

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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Dear Parents of CCD and Confirmation Students:

Welcome back to all of you who were registered with our St Joseph's CCD program last year and welcome to all of our new families. We are looking forward to spending time with you and sharing with you the wonderful and exciting teachings of our Catholic faith.

CCD classes for grades 1-8 will run from 5:30 to 6:30 on **Wednesdays**. **Class will begin on September 12th**. Enclosed with this letter, you will find the necessary registration forms for the upcoming school year. We ask your cooperation in completing and returning the enclosed forms as quickly as possible so that we can purchase the appropriate materials. Once completed, you may place the forms in the collection basket, mail them, or drop them off at the parish office on or before **August 13th**. **The registration fee needs to accompany the registration form or your child/children will not be considered registered.** If you need help with the registration fee or would like to set up payments please contact me. We do have some options that may help. There will be a \$10.00 service charge for late registration. No phone registration will be accepted. Also included in this packet are the St. Joseph Parish Policies for CCD and Confirmation Programs and our discipline policy. Please take the time to read these over.

If this is the first year your children are attending CCD and they have not been baptized at St. Joseph's parish, you will need to send a copy of their baptismal certificates along with their registration forms.

I do send most information via email. If you **DO NOT** want or do not have an email, please put a note on your registration to let me know as I will then send your newsletters or updates home with your child from CCD. **If you have changed your phone number or moved since registration last year, please highlight this on your registration form as I will have the church secretary correct it in her files also.**

If you have received this letter by mistake, if your child is or will be registered in another parish or Catholic School or if you have any questions, please call 701-483-2223 or email me at stjoescd@gmail.com.

If your child is involved with any sports or any other extra curriculum activities, please visit with their coaches/advisors about the importance of your child being done in time to attend CCD classes.

Thank you for sending your child/children to St Joseph's CCD. We are grateful for each and every one of them.



Ann Morel
Director of Religious Education/St Joseph Church

RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

In order for your children to receive First Communion, they must attend **both** first and second grade CCD. Without attending first grade CCD, your children will not make their First Communion even though they are in second grade in the public school. **First Reconciliation is tentatively set for Saturday February 2nd and First Communion for April 28, 2019. There will be parent meetings for both of these sacraments.** I will be getting those dates out to you later in the year.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Joseph's Parish will be given during the fall of our young people's freshman year of high school. We are requiring students to attend CCD from grades 1 through 8. If your child has been away from our religious education programs, please register them again this year. **We do have options to "catch" them up in order for them to receive this Sacrament. If you have questions please call the office. Confirmation for our 8th grade class is tentatively set for September 29, 2019**

Please note that the above dates may change depending on Father Keith's schedule.

If your child has not previously attended CCD classes and would like to receive one of the above Sacraments, please call me to set up Sacramental Preparation classes for your child.

St. Joseph Parish Policies for CCD and Confirmation Programs

MEMBERSHIP

Before a student can be enrolled in the CCD or Confirmation Program, the family must be registered and active members of St. Joseph's Parish. If not a member of St. Joseph's Parish, the family must have written permission from their Parish Priest before enrolling in our religious education programs.

ATTENDANCE

Each student is expected to attend every class. An exception will be made in case of illness or unforeseen situations if the parent provides the teacher or Director with a valid excuse.

TUITION AND FEES

We are trying very hard to hold down the cost of the religious education programs. In order for this to happen, all families must accept their obligation to pay the tuition and fees in full. **If a family cannot make the full payment at registration, special arrangements can be made by contacting the Director of Religious Education and a schedule of payments can be worked out.** The fee for CCD is \$100.00 for the first child and \$85.00 for each additional child.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Students should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before class time. Be sure to be prompt in picking up the children. Classes for CCD, grades 1-8 run from 5:30-6:30 P.M. in the St Joseph's Church Pine Room .

SNOW or other EMERGENCIES

In case of inclement weather, classes are automatically cancelled when day school classes are cancelled. If weather during the day forces schools to close early, CCD and Confirmation are also automatically cancelled for that evening. Listen to local radio stations for any information regarding the cancellation of classes. Check your emails for notifications.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

We hope to never have to suspend a child from CCD or Confirmation classes, but we will, if reasonable means of correction are not taken seriously and the condition does not improve. **No cell phones or electronic devices will be allowed during class time. Your child will be asked to either turn off or silence their cell phone while at CCD. If we have any problems with this we will ask the students to not bring them to class or we will hold them until the end of class.**

Student Behavior That Could Lead to Suspension

- Disobedience and/or disregard for school regulations whereby another person or persons could be subject to injury.
- Constant disruptive conduct in class as a result of which both catechist and classmates are deprived of an environment conducive to teaching and learning.
- Disrespectful attitude or behavior toward any staff member, and no effort to establish better relations.
- Frequent use of foul or unacceptable language.
- Disregard for honesty, stealing, and/or destroying property.
- Any repetitive and/or serious behavior that does not adhere to Catholic moral values.
- Frequent absenteeism especially in the classes which are preparing the students for the reception of a sacrament, namely, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.**

Steps Leading to Suspension

- Efforts made to resolve the problem by the catechist/staff person with the student are ignored.
- If a student is asked to leave the classroom, the student will call home under staff supervision. The parent will be requested to pick the child up immediately. If the parents cannot be reached, the Director will try to contact the parent as soon as possible. If a second occasion of dismissal from the classroom occurs, the parent will have to meet with the Director and attend classes with the student.
- If a student is asked to leave the classroom for a third time, the student will be suspended.

2018-2019 ST JOSEPH'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

SEPT	12	Class begins
	19	Class
	26	Class
OCT	3	Class
	10	Class
	17	NO CLASS (Teacher's Convention)
	24	Class
	31	No Class (Halloween)
NOV	7	Class
	14	Class
	21	NO Class (Thanksgiving break)
	28	Class
DEC	5	Class
	12	Class
	19	NO CLASS CHRISTMAS BREAK
	26	NO CLASS CHRISTMAS BREAK
JAN	2	NO CLASS CHRISTMAS BREAK
	9	Class
	16	Class
	23	Class
	30	Class
FEB	6	Class
	13	Class
	20	Class
	27	Class
MAR	6	Class Ash Wednesday
	13	Class
	20	Class
	27	Class
APR.	3	Class
	10	Class
	17	NO CCD CLASS (Holy Week)
	24	Class
MAY	1	Class Ends

CCD REGISTRATION FORM
Grades 1-8

Parent's/Guardian's name _____
Mothers Maiden name _____ (need for sacraments)
Phone _____ (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell)
Address _____
City _____
Parent email address _____
Please note if you do not wish to receive email notices _____

If your child was **NOT** baptized at St. Joseph's, and if you have not already given us a copy of their baptismal certificate, we **need to have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate** for our parish records. A photocopy is acceptable.

Grades 1 – 8 Fees: First child \$100.00 and \$85.00 each additional child. Must be paid at time of registration or make arrangements with the Director of CCD.

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Fee: \$100.00
Public School Attending _____ Grade ____ M __ F __
Date of Baptism _____ Parish of Baptism _____ City of Baptism _____
Has your child received 1st Reconciliation/1stCommunion ____ Yes ____ No

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Fee: \$85.00
Public School Attending _____ Grade ____ M __ F __
Date of Baptism _____ Parish of Baptism _____ City of Baptism _____
Has your child received 1st Reconciliation/1stCommunion ____ Yes ____ No

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Fee: \$85.00
Public School Attending _____ Grade ____ M __ F __
Date of Baptism _____ Parish of Baptism _____ City of Baptism _____
Has your child received 1st Reconciliation/1stCommunion ____ Yes ____ No

Parent signature _____ Fee Total _____
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