



ST. ALOYSIUS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Registration 2017-2018

Grades 1-5 classes will be offered on Sunday at 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m., and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Grade 6 classes will be a Family Faith Formation program. Go to www.starcc.com for details.
Grade 7 & 8 Confirmation Program classes have a different schedule.
All Children in Grades 1-8 must be registered to participate in Religious Education.

First Timers to Religious Education and Incoming Grade 1

Religious Education is available to all children of registered members of the parish. Visit our website at: www.starcc.com. Fill out the New Parishioner Registration Form, if needed, and the New Family Pre-Registration form for Religious Education. These forms must be completed and submitted to our office along with your child/children's Baptismal Certificates, payment and/or tuition assistance request. If your child was previously attending Catholic School or another parish's religious education program please attach a letter or some other information documenting this fact. Once we receive your forms you will receive confirmation. See starred information below to finalize your child's registration.

Returning to Religious Education - Incoming Grades 2 -5

If your children will be entering grades 2-5, you will be emailed home a "pre-registration" form. Review this form carefully so that we have the most up-to-date information for your child. Return the form to our office with payment. **This form DOES NOT secure a day and time for your child to attend. Your selection must be made online when the link is activated.**

*If all of your paperwork is in our office by June 21, 2017 you will receive "priority" in the enrollment process. You will receive a confirmation via email directing you to a link that you may activate on August 22, 2017. On that day, you can select the day and time your child will attend class. We cannot promise or guarantee a particular catechist. **Final placement will be determined by the religious education office only.**

*You may only select one spot per child and once you have selected a spot, no changes will be accepted. Classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

*If we receive your children's pre-registration forms after June 21, 2017, your date to select a day and time will be August 29, 2017. If your child has excessive absences you will be contacted separately from our office regarding make up work.

Returning to Religious Education - Incoming Grades 7 - 8

All children entering our Confirmation Program (CP) will be contacted in late August by our Confirmation Coordinator Marie Osterndorf, regarding class placement. CP classes are held in family homes or on campus here at the parish in smaller groups. Classes meet for 90 minutes every other week. Additional group events will be held on campus periodically throughout the year.

Final placement of students will be determined by the religious education office only.

If you would like to be a Catechist

Please indicate this on your child's registration form. All catechists must be Virtus trained. Please sign up for a class at www.virtusonline.org if you need to take a class. If you have already taken the class, please submit a copy of your Virtus card along with your child's registration.

We welcome all new families and encourage you to come in and meet with Marie Pascale Vandall, our Director of Religious Education, to ensure proper placement of your children.

All Children of Catechists

As a catechist, you will be able to select all of your children's days as soon as you commit to being a catechist and submit your children's pre-registration forms. For Catechists, tuition will be waived. However, catechists are asked to pay a \$25 per child fee to cover books. Contact Marie Pascale Vandall at (203)652-1170 for more info. Please consider being a catechist this coming school year. If you don't feel like you are ready to lead a class, we use a team approach and we will pair you up with a more experienced catechist.

Attendance Policy

TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A YEAR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THERE MAY BE NO MORE THAN FIVE ABSENCES FOR GRADES 1 - 5, ONE ABSENCE FOR GRADE 6 AND CONFIRMATION PROGRAM GRADES 7 AND 8. Excessive absences may necessitate additional work assignments and review of a child's readiness to receive a sacrament and/or advance to the next Religious Education grade level. We understand that extenuating circumstances do occur: illnesses, family difficulties, etc. Please contact us if this is the case.

Mass Attendance

ATTENDANCE AT MASS EACH WEEK IS VITAL TO YOUR CHILD'S FORMATION AS A CATHOLIC. We come together as a parish community to worship, thank God, and support each other in prayer. It is at Mass that we come to know Jesus in the Eucharist. Attending Mass each week reinforces what is taught in the classroom. Without this important time to celebrate and pray together at Mass, it can be a struggle for your child... indeed, for all of us... to achieve a fuller understanding of the greatness of our God and the love and forgiveness of Jesus.

Baptismal Certificates

If your child was not baptized at St. Aloysius, enrollment cannot be processed until the Religious Education office has a photo copy of the child's Baptismal certificate on file.

Fees

We provide a fully comprehensive religious education program. All enrichment activities are provided by the religious education office for all grade levels. Our Parish does not charge sacramental fees; however, there will be a charge for Confirmation Robes.

1 child \$300.00
2 children \$450.00
3 children \$575
4 or more children \$625.00

Additionally, we offer Tuition Assistance for those families who are experiencing economic hardship. No child will be turned away for lack of ability to pay. Download the Tuition Assistance Request Form at www.starcc.com or call Marie Pascale Vandall. The fees that we collect do not fully cover our costs. Our religious education programs are supported by the collections taken up each week at Sunday masses. We appreciate your generosity in our parish offertory collection each Sunday.

***We are here to support the religious formation of your children . . .
the future of our Church!***

Fr. Robert Kinnally
Pastor

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Our office is located at 40 Maple Street in the Parish Center
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The religious education office is closing June 27th but we do check mail, email & voice mail periodically throughout the summer.