

June 1, 2019

Dear Religious Education Families:

As the summer season begins, the Faith Formation/Religious Education Office is beginning to plan for the 2019-2020 R.E. programs. This letter provides an overview of the Religious Education registration process for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary, and middle school grades. High school registration is a separate registration process. Please direct questions about any registration forms to the Faith Formation/Religious Education office at (630) 305-6318.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

In order to be effective, the Religious Education program needs to be strengthened by family participation in the total liturgical, social, and educational life of the parish. For this reason, as well as general communication, it is expected that families be registered in the parish if the children are attending St. Thomas' Faith Formation.

NEW FAITH FORMATION OPTION FOR 2019-2020

In the past, there have been two choices of time for Saturday RE sessions. This year, we will continue to offer 'regular' RE sessions at the Saturday 8:30 time. At the 10:30 time, we will offer a family faith formation opportunity. The family faith formation sessions will take place once a month (**September 21, October 19, November 16, December 14, January 25, February 22, March 21**), at All Saints, from 10:30-11:45 am. This option will be geared towards multiple grade levels (pre-K-through 8th grade) and will require that at least one parent attend with your children. Because these sessions are monthly (and not weekly), attendance is extremely important and families will be expected to attend every session. There will also be material sent home at each session to continue the discussion as a family throughout the month. Because a significant amount of planning is required for the family faith formation sessions, we will need to know by the July 1 deadline if you are choosing this option for religious education. A minimum of 12 families is needed for the family faith formation sessions. If the minimum is not met, then you will be invited to register for regular RE sessions.

REGISTRATION

The family registration form should be returned as quickly as possible. Due to the large number of students registering, it is impossible to honor special requests for catechists and/or class assignments. For each family a registration deposit (½ of the tuition amount) is required with the form. If the deposit or tuition presents a financial burden, please contact the Faith Formation/Religious Education office so that other arrangements can be made. Late registrations make it difficult to arrange for the proper number of catechists, rooms, books, and supplies. In addition, they cause extra clerical work. Therefore, **any registrations received after July 1st will be assessed an additional cost (\$30 additional for registrations after July 1, \$60 additional for registrations after August 1).**

TUITION SCHEDULE FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN THRU MIDDLE SCHOOL

By July 1 st	1 child - \$120	2 children - \$200	3 or more children - \$260
After July 1 st	1 child - \$150	2 children - \$230	3 or more children - \$290
After Aug. 1 st	1 child - \$180	2 children - \$260	3 or more children - \$310

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

Grade Level	Time and Day of Week Options	Class Location	Starting Date
Pre-K and K	Sat., 8:30-9:45	All Saints Catholic Academy, 1155 Aurora Avenue, Naperville	Saturday, September 7
Grades 1-5	Tues., 4:30-5:45 OR Sat., 8:30-9:45	Tuesday: Brookdale School, 1200 Redfield Road, Naperville Saturday: All Saints Catholic Academy	Tuesday, September 10 OR Saturday, September 7
Grades 6-8	Mon., 7:15-8:30 OR Sat., 8:30-9:45 OR	Monday and Saturday classes meet at All Saints Catholic Academy	Monday, September 9 OR Saturday, September 7

Pre-K thru 8th	Family Faith Formation (FFF) Sat, 10:30-11:45am	All Saints Catholic Academy, 1155 Aurora Avenue, Naperville	Saturday, September 21
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The registration form contains a sacramental information section. Check those sacraments your child has already received. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS SECTION BE ACCURATELY COMPLETED ON THE REGISTRATION FORM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE MAILINGS FOR PARENT MEETINGS. Information will be sent for First Eucharist and for First Reconciliation in late fall. Baptism is available for children who have not yet been baptized. For information about Baptism, please call the Main Office, (630) 355-8980.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Faith Formation/Religious Education programs are dependant upon a sense of shared responsibility. Catechists and other adult volunteers provide the foundation necessary to ensure a safe and successful year of faith formation. Please carefully consider a commitment of time and energy to this ministry. Contact the Faith Formation/Religious Education office for further information regarding volunteer opportunities. For your commitment of service to the R.E. program, tuition for the children of catechists is waived. All volunteers require a background check every 5 years and one-time completion of the workshop, "Protecting God's Children." Training and materials are provided for all volunteers.

RAINBOWS/SPECTRUM

Rainbows is a support group system for children who are grieving due to death, divorce, or separation. The children meet in small, age-level groups on Saturday mornings from 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. at St. Thomas. A Registration Form is available. If you do not need to use it, perhaps you can pass the information on to a neighbor or friend.

SPECIAL BLESSING AND SOCIAL

On Sunday, August 25, we will begin our school year together at the 11:15 am mass, followed by a social. Please join us to celebrate the start of another year of faith formation.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Working together, we are sure that we can assist and enrich the spiritual growth of our children.

Blessings,

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