailing address information or/and phone numbers.**
- Another form of communication we are encouraging the parents/students to use is the website of our parish: www.stjohncc.net/ministries/re
- Go to our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StJohnRE and click the "like" button for updates.
- We also encourage communication through the use of our parish bulletin.

Parents are responsible for reading and abiding by all of the material in this brochure. The Pastor and the Director retain the right to amend this brochure and the Calendar for just cause. Parents will be given prompt notification if changes are made.

Copies of this brochure and the School Calendar will be available in the front desk of the school and in our website: www.stjohncc.net/ministries/re



St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church

Children's Religious Education

Pre-K — 5th grade

Come near
to
GOD
and He will
come
to you. James 4:8a

Parental Involvement

Parents are the primary religious educators of their children. The role of catechists is to help parents meet this obligation. The expectation of the Religious Education Program, therefore, is that all parents will become immersed with their children in an on-going faith development. Parents are enthusiastically encouraged to attend the various prayer services, social events and sacramental celebrations during the year. Your participation in these celebrations fosters a strong community of dedicated parents and strengthens our faith in Jesus. Assist the Religious Education Program in helping us create a meaningful program for your children by bringing them regularly, learning about their curriculum, getting to know their catechists and sharing your own interest in the church with them, as well as participation in church activities.

Sacrament Policies

Sacramental preparation is a very special time in the parish. It is also a special time in the lives of the faithful. We cannot accomplish this responsibility by instruction alone. Therefore, sacramental preparation is separate and requires participation.

- Students are required to participate and prepare for a **full two years in Religious Education prior to receiving the Sacraments** of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.
- Before a child receives a sacrament, it is necessary that a copy of his/her baptismal certificate be on file in the RE Office.
- Parents are **expected** to attend information sessions before their child receive sacraments. Parents will be notified of the time, dates, and places of these sessions early in the school year or as soon as possible. **Attendance by at least one parent is mandatory.**

Classes Schedule: September—May

Sunday 8:30—10:30am

Wednesday: 6:30—8:30pm

Attendance Policy

- **Regular attendance is expected and essential to a student's success. All students enrolled in a Sacramental preparation class can't miss more than four (4) classes per year.** Attendance is recorded each time class meets. Certainly a child will be excused for *serious, unavoidable* reasons, such as illness, but since one class session builds on another, *regular attendance* is necessary.
- If a child is absent, it is the parent's responsibility to notify the Religious Education Office at 972-875-9650. Please do not hesitate to leave a message on the Voice Mail System.
- If a child's absence is excessive, he/she may do well to repeat the same grade level next year. Parents of children in Sacramental Classes (First Reconciliation and First Eucharist) are asked to take special note of this in order to avoid a difficult situation later.
- Late arrival is discouraged, as it is disruptive. Students are expected to arrive on time and stay for the entire class period.

Prayers

The students are expected to be familiar with specific prayers at each grade level. The RE website contains a list of prayers that are expected at each grade level. We have available copies in each classroom. **Parents are to work with their children on this task since familiarization requires constant repetition.**

Dear Parents, welcome to the Religious Education Program at St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church. We are glad that you and your family are a part of our program.

Our RE Program fosters the religious formation of your children and works to incorporate Catholic Christian values and traditions into the family's daily life. This Catholic education is looked upon as something to be shared and held sacred.

As a parent, you are constantly teaching and catechizing by your attitudes, actions, values, by the way you encourage prayer and by your active participation of worship. With this participation, your children will experience a meaningful year of Religious Education and grow in the knowledge and love of God!

Blessings!

Children's Faith Formation Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8am-11.30am and 1.30-5pm

Friday 8am-11.30pm

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