

*BLESSED
SACRAMENT
CATHOLIC
CHURCH*

*RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
PROGRAMS*

Attendance:

Kindergarten through Grade 5: Please email Lisa Diaz at ldiaz@blessed-sacrament.com or call the office at 757-423-8305 if your child is to be absent. Please **do not** email office@blessed-sacrament.com.

Edge (Grades 6-8) and Life Teen (Grades 9-12): Please contact Mike Zacek at mzacek@blessed-sacrament.com or call the office at 757-423-8305 with any questions. Please **do not** email office@blessed-sacrament.com. Registration Fee: \$30 (Unless enrolling in Confirmation and LifeTeen. See 'Confirmation' below)

It is important that your child attend class. Missed class work will be given for completion at home. All our students are strictly monitored for attendance, particularly those in the Sacramental Classes.

MASS PARTICIPATION

If you are not attending Mass with your children, it is almost impossible for us to help them form a relationship with Jesus. Please continue to pray with your children and ensure that they know the prayers appropriate for their age level. We encourage you to attend the sacrament of reconciliation with your children. Thus, your good example will lead them to value our faith in practice.

Sacramental Programs:

If you know a child, age 7 or older who has not received Baptism or Eucharist, please call Lisa Diaz at (757) 423-8305 to make arrangements for class.

We do have a Sacramental Class (Reconciliation and Communion) for older students.

We also provide for students with special needs.

First Reconciliation and First Communion:

First Communion will be celebrated during the second semester of 2nd grade. First Reconciliation will precede First Communion. Parents must attend the 2 preparation classes offered in the parish. A First Communion Retreat will be scheduled for the spring.

Confirmation (10th Grade):

Our Youth Group Coordinator, Mike Zacek, plans this program for the 10th grade class. A weekend Confirmation Retreat is on the schedule. Please contact him at mzacek@blessed-sacrament.com or you can call our parish office at (757) 423-8305.

Registration Fee: \$100Registration **(Fulfills both the LifeTeen and Confirmation registration fee, no additional \$30 required)**

Sunday Adult Formation:

Adult education is available for those who wish to further their personal, spiritual and academic growth in their faith. The Sunday morning Adult Formation group meets from 9:00 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. during the Religious Education school year. Topics include Scripture, prayer, morality, current church teaching and literature. Professor Larry Dotolo of ODU facilitates the group.

Children's Liturgy of the Word:

There are two programs. One designed for children in Pre-K and Kindergarten, and one designed for children in Grade 1 through Grade 3. They take place on Sunday mornings. It is a wonderful way to help children understand the Word of God through stories and activities. Children leave the main church after the Opening Prayer and return during the offertory of the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

This is a process whereby we welcome others to explore what it is to be a member of the Catholic community. The process is one of reflection on life experiences, Scripture, and teachings of the Catholic Church. The RCIA follows four distinct phases, during which the parish community supports each individual through prayer and fellowship. These four phases are celebrated through liturgies, informal meetings, prayerful reflection, and personal renewal. We gather for RCIA each Tuesday evening beginning at 7:00 p.m. Babysitting is provided. Persons who are interested should contact Sr. Regina at (757) 423-8305.

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Our Religious Education Program:

Helps each student respond to Jesus, instills the principles and practices of our Catholic Faith, and works in cooperation with you, the parent, to teach the GOOD NEWS!

Classes:

Kindergarten through Grade 5- Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. They meet in the Church and move to their classrooms after the opening prayer. There is a brief **parent meeting** scheduled on the first day of class (Sunday, September 7) in the Church at 9:00 am. Please stay in the Church until the children are dismissed to their classes.

Edge (Grades 6-8) - Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. They meet in the Social Hall.

Life Teen (Grades 9-12) - Sundays 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. They meet in the Social Hall.

The fee for supplies and books is payable at registration \$30.00. The fee for the Confirmation class (grade 10) is \$100 and includes a weekend retreat.

Religious Education Schedule:

9:00 AM to 10:10 AM

9 August	Catechist meeting
7 September	Classes begin (Parents should bring their children to the Church and stay for a brief parent meeting)
12 October	NO class (Columbus Day)
9 November	NO class (Veterans' Day)
30 November	NO class (Thanksgiving weekend)
14 December	Christmas Pageant at 9:30 AM
21,28, Dec. & 4 Jan.	NO class (Christmas holidays)

CLASS RESUMES SUNDAY, 11 JANUARY

25 January	Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation at 9:00 AM
15 February	NO class (Presidents' Day)
7 March	First Reconciliation for 2 nd grade at 10:00 a.m.
15 March	Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion at 9:00 AM
28 March	First Holy Communion Retreat from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
29 March	NO class (Palm Sunday)
5 April	NO class (Easter holiday)
11, 12 April	First Communion (NO class for 2 nd grade)
18, 19 April	First Communion (NO class for 2 nd grade)
3 May	May procession
10 May	NO class (Mother's Day/Pancake Breakfast)
17 May	Last class