



**SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
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**WELCOME TO SACRED HEART'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

We believe parents are the natural educators of their children. By their vocation, they are the first officially charged with the spiritual care of their child's formation. The rationale behind our program, therefore, is to assist parents in this obligation by providing formal religious education for themselves and their children.

**SCHEDULE:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Graders (Level 1 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion)	Saturday Morning	9:30 - 11:00 AM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders (Level 2 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion)	Tuesday Afternoon	4:30 - 6:00 PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders	Monday Afternoon	4:30 - 6:00 PM
4 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Thursday Afternoon	4:30 - 6:00 PM
5 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Wednesday Afternoon	4:30 - 6:00 PM
6 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Thursday Evening	7:00 - 8:30 PM
7 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Wednesday Evening	7:00 - 8:30 PM
8 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Tuesday Evening	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Children's Catechumenate	Thursday Evening	7:00 - 8:30 PM
G.I.F.T. Program	Thursday Evening	7:00 - 8:30 PM
R.C.I.T.	Thursday Evening	7:00 - 8:30 PM
"CHURCH" Family Program	Monday Evening (Monthly)	7:00 - 8:30 PM
Morning of Friendship & Prayer	Saturday Morning (Monthly)	10:00 - 11:30 AM

**"CHURCH" FAMILY PROGRAM:** This program is for parents who opt to teach their children at home and is limited to grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 as an alternative to the weekly program. It meets once a month; parents meet with a facilitator and children meet with a catechist. A second session is sometimes scheduled mid-month, usually including an activity connected to the lessons. During the month, parents teach the assigned lessons to their own child at home. Parents participating are required to attend parent education sessions during the year.

**CHILDREN'S CATECHUMENATE PROCESS:** The Children's Catechumenate, generally a 2-year process of faith formation and apprenticeship based on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) as adapted for children of catechetical age, 3rd Grade and above, who are: (a) not baptized, (b) baptized and catechized in another faith tradition, but who seek full communion in the Catholic Church. Following this process they enter the regular Religious Education Program.

**"G.I.F.T." PROGRAM (Growing In Faith Together):** Those baptized Catholics entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and coming for the first time to formal religious education classes begin Level 1 of a 2-year preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist; they will come on Saturday morning. Those entering Level 2 preparation will come on Tuesday afternoon. Students who have been baptized, received Eucharist and who later interrupted their religious education are given the opportunity to fill in the missing pieces in their faith formation so they can rejoin their peers on an equal footing. Baptized students in Middle School who have not yet received Reconciliation and Eucharist prepare for these Sacraments over a 2-year process. They will come on Thursday evening. All students in the G.I.F.T. Program eventually enter/rejoin regular Religious Education classes.

**R.C.I.T. PROGRAM (Rite of Christian Initiation of Teens):** R.C.I.T. is a process for High School aged teens (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) by which the teens are fully initiated into the Catholic Faith through the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and/or Confirmation.

**"MORNINGS OF FRIENDSHIP & PRAYER":** This is a religion program for developmentally disabled adults. It meets once a month for prayer, Bible story, music and craft.

**Special one-on-one sessions** are scheduled for developmentally disabled children who cannot be mainstreamed.

**SACRAMENT PROGRAMS:**

**First Holy Communion:** Requires a full year of Level 1 instruction and a full year of Level 2 instruction. Ongoing instruction after receiving the Sacrament is also required.

**Confirmation:** Requires at least 2 full years of previous instruction. Confirmation will be received in the spring of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Children cannot be considered for the Sacraments unless they are attending Mass on a regular basis.**

## **FAMILY ENRICHMENT**

**FOOTSTEPS IN FAITH:** The Footsteps in Faith Committee provides Family Catechesis for the families in our program. An invitation is extended to the entire Parish to participate. Events are scheduled around the Liturgical Year. Each family is required by the Archdiocese and our program to attend a minimum of 5 hours of Family Catechesis each year.

**S.H.A.R.E.:** Sacred Heart Association for Religious Education (Parent Association): This is an organization of parental support and involvement in our religious education program. S.H.A.R.E. provides for the extra “enrichment” activities so necessary in a once-a-week program. An invitation is extended to the entire Parish to participate.

**REGISTRATION:** All families must be registered and participating parishioners of Sacred Heart Church, regularly attend Mass and take part in the life of this Parish community.

**NEW REGISTRANTS:** All families with children entering our Religious Education Program for the first time must register in person at the Religious Education Office located in the Pastoral Center. A registration form, which cannot be downloaded, will be provided. Your child’s Baptismal certificate must be submitted at the time of registration.

**RE-REGISTRANTS:** Every child presently enrolled in our program must be re-registered by a parent each year. Families with a new child entering 1<sup>st</sup> Grade should complete the “New Child” portion of the re-registration form and include a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate. A form may be downloaded from the Parish website: [www.sacredheartchurch.org](http://www.sacredheartchurch.org) by clicking on “Religious Education” and following the directions under the heading “Re-Registration”. Forms will also be available in the Religious Education Office. Completed re-registration forms can be mailed or brought to our office; do not fax or email.

## **TUITION FEE:**

**New Registrants (Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>):** \$130/child; \$260; 2 children; \$355/family with 3 children; \$395/family with 4 children

**Re-registrations (Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) received before June 30, 2017:** \$130/1 child; \$260/2 children; \$355/family with 3 children; \$395/family with 4 children.

**Re-registrations (Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) received after June 30, 2017:** \$155/1 child ; \$285/2 children; \$380/3 children; \$420/4 children. This includes a \$25 Late Fee per family.

**PAYMENT:** Please make checks payable to “Sacred Heart Religious Education”. Full payment should be made at the time of registration. The tuition fee of \$130, which includes a non-refundable book fee of \$40 per child, covers expenses of running the program. No refunds of the tuition portion (\$90) of the fee will be made after October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**FINANCIAL POLICY:** No child will be withheld from our Religious Education program due to the inability to meet the required tuition fee, but we must be notified in writing at time of registration. If requested, a payment plan can be arranged.

As Parish family members, all have a responsibility to contribute to the support of the Parish and use weekly envelopes or the Parish Pay Program.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS:**

The Religious Education Office located in the Pastoral Center under the Church is open **Monday through Thursday** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The office is closed from 12:00-1:00 p.m. daily. The Parish office is open from 9am-8pm for drop off after Religious Education hours.

There is a telephone extension in the school if you need to call during religion /Class times. Voicemail is on at all times; please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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