

SACRAMENT PROGRAMS

GRADE 2

Children begin their preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist when they enter the second grade. These programs are immediate preparation programs each with 8 learning sessions and a retreat. Students and parents attend the retreat together. Children will prepare for and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving First Holy Eucharist. Reconciliation classes begin in the fall and First Eucharist in the spring. Prior to each program, there will be an informational meeting for the all parents. *We emphasize the importance of attending weekly Mass with your child(ren). This is especially important during sacrament preparation.* We will meet with each student at the completion of the reconciliation program to determine if they are ready to receive the sacrament. These programs run on Sunday mornings from 10:15 - noon.

GRADE 11

The preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins in October of grade 11. Classes meet on Sunday evenings from 6pm - 8pm. Students desiring to receive this sacrament must be attending Mass and have completed Religious Education through grade 10. Students will be interviewed before entering the program. Requirements include a retreat, discipleship/service projects, regular Mass attendance and attendance *at all classes and activities* during the preparation period. An informational meeting will be held in the fall for all parents and students.

REGISTRATION

Registration for all religious education programs takes place in August.

Please note Grade 2 and 11 sacrament programs have a separate registration. The registration fee for sacrament programs is separate from regular religious education classes.

Schedules for all religious education programs are sent out in September to those students who are registered.



Jesus sent the Apostles to 'Go and make Disciples of all nations.' Matthew 28:1

Questions regarding any of our Religious Education programs can be directed to the Religious Education Office.

St. Bernadette Parish Community

Religious Education Policy



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICY FOR GRADES PRE-K through HIGH SCHOOL

The following criteria is only part of the Religious Education Policy of St. Bernadette Parish. Religious Education Policies may be obtained through the Parish Religious Education Office.

We cannot stress strongly enough the importance of weekly participation at Mass by you and your child(ren). Your child will respond to the example you set. No matter what age they are or what they are learning about their faith, their faith experience culminates and is enhanced by their involvement in Sunday Liturgy.

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

Classes for pre-k and kindergarten are held bi-weekly on Sundays from 10:15AM -11:15 AM in the Early Childhood Center. This program is optional. However, if the choice is made to register your child for these classes, we ask that every effort be made to have your child attend on the scheduled dates or to contact the teacher as soon as possible in case of absence or illness. The curriculum is lectionary-based which means that they develop the scripture reading of the day at their own level and learning capacity. There is also an every day lesson associated with the reading. Music and crafts are part of their classes and they take their work home on a regular basis. We ask you to support and encourage your children as they participate in this program.

FIRST GRADE

Classes for First Grade are held bi-weekly on Sundays from 10:15AM -11:15 AM in the Early Childhood Center.

This program is required for all students in the first grade who do not attend a Catholic school. All students who wish to participate in the sacrament programs in the second grade are required to attend first grade classes. Every effort must be made to have your child attend on the scheduled dates or to contact the teacher as soon as possible in case of absence or illness. Our First grade program is currently using the Faith and Life Series by Ignatius Press. Emphasis is on learning basics about the faith and prayers in preparation for second grade when they will prepare for sacraments. Music and crafts are part of their classes and they take their work home on a regular basis. We ask you to support and encourage your children as they participate in this program.

GRADES 3 Thru 6

Students in grades 3 through 6 will attend Classes bi-weekly Sunday from 10:15 - 11:45 AM. Students will attend a retreat and have a grade level Mass during the school year. The schedule of classes will be sent at the beginning of the school year. If a student is sick and unable to attend a class, the teacher or the Religious Education Office should be notified as soon as possible. Parents are responsible for getting the work missed for any class. Parents are invited to attend any adult enrichment sessions that are scheduled - these sessions are scheduled to promote adult education and enrichment and aid in your responsibility of educating your child(ren) in their faith.

JUNIOR HIGH

Students in grades 7 and 8 will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:15am—11:45am in the school building on a bi-weekly basis. ***This program is required for all students who do not attend a Catholic junior high school.*** The curriculum for Junior High is an overview of our Catholic Faith using the Ignatius Press Faith and Life Series. Students will attend a retreat and have a grade level Mass during the school year. The schedule of classes will be sent at the beginning of the school year. There will be opportunities for students to participate in discipleship experiences and service opportunities as a part of the Junior High program. Students are expected to contact their teachers if unable to attend class. Students are responsible for obtaining and completing all work that is missed.

HIGH SCHOOL

Students in grades 9 and 10 will meet on Sunday evenings from 6pm - 8pm. Students are expected to attend all sessions. ***This program is required for all students who do not attend a Catholic high school.*** The High School curriculum will be in conformity with the new frameworks put out by the USCCB. We will be using the Catholic Essentials Series by Ave Maria Press. Students are responsible for obtaining and completing all work that is missed. Discipleship experiences and service projects will also be a part of the High School program. All students will be required to attend the High School Masses. Speakers may be brought in or a special event may be scheduled for enrichment for students and/or parents. Students and parents are encouraged to attend these sessions.