

Frequently Asked Questions



- **How do I enroll my child?**

Registration forms are available on the parish website and at the parish offices. Fill out a form for each child (front & back) and return with payment. If payment is a financial burden, arrangements can be made with the Religious Education office. Return forms to parish office—by mail, in person or by fax (792-8691)

- **How much does it cost?**

The cost is \$55 for one child, \$100 for two children and \$125 for 3 or more children. No other fees or supplies are needed—we provide pencils, pens, crayons, etc. and the books that your children will use. We do ask for volunteers to donate food for special events and we ask our families to support our charitable giving drives throughout the year.

- **How do I sign my child up for First Communion?**

Our bishop requires that any child preparing to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion must have first completed one year of religious instruction, whether in a Catholic school, a religious education class or a Catholic home-school program. This helps prepare the child by giving him/her a base knowledge of the faith before beginning preparation for the sacraments.

Parents, as the primary educators of their children, will do most of the preparation at home with their child. Religion classes in the school or the RE program will reinforce those lessons, but not substitute for them.

Parent meetings for First Reconciliation begin in mid-September—check calendar or bulletin for exact dates. Dates & times for First Reconciliation services and First Communion services are given at the parent meetings.

- **How much does First Communion cost?**

There is a \$15 fee for the parent & child books for each sacrament. If cost is an issue, please contact the RE office to discuss options.

- **What about inclement weather—how can I tell if classes are cancelled?**

We send mass emails to everyone enrolled in the session, we put a notice on the RE office phone (781-4343 ext 206) and your child's teacher may also attempt to contact you. Our policy is that if the Liberty Public Schools have cancelled classes, ours will be as well. You should always use your best judgment and wait for safe driving conditions.

- **How can I contact my child's catechist? Do I need to tell you if he/she is not going to be at class?**

At the first class, your child's teacher should give you contact information. It's always nice to hear if a child is going to be absent, but it's not required. If you know in advance that your child will miss in the future, it's an excellent idea to let the catechist know so that they can arrange to send material home if possible.

- **Where do I drop off/pick up my child?**

Sunday morning sessions begin in the gymnasium (except for preschool 3/4/5 who meet in their classrooms) at 9:00. Please be prompt. The preschool and kindergarten classes are dismissed at their classroom doors at 10:25. The rest of the students are dismissed at their classroom doors at 10:30. Parents are to come inside & pick up their child from the classroom—we do NOT offer a drop off/pick up car line option.

Wednesday evening sessions begin in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm and dismiss from their classroom at 8:00 pm. Parents of children in first through fifth grades are to come INSIDE the building to pick up their children. The parking lot is very crowded, and this session often dismisses after dark, so for the safety of our children, a parent or other responsible adult must accompany all children.

- **How do I get in on the group subscription?**

***Magnifikid missalette** is a weekly child's missalette that helps children understand the Mass readings and follow along at Mass. Yearly subscription is \$15.30 for 52 weeks, payable at registration.

Still have questions? Call the Religious Ed office at (816) 781-4343 ext 206

