



**St. Patrick Church
Religious Education Office**

May 2019

Dear St. Patrick Religious Education Families,

Registration forms for the 2019-2020 school year are ready! You may visit our website at www.stpatrickmchenry.org/religious-education to print your registration materials. Please print **ALL** the forms, complete the information, and return to the RE office with payment. Please note that a Medical Release form will need to be completed for **each** child in your family. The Sacramental Record form will only need to be completed for children new to our program.

You will notice that there is a change to our schedule for this year. We are going to condense our program from 2 days to 1 day. All religious education classes will take place on Sundays from 9-11:30am. All religious education students will be asked to attend Mass at 9am and will be dismissed to class. The reasons for this change were not considered lightly. Our program no longer has enough participation to require two days of classes and the move to Sundays will encourage all of our families to be actively involved in our Sunday Masses. If this change seems to be a stretch for your family schedule, please contact me before you choose to not enroll your child for this year of religious education.

Tuition fees will remain the same this year. We are conscious of the state of the economy and we do not want to put any added burden on our families at this time. If you cannot pay tuition in full, due to circumstances beyond your control, please send what you can with your registration and we can work out a payment plan.

If you owe tuition money from last year, we cannot accept your registration for the fall until you have a conversation with me. While no child will be turned away for inability to pay, it is your responsibility to notify us of such circumstances. If you need to make payment arrangements please call the RE Office to discuss options.

We are able to accept credit card payments for tuition. If you wish to pay by this method please utilize the "Give Central" option on the St. Patrick website.

Please remember that signing your child up for RE classes is not just another activity in their life. You are signing them up for religious formation and it should take priority over other activities. Missing multiple classes, starting late or leaving early is difficult for the student and the teacher. In the past we have had many conflicts with scouts, sports, etc. being at the same time. Thank you for all your efforts to prepare your child in our faith.

For planning purposes, the first day for RE Classes will be as follows:

Sunday Morning, Kindergarten thru Grade 8 (*9am-11:30am*)

September 8, 2019

We are currently discerning the Sacramental Preparation classes for those seeking First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation. Registration forms for these classes will be sent to you later in the year. Please note that these classes require a separate fee. That fee is not due at this time.

If you are interested in volunteering please let the RE Office know. Volunteers, as both teachers and aides, can benefit from participating in faithful education opportunities, growing through teaching the children, and receiving reduced tuition for religious education. It is a wonderful way to serve our parish, and I have always enjoyed being part of the comradery of this ministry within our Church. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the RE office at 815-385-2959 or reoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org.

Peace,

Lisa Johnson
Director of Religious Education