

St Joseph Ridge Religious Education

Hello Religious Education Families,

It is that time of the year again! School is starting soon and with it Religious Education Classes. Stacy Burns and Paula Silha, will again be the Co-Coordinator of our Religious Education Program. We will make great effort to communicate what is happening in the classrooms and since, you, the parents are the first and best educators for your children we ask that you discuss with your students what they are learning and support the teachings of the church. Always feel free to call either of us and/or your child's teacher with any questions. Our numbers are listed at the end of this letter and notes from teachers with contact information will be sent home the first night of classes. Enclosed is a tentative schedule for the year. If things change, we will communicate those changes.

We have a need for 2 teachers this fall. Grades 4 and 7. If you have a student in one of these grades, please consider being their teacher. Teachers get ½ off on tuition.

Elementary Formation Grades 1-4

Class time will begin at 6:00 pm and let out at 7:05pm. Our first concern is the safety of children entering and exiting the building. We ask that with younger children, you park and escort them in and out of the building.

Reconciliation and First Communion Candidates

Preparation is done through their weekly classes; however, it is extremely important that the parents are actively involved with their students in prayer memorization and Mass attendance. Students cannot learn about Holy Eucharist without being aware of what is going on at Mass.

Middle School and High School Formation Grades 5-10

Class time will begin at 6:55 pm and let out at 8:15pm.

Confirmation Candidates

Preparation is done through their weekly classes, retreats, and service opportunities. It is mandatory that each candidate attend Mass every weekend.

Please notice there is an overlap of times for the classes. At 6:55 pm there will always be announcements in the school basement, sometimes treats and a few teachable moments, parents are encouraged to also join the group during this time.

Registration Form

Enclosed is the registration form. Registration is considered complete when we have received all forms and the total tuition payment. Tuition is \$75.00 for the first child, \$50.00 for the second and \$25 for each additional child. Tuition for an out a parish student is an extra \$50.00 per family.

Please make the check payable to St. Joseph Ridge Parish and mail to St. Joseph Ridge Parish W2601 St. Rd 33, La Crosse, WI 54601 or you can place it in the offering basket at Mass in an envelope marked Religious Education. Please return your registration form by August 28, 2022 to ensure time for ordering materials.

- **If you need confidential tuition assistance or an alternative payment plan, arrangements can be made. No student will be excluded from the program due to financial situations.**

Attendance

Students are required to attend all sessions, including Liturgies and family events. If a student must be absent, parents need to call or text the Coordinators of Religious Education- Stacy Burns at 608-769-8828 or Paula Silha at 608-386-1183 as soon as you are aware of the absence. Once attendance is taken, you may receive a courtesy call if your child is absent without an excuse. Students are expected to arrive punctually and stay for the duration of the session unless the student leaves accompanied by a parent or arrangements have been made earlier with their teacher.

Cell phones

Cell phones will NOT be allowed in the classrooms; we ask that you keep your child's cell phone at home. If they do bring their phones, they will be put in a holder or basket until after class, if you have an emergency please contact your student's teacher, they will provide their phone on the first day of class.

Cancellations

Sessions will be canceled in the event that La Crosse, West Salem or Bangor Public Schools are canceled. If inclement weather develops later in the day, we will call or email to communicate cancellations.

Behavior

If a behavioral issue occurs in the classroom, it will be addressed as follows:

- The Catechist will warn the child and take appropriate measures to correct the behavior.
- If the child's misbehavior continues, the Catechist or the Coordinator will notify the parents.
- If behavior issues still occur, the Coordinator and Parish Priest will request a meeting with the student and their parents.

The first day of class will be Wednesday, September 14th for all grades.

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, September 21st at 6 PM for ALL students, teachers and parents.

Sincerely,

Stacy Burns 608-769-8828 and Paula Silha 608-386-1183 or home (608-788-7748)
Coordinators of Religious Education