

A WELCOME FROM
SAINT MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education for Children is an ongoing faith formation and sacrament preparation program for all children in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade who do not attend a Catholic school. By special arrangement, we also offer instruction for high school students who have not yet received any or all of the sacraments. Families may choose from the following session options:

Tuesdays at 5:00 to 6:15PM – for Grades Kindergarten through Eighth
OR – Tuesdays at 7:00 to 8:15PM - for Grades Kindergarten through High School
OR – Wednesdays at 4:00 to 5:15PM - for Grades Kindergarten through Fifth

Children attend one 75-minute session per week and consistent attendance and punctuality for the *entire* class are important factors. When making the selection for the session of choice, families should prayerfully consider the priority of these classes. Once a session is selected and assigned, families will follow a calendar, which begins in September and continues through April. We cannot change session assignments once classes have begun.

Sacrament preparation for Reconciliation (First Confession), Eucharist (First Communion) and Confirmation is a two-year process. The earliest grade we begin for Reconciliation and Eucharist is Grade 1 and the earliest grade we begin for Confirmation is Grade 7. However, we have beginning sacrament preparation classes for whatever age/grade a child begins with us after that traditional grade level. We also assist families whose school-age children have not as yet been baptized.

The cost of our program is an annual fee paid at time of registration. These costs cover all textbooks, supplies and materials and the amounts are as follows:

\$175. For one child in a family
\$250. For two children in a family
\$300. For three or more children in a family
\$50. Extra for those children who will be receiving a sacrament during the current school year.

If any of these amounts prove to be a financial hardship, please advise us at the time of registration. Under no circumstances should you defer registration for a monetary reason.

A completed application packet will require the following:

- A completed current Registration Form with family and child information as well as names and numbers of emergency contacts and health care providers and the family choice of sessions.
- Registration fees as described above.
- A copy of the Baptismal Certificate for each child (exception: If the child was baptized at St. Mark, families need only supply the most specific date possible)
- Dates and locations of any sacraments already received by a child.
- In certain cases, when a child is entering our program in a sacrament year, documentation of prior Religious Education classes taken by the child may be required.

Registrations for the next school year will be held in May for registered Saint Mark parish families. Please watch the bulletin for specific times and dates and for news about our program events.

If you have any questions, we welcome your phone calls to 954-252-9899 or your email to stmarkrelig@aol.com. Our office hours are Mondays through Thursdays 10:00AM to 4:00PM and we are open on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings when classes are in session. Our office is closed on Fridays and during the month of July.