



Saint Joseph Catholic Church



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Fostering God's Love in the very Heart of Maplewood

2018-2019 Kindergarten-Eighth Grade RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM PARENT GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

All Parish children are welcome to register in our Program. Classes are held on scheduled Sunday mornings immediately following the 9:00am Family Mass. Registration opens in April. Sessions begin in late September, following a published calendar. Tuition is charged to cover part of our costs. Installment payments or financial assistance is available. Contact the pastor for further details.

EXPECTATIONS

To show proper respect for the materials, for our Catechists, and for fellow students, all children must be courteous and attentive. Should a problem arise, efforts will be made to solve it in class. If those efforts are unsuccessful, parents will be notified, along with the pastor.

CONCENTRATION

Our Volunteer Catechists have much to cover in a very short time. Focus and enthusiasm from the students make class time more enjoyable for everyone. Please let your child know how much their religious education means to you.

ATTENDANCE

Regular participation at Mass and in class are essential to a successful experience. Please plan to be at Church with your child each week either at the 9:00am Family Mass or the 11:30am Choir Mass. Please plan to make up any missed class work so your child can keep up momentum.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Fr. Jim Worth, *Rel. Education Director*

Mrs. Jeanine Garaban, *Administrative Assistant*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

9:00am to 12:00pm

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SAFETY

With many children around the area outside of the School Building it is very challenging to supervise them. Please help us to keep everyone safe by keeping watch and alert at all times. Please escort your child into the Cafeteria of the School Building, located next to the Church at the beginning of each class to meet their Catechist at the assigned table. Come to this table at 11:25am to pick them up at the end.

COMMUNICATION

Collaboration between Home and Parish is essential to your child's growth in the Faith. Therefore, we need you to keep in touch. We will communicate with you via email. Please be attentive to them. We will have the Calendar, the Family Guidelines and other pertinent information on our Religious Education website so that you can stay informed at all times. Parents will receive a note from each child's Catechist that will include their phone number. Please feel free to call the Catechist with any concerns or questions. It is vital that you alert us to any special learning needs or allergies. Please let us know about special circumstances (e.g. serious illness or death in the family) that may affect your child. As a community, we can be a source of prayer and support for each other. Thank you for helping us. Communication can help us to operate well as a Family of Faith.



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MASS then **CLASS**
9:00am Church 10:00am School

**Each Sunday,
Joey our mascot
goes home with a
different family
for a week. They
teach him about our
Faith. Join us at the
9:00am Family Mass!**