

April 11, 2018



Dear Religious Education Families,

It has been a busy year! It really seems like yesterday our school year was off to a start. Thank you again for the very warm welcome and support that was received from so many of you. It really means more than I can ever express into words!

Seeing that our year is coming to an end on April 17th, it is time to start looking ahead to the 2018-19 school year. We have been blessed by having so many great Catechists with our program this year. It would be great to have a few more Catechists or Teaching Assistants for next year. All of the necessary training will be provided. **YOU are needed!** If the classroom is a bit daunting for you, help in the office is needed weekly as well. Teaching Assistants would be a great ministry for those who just received their Confirmation!

This is also the time of the year when tuition is set. I have never felt comfortable in a parish setting where there have been extra fees during the years that Sacraments take place (typically 2nd grade and 8th grade). The tuition for the 2018-19 year will not include any Sacramental or other fees related to the program outside of tuition.

The tuition rates for the 2018-19 year will be as follows:

1 Child \$295

2 Children \$325

3+ Children \$355

While it may look like a large increase at once, if we put this in perspective of being in in the program for eight years you will notice the following:

- At the 1 Child rate, tuition over an eight year period only increases by 2.4% from the 17-18 year.
- At the 2 Children rate, tuition over an eight year period will be lower about 2.7% from the 17-18 year.
- At the 3 Children + rate, tuition over an eight year period will be lower about 5.2% from the 17-18 year.
- We will be the only local parish that does not charge extra for Sacramental or any other related program fees.

What you can expect in the 2018-19 year:

- New multimedia room for all grade levels to use to further enhance learning
- Monthly gatherings during class to promote service and outreach
- A curriculum re-design to flow with our liturgical year
- A new third/fourth grade classroom that will enhance small group learning with projects similar to our (K-2) model.
- Ongoing Catechist training to further develop their skills in classroom management, prayer, and lesson planning

What I expect in the 2018-19 year—(only one item!):

- Better Parental Involvement.** As stated above, it would be great to have more Catechists, Teaching Assistants, or helpers in the office.

I, along with Fr. Jose thank you for making a Religious Education a priority for your family. While learning does take place in the classroom each week, *it does serve as a reminder to all that parents are the primary teachers of the faith.* We thank you for what you do at home! If you feel you are not doing enough, it is never too late to add to your family's faith and prayer life.

At our end of the year gathering on Tuesday, April 17th, students will gather with their class for the first 15 minutes. Before we go onto the end of the year activity, I would be happy to meet with any parents during that 15-minute period to debrief the past year and to answer any questions that you may have. Registration forms are enclosed and will be accepted to those who are current on their 2017-18 tuition beginning next week. **Registration is due by Wednesday, August 15, 2018.** Anyone with a financial hardship is asked to meet with me regarding a tuition waiver.

Peace,

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Religious Education Program 2018-19 Registration Form

STEP 1

Family Name _____ Dad's Name _____ Mom's Name _____
 Street Address _____ City/Zip Code _____
 Home Phone # _____ Dad's Cell # _____ Mom's Cell # _____
 Dad's Work # _____ Mom's Work # _____
 Dad's E-mail _____ Mom's E-mail _____

Our primary form of communication will be from emails sent from our office from the MailChimp e-mail program.

Please check which method of communication you prefer to receive:

___ Phone Call to # _____ E-mail to _____ @ _____

Please enter information for each of your children who will be attending the **2018-19** religious education program classes or who will be participating in the home study program. **If you are registering a student who did not attend the religious education program last year, you will need to provide your child's baptismal certificate.**

STEP 2

Returning (R) or New Student (N)	Last Name, First Name of Enrolling Student	Sex Male (M) or Female (F)	Birthdate MM/DD/YY	Grade in 2018-19	Home Study (HS) or RE Classes (RE)
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (office use only)

Date	Check (#), Cash (Initials),	Amount	Balance

FEE BREAKDOWN

	1 CHILD	2 CHILDREN	3+ CHILDREN
Fees for the 2018-19 School Year	\$295	\$325	\$355

Total Fee Due: _____

GENERAL PERMISSION

I request that my child(ren) listed on this form, be allowed to participate in the Ascension of Our Lord Parish Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 school year.

I hereby release and indemnify Ascension of Our Lord Parish, its staff, volunteers, and the Diocese of Joliet, from any and all liability arising from claims of any kind from my child(ren)'s participation in this program.

By signing, I accept this statement.

What school(s) does your family attend?

Items available at a later date:

- *2018-19 Program Handbook
- *2018-19 Program Calendar

*Classes will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. for all grade levels.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MEDICAL EMERGENCY FORM UPDATE FOR 2018-19

This form updates my original permission form for the child/children listed below who are registered in the RE Program to receive emergency treatment if I cannot be contacted while they are attending religious education classes at **Ascension of Our Lord Parish**. I agree to the terms of the original statement.

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please list children's names below and any issues that may impact on their religious education experience.

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Child's Name	Medical problem, allergies, or learning disability

Please list an emergency name and phone number if parents cannot be reached at the phone numbers listed on the front of this form:

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____ **Phone #:** _____

PICTURES/VIDEO PERMISSION: Pictures/videos of the religious education students may be taken during the school year for publicity or information purposes to advertise events in the parish. The pictures may be posted on the parish website, the parish bulletin boards, in parish publications and/or newspapers (local or diocesan). We assume your permission is given to use these photos for publicity and information purposes unless you notify the Religious Education Office by calling 630-953-4415. Please check that you understand this policy:

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Does your child/children have permission to walk home? Yes N/A

Who has permission to pick-up your child/children from class?

Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____ **Phone #:** _____

Interested in volunteering in the Religious Education Program?

Please check any of the volunteer opportunities below that interest you:

- ___ Catechist
- ___ Classroom Aide
- ___ Catechist Substitute
- ___ Classroom Aide Substitute
- ___ Office
- ___ Decorating for RE Events
- ___ Hospitality & Set-up/Clean-up at RE Events

- ___ I have taken a Protecting God's Children class.
- ___ I need to take a Protecting God's Children class.
- Primary contact phone #: _____
- E-mail Address: _____ @ _____
- Comments: _____

Please return your completed form (front and back) and payment to the Religious Education Office at 1S314 Summit, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. Checks should be made payable to Ascension of our Lord Parish by August 15, 2018.

If you are registering a new student, you must register IN PERSON at the RE Office and bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate for our files.