

ALL Saints Catholic Parish
Religious Education Parent Information
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Class Attendance

- 1st – 8th grade students will attend Religious Education classes every Wednesday at St. Joseph School & Church in Boyd starting Sept. 15th. The 9th, and 10th grades will attend every other week. 9th grade starts on Wednesday Sept. 15rd. 10th grade starts on Sept. 22nd. Classes run from 6:15pm to 7:15pm. Doors will not be open until 6:05pm.
- If a student is unable to attend a religious education class **their parent** must contact Lou Ann Willkom before class begins. See contact information above.
- A calendar is distributed at the beginning of the year and is available on the parish website.
- In the event of canceled school (snow day) Religious Education will also be canceled. Every effort will be made to notify parents of a cancelation due to poor weather conditions if they occur after school hours. Please check our facebook page All Saints Religious Education for any current details.

Classroom Expectations

- Students are to go directly to their classrooms upon arrival and be on time for class.
- Students will prepare for class by completing assignments before the start of class.
- Textbooks and writing instruments used in class should be brought to each session.
- Each student will receive a text/work book which they will keep at the end of the year. **Parents will be responsible for the cost of replacing textbooks that are lost during the school year.**
- During Religious Education, students will come to the Church for reflection and prayer. Students will show respect upon entry of the Church.
- Students are to dress appropriately and modestly at all times.
- Cell phones **will not** be allowed during Religious Education class.
- Students are to respect the property of the church and school as well as that of fellow students.
- Misbehavior will not be tolerated. If misconduct, parents will be notified. Students who continue to misbehave will be removed from the program.

Second Grade

- First Reconciliation will be held during Religious Education classes during the season of Lent.
- The First Holy Communion Retreat will be held at St. Joseph School the Friday prior to First Holy Communion and is necessary for all those planning on receiving First Communion. It will be an all-day retreat (typically 8:30am to 2:30pm). More information about the retreat will be distributed as First Holy Communion draws near. This EVENT IS ON A FRIDAY! Public schools will have to release your children at no penalty to them.

Ninth & Tenth Grade

- The High School program for 9th and 10th grades is considered preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation means that, over a two year period, the youth confirmand demonstrates a personal responsibility in practicing the Catholic faith without coercion and force from parents or others.
- Practicing the Catholic faith means faithful practice of the seven precepts of the Catholic Church. For the youth confirmand this means:
 - Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
 - Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly
 - Participating in all sacramental preparation classes and formation events
 - Supporting the parish through participation in fundraising events and service
 - Joining with the universal Church for times of penance and prayer
 - Promoting active participation in the Church among peers
- Those in the 10th grade making immediate preparation for Confirmation must, in addition to the above:
 - Select and research a patron saint and prepare a written report describing the personal significance of the saint to the confirmand's life.
 - Complete a preparation assessment describing how, after two years of preparation, the confirmand has personally practiced the seven precepts of the Church.
- Only those who have demonstrated personal responsibility in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented to the Bishop. Please review the Pledge of Fidelity required by the confirmand and sponsor before the sacrament is administered.

Parent Expectations

- Parents are responsible for assisting their children with their Religious Education homework.
- In preparation for First Holy Communion, the students will be learning the parts of the Mass in class.
- **Parents of 2nd graders:** Please help your child to recognize and learn the parts of Mass as you attend together. It is most important that you, as parents, help your children realize that they must prepare well for the two very important Sacraments (First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion) which they will receive.
- Parents are to be trained in Safe Environment each year.
 - Each year the Diocese of La Crosse asks that all parents and students in Religious Education receive Safe Environment Training.
 - This training is a way to help educate parents about the reality of abuse in today's world and for students to keep themselves safe from possible threats.
 - The **Verification of Parent Safe Environment Training/Student Training Declination** form has a description of the student's training based on their age. It allows a parent to decline the training for their students. Please be sure to read the form closely, fill it out completely and return it.
 - Parent training is available on the diocesan website. <http://www.dioc.org/safe-Environment/Training.htm> (click the box "Parents" and follow the instructions)
 - We will be educating the students about Safe Environment in October/November.
 - For those who opt out, their students will not be in the classroom during the lesson.
 - If you would like more information about the lessons for each grade level, please visit the diocesan website. [http:// www.dioc.org/safe-environment/primary](http://www.dioc.org/safe-environment/primary) or [middle grades](http://www.dioc.org/safe-environment/middle).
- The renewal of the Family Pledge of Fidelity is to be signed each year.