

Religious Education - Grades 6 thru 12

2017 OVERVIEW 2018

Hello everyone! We hope you have had an enjoyable summer so far!

It's already time to start planning for fall religious education classes! We are excited to continue to build upon what we have started over the last eight years. We truly appreciate all of your support in the past and we look forward to working with you and your children as we enter the new school year.

We welcome Shannon Davies as the Grades 6-12 Coordinator for Religious Education as Steve Davies steps into the role of Youth Minister.

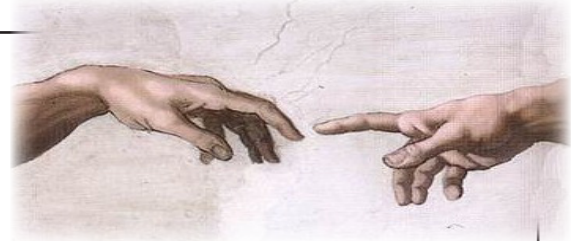
On the opposite side of this page are some highlights of what to expect for the year.

Making Time for God

Who is THE most important person in your life?

The First Commandment says, "I am the Lord your God. You shall not have other gods besides Me." The reason that this is listed as the first Commandment is because God is primary in all things. He wants us to make Him the center of our lives. If we build our lives around our Catholic Faith, the Lord will give us all plenty of time for all of the other things.

Our main goal is to bring the Truth of Christ to your kids. Our 2017-2018 theme is *Making Time for God*, so please make Sunday Mass and Wednesday class central on your calendar. If we believe and follow the First Commandment, then there is no reason for this to not become the #1 priority in our lives.



We really need your help, so consider starting small

As parents, we all need to be THE central figures in our childrens' faith formation. Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to teach/help this year. Many teachers and helpers comment that they have learned a lot about their own faith by their classroom experience. Many times, starting out as a teacher's helper is a great way to ease into volunteering and giving back to the Parish. No preparation time for teacher's helpers is required, although they do receive the lesson plans ahead of time.

There are also many opportunities for high school students to volunteer as teacher helpers and catechists in PreK-5 and middle school classes. And there is always concession fundraising, too!



Confirmation Note



We are moving to a two-year preparation process and will plan to Confirm students from the Classes of 2021 and 2022 (entering 8th and 9th grade in the Fall 2017) in the Spring of 2019. Additionally, the Diocese is still finalizing some age guidelines for receiving the Sacrament. Details will be forthcoming in a letter to those who sign up on the registration form. Information on the parent/student kickoff meeting for Confirmation will also be in there. The fees listed cover everything for the program except the required retreat which will occur early in 2019. Please contact Shannon or Steve by September 1 if you have questions or concerns about this.

REQUIRED PARENT MEETING

There is a necessary and important parent meeting during class time on the first day of class, September xxx.

It is extraordinarily important for at least one parent of each family to attend this meeting. Last year, the parents did an outstanding job in being there for this. In the past, when it was not as well attended it made things very difficult and added a lot of work throughout the year for the parents and church staff. Let's go for two great years in a row!

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2017 Program Basics 2018

Middle School Program Wednesdays at St. Ignatius, 6:00 to 7:45

The 7 Sacraments and the 10 Commandments

The time from 7:15-7:45 will involve large group time overlapping the middle and high school classes. The students experience music, personal testimonies, speakers, plus other presentations and discussions. Parents of youth in grades 6 to 12 are strongly encouraged to attend from 7:15 to 7:45 each week.

High School Program Wednesdays at St. Ignatius, 7:15 to 9:00

The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

Important Note: Dead Theologian's Society host/meal signup at the September 13 Parent Meeting



Mark your calendars:

ALL Registration Forms due no later than: Wednesday, September 6

Required Teacher/Helper In-service

Sunday, September 10, 6:00-7:30

Class Dates:

Grade 6 *ENCOUNTER, Session 1*

Wednesday, August 30, 4:00-6:30

Grade 6 Parent/Student Meeting (option 1)

Wednesday, August 30, 6:30-7:30

Grade 6 *ENCOUNTER, Session 2*

Wednesday, September 6, 4:00-6:30

Grade 6 Parent/Student Meeting (option 2)

Wednesday, September 6, 6:30-7:30

FIRST NIGHT of Class

Wednesday, September 13, MS 6:00-7:45, HS 7:15-9:00

ALL PARENTS: MS Parents' Meeting: 7:00-7:45; HS Parents' Meeting: 7:15-8:00

CLASS DATES {
September 13, 20, 27
October 4, 11, 18
November 1, 8, 15, 29

December 6, 13, 20
January 10, 17 (MS only), 24, 31
February 7, 14 (Ash Wed.), 21, 28

March 7, 14, 21
April 4, 11, 18, 25
May 2

Fundraising (September & October):

UW Football Concessions

Friday, September 1, Camp Randall 4:00-11:00 (sign up NOW!)
Saturday, September 9, Camp Randall 7:00-3:00 (sign up NOW!)
Saturday, September 30, Camp Randall TBA (sign up NOW!)
Saturday, October 14, Camp Randall TBA (sign up NOW!)
Saturday, October 21, Camp Randall 7:00-3:00 (sign up NOW!)

UW Mens Hockey Dates (October)

Sun. Oct. 1, Fri./Sat. Oct. 6 & 7, Fri./Sat. Oct. 27 & 28 (sign up NOW!)

☛ Steubenville St. Paul, Youth Conference ☛ Backcountry Trips ☛
☛ MadCAAP Mission Trip, sponsored by 6:8 ☛
☛ St. Joseph's Sister Parish Project ☛ TEC Retreats ☛ Saints on the Silver Screen ☛
☛ Youth Group ☛ UW Sports Concessions ☛



ROMANS 12
Catholic Youth Ministries

+ Sixth grade students must attend both *ENCOUNTER* sessions. Parents welcome at both, too!
+ Parents of 6th graders, choose one meeting time or the other. All must attend one time.