

Dear Religious Education Families,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer! We have been busy looking ahead to the fall, and the beginning of a new session of religious education at St. Mary's. With September just around the corner, it is time to start preparing for our upcoming year.

Our first order of business is registration. We would like to complete the registration process by early August, so *if your family is planning to participate in our Religious Education program, please fill out and return the attached form ASAP.*

Our program will follow the same format as last year, with a couple of new additions. We will be adding an Early Childhood component for young children that will meet during our Family of Faith sessions. We will also be starting a Children's Choir for kids ages 5-12, which will rehearse the 2nd Sunday of the month after the 10:30 Mass, and sing the 3rd Sunday of the month.

2023-2024 Calendar

*FAMILY OF FAITH REL-ED - 1st Sunday of each month. (start 9/3/23)

*EARLY CHILDHOOD REL-ED/ACTIVITIES - 1st Sunday/month (start 9/3/23)

*CHILDREN'S CHOIR- 2nd Sunday/month (start 9/10/23)

*CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT-Date TBA

*CONFIRMATION-meets 9am the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

*CONFIRMATION RETREAT-DATE: TBA

*CONFIRMATION-Thursday, May 2, 2024

*FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION-Family visit from Fr. Joe in April

*FIRST RECONCILIATION-Children will sign up for a time slot in April

*FIRST COMMUNION (and May Crowning)-May 4/5

+Participants in Religious Education are required to either participate in Safe Environment Training, or opt out. In-Parish sessions will be held on:

Sunday, September 10 at 11:30

Sunday, October 8 at 11:30

Please plan to attend one of these sessions, or, if you choose to opt out, please contact me to fill out necessary paperwork. *(We are obligated to provide the Diocese with documentation for ALL families participating, so your cooperation is VERY much appreciated.)*

Your registration form can either be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours, or in the basket in the church gathering area. You can also mail them to the office at 400 Congress Ave. Viroqua,

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: bethlakmann@icloud.com.

God Bless,

Beth Lakmann

