



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Parish & School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2018-2019

VISION

Thank you for enrolling your child/ren in the St. Francis Xavier Religious Education program. Since parents are the primary educators of children, our goal is simply to provide *supplemental* education in the Catholic Faith for pre-K through 12th grade. The Catechism explains, "The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute." Thus, our program must not replace faith formation within the home. We encourage you to take an active role in your child/ren's formation outside of this program, especially including prayer within the home, weekly Mass attendance, and participation in the sacraments.

STRUCTURE

Classes will take place in Building C on Wednesday evenings, September 9 through May 1. Quarterly, these classes will be cancelled and catechist formation will be held instead. (Please reference the calendar on the reverse side for specific dates and times.) An optional snack for **all** students will be offered before class begins each week. This will be provided by parents. All parents/guardians are required to sign up.

RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation for these sacraments will begin in 1st grade, with their reception typically occurring in 2nd grade. Children must attend both 1st and 2nd grade classes,

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es, as well as participate in an interview with Fr. Kyle and/or the Director of Evangelization prior to receiving these sacraments. Weekly Sunday Mass is also required. Baptismal record & online registration due 12/5, and a retreat for both students and parents will be April 3. Reception of First Holy Communion will be scheduled individually between April 28 and July 1.

CONFIRMATION

Candidates for this sacrament should attend classes every year after they receive First Holy Communion. Preparation for this sacrament begins in 8th grade, with reception in 9th grade. Participation in an interview with Fr. Kyle and/or the Director of Evangelization, as well as the Confirmation retreat 2/16, and weekly Sunday Mass attendance, are required prior to receiving this sacrament. Baptismal record & online registration due 12/5.

REGISTRATION

Deadline to register is first day of classes, 9/5. You may do so by visiting www.saintxparish.org/ccd-registration.html. You may also register in person at the parent meeting 8/23, or at the beginning of classes 9/5.

FEES

There is a \$100 cost per family, due by the beginning of the first class (9/5). **This includes St. Francis Xavier students, except for Confirmation students.**

Children of volunteer catechists are exempt from this fee.

EXPECTATIONS: PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Weekly Sunday Mass attendance
- Payment of fee by 9/5
- Attend parent meeting(s) 8/23
- Complete application form for child/ren hoping to receive sacraments
- All parents must sign up to help provide snacks
- Encourage faith formation outside of weekly classes

EXPECTATIONS: STUDENTS

- Weekly Sunday Mass
- Attend and participate in all classes
- Proof of Baptism required for reception of First Communion & Confirmation
- Baptism, Reconciliation and First Communion required for Confirmation

COMMUNICATION

We will communicate via email and One Parish. Please download the OneParish app on iTunes or Google Play, and register your family as members of St. Francis Xavier parish. We will send text messages through this app, so it will be crucial to download it ASAP. You may also contact the Director of Evangelization at 785-238-2998 or hermes@saintxparish.org, and she will respond during office hours.



