

Program Information

Our sessions meet on Wednesdays in the school building from September through April. Pre-school through Grade 4 meet from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. There is one class each of Kindergarten through Grade 7 from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. An additional two classes each of Grades 5 through 7 meet from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. Confirmation Preparation class meet from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

Registrations

Parents are asked to complete registration forms each spring. Forms are mailed to all previously registered families. Families new to the program should call the Religious Education Office.

Tuition and Fees

\$200 - 1 child
\$230 - 2 children
\$250 - 3 or more children

First Eucharist fee - \$25
6th grade Bible fee - \$25
Confirmation fee - \$50
Home School fee - \$20 per child

Tuition is expected to be paid in full by October 15th. Sacramental fees are due by November 15th. Please note that no child is denied entrance to the program because of inability to pay the designated fees. In case of financial hardship, please notify the Director.

Sacramental Preparation

The program prepares children for the celebration of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. As mandated by the Diocese of Joliet, children are to be enrolled in a RE program for at least two years prior to the reception of the sacrament. Parental participation is required in all sacramental preparation programs.

General Policies

1. Pick-up/Drop-off procedure:

Because of heavy traffic on Wednesday afternoons, all **pre-school through grade 2 students must be dropped off and picked up in the classroom by a responsible adult or older sibling.** Our primary concern is the safety of the children. You may enter the building from the front or back door. If you have another adult picking up your child, you must fill out a parental designate form which is kept on file in the office.

2. Emergency Closings:

Should weather cause the cancellation of classes on Wednesdays, the information will be broadcast on WGN and WBBM radio, local television stations and at www.EmergencyClosings.com.

3. Visitors:

All visitors must report to the REO.

4. Calendar:

Please use the attached calendar for reference throughout the school year. Also check mailings from the REO, notes from catechists, and the parish bulletin for any cancellations or revisions that may occur.

5. Email:

Be sure that the REO and the classroom catechists have your email address. This is the most effective way of communicating with you. We do not make this information public.

Student Policies

1. Attendance:

It is essential that the children be in attendance at all sessions. This is even more critical in a sacramental prep year, i.e. grades 2 and Confirmation Prep.

Therefore, if a child is absent more than 3 times in a sacramental year, his or her eligibility to receive the sacrament will be subject to evaluation.

2. Absence:

Joliet Diocesan Policy mandates that the RE office must be notified before the start of class if a student is to be absent. Notify us by note or call 630-832-8962, stating the child's name, grade, catechist and reason for the absence. You may also e-mail us at mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net. E-mails must reach the office by Tuesday before class. Parents will be contacted by phone if they have not reported their child's absence.

3. Discipline:

Christian behavior is expected at all grade levels at all times. This includes respect of all people, places and things. If infractions of classroom rules occur, they are handled first at the catechist level, second at the director's level and at the third offense, parents will be consulted.

We are a **bully free** zone. Bullying of any kind is not tolerated. Parents will be notified immediately, and offenders will be suspended from RE.

Youth Ministry

Wings to Heaven

Grades 5-8

Wings is our young adolescent youth group which is dedicated to helping fill other people's lives through faith, love, and service. It is a group committed to making a difference in the world, respecting each other, loving God and having fun all at the same time.

Destiny

High School & College

Destiny meets together to share triumphs and trials as related to Christ. Their journeys are different yet they are all focused on one God. It is through sharing concerns and beliefs that we help and teach others.

*For more information on Wings or Destiny, please contact **Kathleen Gusloff** at 630- 832-4348 or email at*