



## SAINT BERNADETTE CHURCH

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August 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

Preparations for our Religious Education Programs for the 2017-2018 school year have begun for all students entering grades pre-kindergarten through grade 11. *These programs are required for all students in grades 1 through 10 who do not attend Catholic school.* All relevant information regarding Religious Education registration is given here. We ask that all forms be returned by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Religious Education registration is for all students listed below, classes begin in the fall:

***Pre-School, Kindergarten and First Grade*** - Classes will be held on Sunday mornings bi-weekly from 10:15am - 11:15am. Please complete the ***blue*** registration form.

***Grade 2***- Students will prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the fall and spring, respectively. Classes will be held on Sundays from 10:15- noon. Please use the enclosed ***pink*** form to register your child for the second grade sacrament programs. There will be an informational meeting in September before the start of reconciliation classes. Please note there is a one-time registration fee of \$80 for the second grade sacrament programs. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate must be included with the registration form.

***Grades 3 - 8*** - Classes will be held bi-weekly on Sunday mornings from 10:15am - 11:45am. Please complete the ***blue*** registration form.

***Grade 9 - 10*** - Classes are held bi-weekly, Sunday evenings from 6pm - 8pm. Please complete the ***blue*** registration form.

***Grade 11*** - The Confirmation program for those in Grade 11 will begin in October. Please complete the enclosed ***yellow*** form to register for Confirmation. There will be an informational meeting in the fall. Classes will meet Sunday evenings from 6pm - 8pm. Please note there is a separate registration fee of \$150 for the Confirmation program. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate must be included with the registration form.

Enclosed you will find the registration forms and program descriptions as well as catechetical ministry volunteer forms. Our religious education programs are in need of people willing to teach the faith. We have approximately 300 students in the various programs here at St. Bernadette Parish. To continue to strengthen our religious education programs, we need many more catechists and teacher aides to help in

the education of our children in the faith. Please prayerfully consider this invitation to teach. The most important thing we can do for our children is to help them know and love God and educate them in the Catholic faith. Please look over the enclosed catechetical ministry form and let us know if you can help in any way. Please remember that all volunteers must complete safe environment training, submit a CORI form along with a copy of your license, and read and sign the Code of Ministerial Conduct Acknowledgement form. All forms are located on the parish website at [www.stb-parish.org](http://www.stb-parish.org).

***PLEASE RETURN ALL FORMS AND REGISTRATION FEES TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE BY AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup>.*** Registrations may be mailed to the parish office or placed in the weekly collection basket. Please mark it "Religious Education Registration." The forms are also available on the parish website at [www.stb-parish.org](http://www.stb-parish.org).

The registration fees are as follows:

**For Grades PK, K, 1, 3-10:**

Registration fee	\$70 per student
Family Maximum	\$180 per family

**Grade 2**

Reconciliation/Communion	\$80 per student
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**Grade 11**

Confirmation	\$150 per student
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*No child will be denied religious education due to financial reasons. Please contact the religious education office for scholarship information. All information will be kept confidential.*

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Religious Education Office at 393-7445.

God's Peace to you always,

Ginny Boland



*Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*