

SAINT MICHAEL'S CHURCH

August 12, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Religious education is important for all of us. Your child will look to you for their development and cooperation and they will look to the Parish for organized instruction and a deeper sharing of our Catholic Faith. All of us must do what we can to see that our sharing and caring the love God has for each of us is the message which we give to the children.

The religious education staff is composed of people who take time from both their family and their own pursuits to assist in the handing down of our Faith. We would ask that you, the parents and guardians, support us in your family prayers and participate in the liturgical and special events of the Parish. Families with children registered at another parish must obtain permission from their Pastor before completing First Communion and Confirmation preparation classes.

To assist us further in teaching your child, we are using the "Finding God" series from "Loyola Press", which is in compliance with the Archdiocese of Washington Faith Formation curriculum and includes family activities to enrich your Faith. We thank you for your support and cooperation and ask that you do whatever you can to support our staff as they carry out their mission to share our Catholic Faith with you and your child.

Family and students should report to the school gym prior to class for prayer and announcements. Attendance is important to your child's learning experience. Students must not be absent for more than 3 weeks during the year. We strive to maintain classroom settings that are instructive as well as comfortable for all students. The first class is Sunday September 8, 2019 from 9:15 - 10:15am.

When inclement weather is forecast for the weekend, please go on line to the St. Mary's County Public Schools website. When the notice is given that weekend activities are canceled, the Sunday Religious Education classes will also be canceled.

The Registration form to be completed for each child is on-line at the St. Michael's Parish website (<https://saintmichaelscatholicchurch.org/>) under the Ministries tab. Please return a completed form for each child at the beginning of class on September 8, 2019 along with the requested payment \$30.00 per child. The schedule of classes for the year 2019-2020 and our Religious Education Behavior and attendance policies are included with this letter. Your assistance in providing us with information to enhance our parish religious education program is important. Please complete the enclosed survey by selecting the response which best identifies your interest.


Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Peter Giovanoni
Pastor


Deacon James Dominic
DRE

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Religious Education Behavior Policy

In order to create a climate where students can learn and enjoy their time in the religious education classes, certain rules are necessary. Our goal in setting these standards is to help the students develop a sense of self-discipline and responsibility for themselves and others.

Behavior standards are as follows:

Students are expected to participate in classroom discussion, prayer and activities as determined by their catechist or other person in charge. Disruptive students will be sent to the Religious Education Office.

All students, as young Christians are expected to show respect for all catechists, visitors to the classroom, Religious Education staff and other students.

Students are expected to show respect for school property, this includes not leaving trash on the floor or grounds, graffiti on tables/chairs in the classroom. Damage to classroom property must be replaced by the student.

Students should bring their text books to class each week. Do **NOT** bring cell phones, Ipods/MP3, video games, etc. Phones, music and gaming devices will be held by the catechist/Religious Education Director until the end of class.

Should the student fail to comply with the above expectations and his/her behavior disrupts the education process for themselves and others the following actions will be taken:

A verbal warning will be given to the student.

If the student's behavior does not improve and he/she continues to be disruptive, the child may be sent out of the classroom to the Religious Education Office. Parents will be notified.

If necessary, a meeting between parents, DRE and student will be arranged to discuss the child's continuation in the program. Parents may be asked to consider an alternative to classroom instruction.

Religious Education Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend each and every class (except due to illness or family emergency).

Students should be in class at the appointed time. Family and students should report first to the school gym for prayer and announcements. Students arriving late are disruptive to the learning process not only for themselves but for their classmates as well.

Children in the Sacramental Preparation classes (2nd Grade – First Penance/First Communion and 7th/8th Grade – Confirmation) must not be absent for more than 3 weeks during the year and must attend the Saturday Retreat when scheduled.

**St. Michael's Religious Education
SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020**

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: Last, First, MI Religious Ed Grade: Parish:

Street address: Sex: Phone:

City, State, Zip: Age as of 01 September:

E-mail address:

Parent/Guardian Name1: Relationship: Religion:

Parent/Guardian Name2: Relationship: Religion:

Mother's Maiden Name

In case of emergency Contact (name and phone number):

Child lives with: Both Parents Mother Father Other

How often do you attend Mass? Weekly Monthly Rarely Do not attend

Please check off all grades attended at St. Michael's Religious Education:

K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Sacraments

| | Date | Church | City, State Zip code |
|-----------------|------|--------|----------------------|
| Baptism | | | |
| First Penance | | | |
| First Communion | | | |
| Confirmation | | | |

Medical and/or special learning challenges

Tuition is \$30.00 per child in grades K through 8. Baptismal certificates are required for all children not baptized at St. Michael's Church who are receiving the sacraments of First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Tuition payment circle one: cash check date paid: