



# Saint Patrick Catholic Community

## Religious Education



April 1, 2019

Dear St. Patrick' Religious Education Families,

We hope you have a blessed Easter Season and a restful summer and will feel renewed and invigorated for a new year of religious education activities in 2019 – 20!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the family and parents are the PRIMARY educators of the faith for their children. It is through your word and example that your children first come to know God and begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When children are baptized, the Church community promises to help parents foster their faith. Our religious education program is designed to assist and support you in this important duty.

St. Patrick Catholic Community Religious Education Program 2019/2020 will have two options for grades 1 – 7.

Option 1: Sunday mornings from 9:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. Option 2: Wednesday evenings from 5:15 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Classes will be held at St. Patrick School.

Eighth grade religious education will be combined with Confirmation Preparation and will be offered on the Sunday morning schedule from 9:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. Class will be held in the library in Building #4.

Religious Education classes will meet approximately three times a month from September 2019 – May 2020.

Our faith requires weekly attendance at Mass. We will attend the 11:00 A.M. Mass as a group on designated Sundays four times a year, and family members are encouraged to attend Mass with their children on those Sundays.

We ask you to encourage regular attendance and participation in Religious Education classes, activities, and Sunday Mass. *Please see the Religious Education Calendar and Sacramental preparation dates enclosed.*

The goals for our program are:

- ❖ To develop an understanding of the Catholic faith and practices in the lives of our families.
- ❖ To foster a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer.
- ❖ To prepare students to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

The textbook we will be using is Faith and Life: A Catechetical Series by Ignatius Press. Textbooks and supplies are covered by the religious education fees. Tuition is \$100.00 per student. For children receiving the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, there will be an additional fee of \$10, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion - \$20, and Confirmation - \$30 in order to cover expenses. Tuition and fees are due at the time of registration.

We will begin taking registrations on April 8<sup>th</sup> and continue through May 24<sup>th</sup> in the Religious Education Office (Parish Office) Monday through Thursday from 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. New registrations can also be found at our website at <https://www.stpatsparish.org/religious-education>. There will be a late fee of \$5 after May 24<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to seeing you and working with you as we join in guiding our children to know, love, and serve Our Lord. May God bless you and your family this coming year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Jon Plavcan, Pastor

Fr. Nathaniel Edquist, Associate Pastor

Deborah Dellumo, Director of Religious Education



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## Calendar 2019/2020

### SUNDAY MORNING CLASS SCHEDULE

Grades 1 - 8  
9:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

September 2019	October 2019	November 2019	December 2019	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020
8, 15, 22	6, 13, 20	3, 10, 17	1, 8, 15	12, 19, 26	2, 9, 23	1, 8, 15	19, 26	3, 17

### WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS SCHEDULE

Grades 1 - 7  
5:15 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

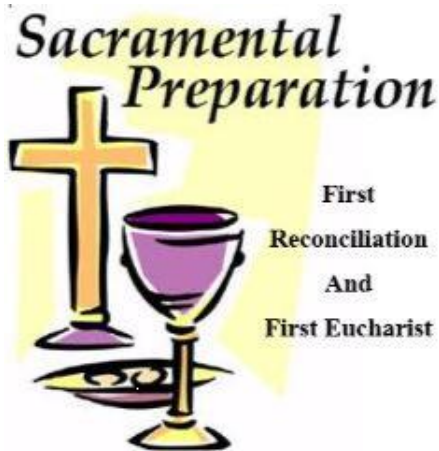
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11, 18, 25	9, 16, 23	6, 13, 20	4, 11, 18	15, 22, 29	5, 12, 19	4, 11, 18	1, 15	6, 13

### SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MASS SCHEDULE

*(Sunday and Wednesday classes attend R.E. Mass together on these Sundays)*

**11:00 A.M. Mass**

<b>November 3, 2019</b> <i>TG Food Drive</i>	<b>December 1, 2019</b>	<b>March 1, 2020</b> <i>Rice Bowls</i>	<b>May 17, 2020</b>
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**Sacramental Preparation** for First Reconciliation and First Communion at St. Patrick is done as family catechesis with presentations to the parents & children on Saturday mornings to help the family at home. As first teachers of the faith, we invite you to walk with your children as they prepare for the sacraments. It states in the Second Vatican document, Lumen Gentium, "The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children".

Children who are eligible, will receive an invitation and registration letter prior to sacramental preparation. If you are new to the parish, or have not received an invitation, or have any questions or concerns, please call the R.E. office. Please see the parent and children meetings and dates for the sacraments and eligibility below:

### First Reconciliation Preparation

Children who are eligible to participate in First Reconciliation preparation have been baptized, had 2 years, or are in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of religious education, and weekly attendance at Holy Mass. A sacrament fee of \$10 is due at the time of registration to cover expenses.

#### Saturday, January 11, 2020

**Parents with children-** 8 A.M. Mass followed by parents and children meeting.

#### Saturday, February 1, 2020

**Parents with children-** 8 A.M. Mass followed by parents and children meeting.

#### Saturday, February 8, 2020

**Parents and Children** Penance Services – 9:00 A.M. in Church followed by a reception in the Classic Gym.

### First Communion Preparation

Children who are eligible to participate in First Eucharist preparation have been baptized, received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and had 3 years or are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of religious education, and weekly attendance at Holy Mass. A sacrament fee of \$20 is due at the time of registration to cover expenses.

#### Saturday, February 22, 2020

**Parents with children-** 8 A.M. Mass followed by parents and children meeting in the church, and activity in the Classic Gym until 10:00 A.M.

#### Saturday, March 21, 2020

**Parents with children** – 8 A.M. Mass followed by parents and children's meeting in the church, and retreat in the gym until 10:30 A.M.

#### Thursday, April 23, 2020

**First Holy Eucharist Practice 6:30 P.M. in the Church (Mandatory)**

#### Sunday, April 26, 2020: First Holy Eucharist at 11 A.M. Mass

Children from both St. Patrick's School and St. Patrick's Religious Education Program will make their First Holy Communion together on this date.

#### Sunday, May 3, 2020: May Crowning at 1 P.M. in the Church

Grades 3 and 8 will participate in this special Liturgy.

## **Confirmation Preparation**

Eighth Grade Confirmation Preparation will take place in conjunction with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year of religious education. A Sacrament fee of \$30 is due at the time of registration to cover expenses.

In addition to Sunday Mass attendance, students will write a Confirmation Letter, due on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Engage in one parish and one community service hour's project (which will be planned and carried out by parents and students working together in small groups), completed by March 7<sup>th</sup>, and participate in a retreat. Invitations and registrations for Confirmation Preparation will be given to Candidates at the meeting on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Important Confirmation Preparation Dates: *Mandatory***

- ❖ **Saturday, September 14, 2019**  
Parents with Children - 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. in the Classic Gym: First meeting to plan service projects.
- ❖ **Saturday, October 12th, 2019**  
Parents with Children - 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. in the Classic Gym: Second meeting to plan service projects.
- ❖ **Sunday, November 3rd, 2019**  
Rite of Welcoming for Confirmation Candidates at 11:00 A.M. Mass.
- ❖ **Saturday, March 7th, 2020**  
Confirmation Retreat - 9:30 A.M. – 3:45 P.M. in Chapel Hall, followed by 4:00 P.M. Mass in the Church.  
Confirmation Projects Due, Confirmation Letter due, Group Presentations.
- ❖ **Sunday, May 3, 2020**  
May Crowning – 1 P.M. in the Church: Grades 3 and 8 will participate in this special Liturgy.
- ❖ **Thursday, April 30, 2020**  
Confirmation Practice - 6:30 P.M. in the Church - *Mandatory*.
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 5, 2020**  
**Sacrament of Confirmation at 7:00 P.M in the Church.**

## **RCIA with Children**

Rite to Christain Initiation (RCIA) with children is suited for students who are older than second grade and have not yet received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation or Holy Eucharist. Children and parents will participate in an RCIA process that will prepare them for their sacraments.

Candidate Children who have been baptized will be received into the Church, and receive their First Reconciliation in the winter of 2020, and their First Communion at Easter Vigil 2020. Catechumenate Children who are unbaptized will receive Baptism and First Eucharist at Easter Vigil 2020. Students will join the Religious Education Program at their grade level following the process and become prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parents of these students should contact the religious education office (219-926-1282) for more information. Fees for RCIA with Children year one is \$70 with a \$10 sacrament fee for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, and \$20 for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist.

### **RCIA WITH CHILDREN SUNDAY MORNING CLASS SCHEDULE 2019-2020**

**9:30 – 10:45 A.M. September – November**

**Class begins with 9 A.M. Mass beginning December - May**

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## **The Jesus and Me Pre-School Program**

Jesus & Me is a religious education program designed for children ages 3 – 5 and is a wonderful introduction to faith & prayer for your child. We learn bible stories based on Sunday Mass readings through songs, crafts & games while young pre-school aged children learn to express a friendship & trusting relationship with Jesus. Classes meet in the Kindergarten room on the Sunday schedule (See schedule, page 2) from 9:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. from September – May. Registration information will be mailed to homes and available in the Religious Education office (Parish Office) beginning on May 8, 2019. The cost is \$40 for the first child and an additional \$10 for any additional Jesus and Me children. Please contact Chris Friel evenings, at 926-1637, or the parish office for more information.