

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

2017 - Registration for Religious Education - 2018



PLEASE PRINT

FATHER:

Area Code **256** (or other: _____)

Name: _____ / _____
Last First Middle Home Cell

Address: _____ / _____ / _____
Street Ave/ St/ Rd City / State ZIP

Email Address: _____ **Catholic:** Y N

Registered at Holy Spirit? Y N (If not, where?) _____

MOTHER:

Area Code **256** (or other: _____)

Name: _____ / _____
Last First Middle MAIDEN Home Cell

Address: _____ / _____ / _____
Street Ave/ St/ Rd City / State ZIP

Email Address: _____ **Catholic:** Y N

Registered at Holy Spirit? Y N (If not, where?) _____

CHILD(REN)'S PRIMARY ADDRESS: Both parents ____ Mom ____ Dad ____ Guardian ____

Children's Names:

SACRAMENTS at HS or at :
 Bapt. 1st Rec 1st Com Conf.

As of Sept. 1, 2017
 LAST First M F Date of Birth SCHOOL / GRADE

LAST	First	M	F	Date of Birth	SCHOOL / GRADE	Bapt.	1 st Rec	1 st Com	Conf.
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Parishioner's Fee: ____ \$35.00 one child
 ____ \$50.00 two children
 ____ \$60.00 three or more

NON-Parishioner's Fee: ____ \$50.00 one child
 ____ \$75.00 two children
 ____ \$100.00 three or more

For Office Use: Date Registered: _____

Date Paid: _____

Cash _____ Check _____ (# _____)

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"Since we live by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's Lead." (Gal. 5:25)

Academic Year 2017-2018

Dear Parents,

We look forward to working with you as we impart the Catholic Faith and traditions to your children. The catechists and I will continue to serve you in your role as the **primary catechist** of your child. We are aware, through your attendance at Mass, reception of the Sacraments, family faith discussions, prayer life, and service, that you have the most impact on your child's faith development. We see our role as being an important supplement to yours. When we reinforce each other in **the teachings of Jesus Christ** and the **traditions of the Church**, we know that our children will remain life-long children of God.

Along with this letter you will find a copy of the **Religious Education Calendar** for the upcoming school year with an appeal on the back for **food for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry**. Please bring your donations on the **first class of each month**. **NOTE: All classes begin September 10th and meet from 10:15 to 11:30 AM. All grades will meet in Holy Spirit School.** Our class times are scheduled so you may easily attend Sunday Mass.

MASS TIMES: **Saturday: 5:00 PM**
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:45 AM and 2:00 PM (Hispanic)

Thank you for your financial assistance through the registration fee. It is applied to the purchase of textbooks, DVDs-videos, classroom supplies and teacher training materials. Our Parish also generously supports our program, both financially and spiritually. **Our teachers are volunteers** who are dedicated to their faith and that of your child. If you did not pay the fee when you registered, you may mail your check (please make it out to **Holy Spirit Church**) or bring payment to the **church office**.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: **Monday thru Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**
 Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We are always in need of your time and talents. If you can help in any way, please fill in the attached form, email or call the number below. Help is needed in many areas: teaching, assisting teachers, providing snacks, helping students prepare for the Sacraments, and helping with receptions after the celebration of the Sacraments. We welcome and encourage you to visit classes as often as you can.

We also offer **Adult Education programs** during the time your child attends Religious Education class. These are excellent and informative sessions that you will enjoy very much. Please consider enrolling in a program that especially interests you.

The catechists and I look forward to making this "Journey of Faith" with your child. **Please check your Sunday bulletin each week for notices of upcoming events.** God bless you and your family with a fruitful year, and let us pray for, and encourage, one another along the way.

Yours truly,
Tracy Finke, Director

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE ~ 2017-2018

DATE	NOTATIONS
Aug. 19 & 20	Ministry Fair <i>Registration in the Parish Hall after each Mass</i>
Sept. 10 17 24	Session # 1 ~ <i>Start up for Pre-School age 4 through Grade 12 Students</i> Session # 2 ~ Adult Education Classes Begin Session # 3 ~ <i>Catechetical Sunday</i>
Oct. 1 8 15 22 29	<i>No Session</i> ~ No Class Fall Break <i>No Session</i> ~ No Class Fall Break Session # 4 Session # 5 ~ <i>First Reconciliation/First Communion Hispanic Meeting</i> Session # 6 ~ <i>Rite of Covenant (Presentation of Confirmation Class) 9AM</i>
Nov 5 12 19 26	Session # 7 Session # 8 Session # 9 ~ <i>Parish Thanksgiving Dinner</i> <i>No Session</i> ~ <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
Dec. 3 10 17 24	Session # 10 ~ Confessions High School Session # 11 ~ Confessions Grade 8 Session # 12 ~ Confession Grade 7 <i>No Session</i> ~ <i>Merry Christmas</i>
Jan. 7 14 21 28	Session # 13 Session # 14 Session # 15 Session # 16
Feb 4 11 18 25	Session # 17 Session # 18 ~ <i>(Confessions for High School Students)</i> Session # 19 ~ <i>(Confessions for Grade 7 and 3)</i> Session # 20 ~ <i>(Confessions for Grades 6 and 4) Confirmation Retreat</i>
Mar. 4 11 18 25	Session # 21 ~ <i>(Confessions for Grade 5 and 2)</i> Session # 22 ~ <i>Stations of the Cross Grades 5-8/Confession Make up</i> Session # 23 ~ <i>Stations of the Cross Grades 1-4/Confession Make up</i> <i>No Session</i> ~ <i>Spring Break (Palm Sunday)</i>
Apr. 1 8 15 22 29	<i>No Session</i> ~ Happy Easter! Session # 24 Session # 25 Session # 26 ~ ACRE Exam Grade 8 Session # 27
May 6	Session # 28 ~ <i>Last session for Pre-School thru High School / 1st Communion</i>

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ALL MEETING TIMES - SUNDAY MORNING

Pre-School 4's	10:15 - 11:30 AM	School
Grades K – 8	10:15 - 11:30 AM	School
High School	10:15 - 11:30 AM	School

Dear Parents,

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of a continuous supply of food. We'd like our Religious Education students to help by bringing a food item to church on the first Sunday of each month to place in one of the donation baskets in the church vestibule.

A suggested list of needed food items follows:

MOST IN NEED OF: Peanut Butter-Jelly or Jam-Canned Fruit-Spaghetti-Spaghetti Sauce-Rice-Canned Meat-Macaroni & Cheese.

Other Basics: Pasta
Pinto Beans
Pork & Beans

Helpful Extras: Canned Vegetables
Meal Helpers

- Please understand that, due to legal considerations, we cannot hand out home made soups, fruits or other goods.
- Institutional sizes **CANNOT** be used.
- Also, take note of the expiration dates on your offerings since, once again, we are held legally responsible.

***“For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”***

Matthew 25:3

ATTENDANCE AND MAKE-UP POLICY

Regular attendance at religious education classes is an important factor in deepening a child's understanding of our triune God through the study of *Scripture, Prayer, Church-Teaching and Community*. Each lesson reviews and builds as the year progresses. Missing a lesson causes a gap in your child's faith education. On a greater scale, each year builds on previous years. Missing a year's curriculum is devastating to your child's understanding of their Catholic Faith.

As Saint John Paul II put it ... "***The definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ.***"
"The Christian sets himself to follow Christ and learns more and more within the Church to think like Him, to judge like Him, to act in conformity with His commandments and to hope as He invites us to." St. John Paul II, Catechist Tradendae; 5,20

We kindly ask that parents contact the teacher if the student is expected to miss more than (1) one class. Please speak with the teacher in person after class if at all possible. We also ask that parents obtain *make-up material* from the teacher. Additional religion books can be purchased for use at home if a child will miss several lessons. Slightly used books may also be available for free.

Students in the Confirmation class should be present for **every class and every Confirmation Session**. In case of exception, parents should contact the DRE to arrange to make up the lesson.

Students in grade (2) two are preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion: ***Attendance at every class is required in order to receive the sacraments at the scheduled time.*** In case of exception, parents should contact the DRE or Catechist to arrange to make up the lesson.

Students in grade (7) seven are learning the prerequisite information in order to receive Confirmation in grade eight. Grade (1) one students are building knowledge for second grade sacramental preparation. ***Consistent attendance in these years is required in order to receive the sacraments at the scheduled time.*** Again... making up missed sessions is required.

Please contact the Office of Religious Education for further information by calling (256) 881-0345 or email Tracy Finke (DRE) at tfinke@holyspirithsv.com.

YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS ARE NEEDED!!!

Can you help in any of the following ways? Please ✓ and fill in:

- _____ Teaching
- _____ Teaching Assistant
- _____ Substitute teaching
- _____ Helping children learn their prayers
- _____ Confirmation reception
- _____ First Reconciliation reception
- _____ First Holy Communion reception
- _____ Catechist Appreciation luncheon
- _____ Vacation Bible School preparation: (creating backgrounds, etc. in the weeks before it starts)

Your Name: _____

Children's grade(s): _____

Phones #: (Home) (____) _____

(Cell) (____) _____

E-mail: _____