

# St. Joseph's School of Religion 2019-20 Calendar & Handbook

## **Pastoral Staff**

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### **Office Hours**

Mon. – Wed. 10 – 4:00pm

Thur. 11:00 – 4:00pm

(Additional times available upon request)

**Mass:** It is our hope that attending Mass becomes a part of your child's faith formation. To encourage this, we ask that you attend Mass with your child during the year. All grade levels are invited to special Masses.

### **Mass Times:**

Saturday: Church: 5:00 and 6:15

Sunday: Church: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 and 5:00 PM

Travis Hall: 9:30 and 11:00

Check the bulletin for Holyday Masses.

### **Sacrament Procedures:**

**First Communions** are held in the Church. The Communions are celebrated the first three Saturdays in May. Details will be discussed at the Second Grade Parent Meetings.

**Confirmations** are held in the Church, due to limited seating, only two tickets per family are given. Sponsor and Candidate do not need a ticket. The date is given to us by the Bishop's office. As soon as we assigned a date you will be notified.

**Reconciliation** is also an important Sacrament. All Catholics should attend at least once a year. All children in grades 3 - 7



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## Welcome to St. Joseph's School of Religion Program

The Religious Education program of St. Joseph is based on the belief that the formal aspects of the parish program are not meant to be a substitute, but rather a support and enhancement of the life of faith formation being lived in the home environment.

Our Religious Education Program is offered to the children of parishioners to help them fulfill their obligation to teach their children the truths of our Catholic faith. Parishioners include all those who live within the parish boundaries and those who demonstrate their membership by their participation in the ministries of the parish and by their financial support.

### Enrollment/ Registration

Enrollment for children entering the first grade in September 2020 who have siblings in the program, begins in **March 16, 2020**. For all others, first grade registration begins **June 1, 2020**. For children transferring from another parish, a transcript from that program is necessary.

Only registered parishioner may register a child. Bring your child's original baptismal certificate (we will make a copy of the original). Registration takes place once, you do not need to re-register your child each year. Your child will be automatically placed on the same day for the following year as long as all work has been completed and accounts are up to date. All request for a change to your child's schedule must be written. Email your request to [msquill@stjosephskp.org](mailto:msquill@stjosephskp.org). Include your child's name, Grade, day you are requesting and a phone number for any questions.

### Attendance:

Weekly attendance is expected of each student. Each grade/level is considered a pre-requisite for the next grade/level. Students must successfully complete each grade/level before moving to the next. Lateness and early dismissals will be considered an absence.

### Tuition:

\$150.00 for one child	\$300.00 for three children
\$250.00 for two children	\$ 75.00 Confirmation Fee (Grade 8 Only)

Tuition is due on or before **September 13, 2019**. Please mail payment to the Religious Education office, Include the tear off from your bill. Discounts are applied for those who volunteer for our program. *Payment plans are available upon request.* **All** volunteers must attend VIRTUS training and have a background

Important Dates			
<b>Parent Meetings</b>			
Grade 8	9/26/19	8:00pm	Travis Hall
Grade 8	2/13/20	8:00pm	Travis Hall
Grade 7	10/3/19	8:00pm	Travis Hall
Grade 7	4/2/20	8:00pm	Travis Hall
Grade 2	11/12/19	7:00pm	Travis Hall
Grade 2	2/25/20	7:00pm	Travis Hall
<b>Welcome Mass and Grade Level Masses</b>			
Grade 7 & 8	9/22/19	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 1	10/13/19	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 2	10/27/19	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 3	11/3/19	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 4	11/17/19	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 5	12/1/19	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 6	12/15/19	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 7	1/5/20	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 1	1/19/20	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 3	2/2/20	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 4	2/16/20	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 5	3/1/20	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 6	3/15/20	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 2	4/19/20	11:00am	Travis Hall
Grade 8 <b>Retreat Dates</b>	1/2/20 1/16/20	6:30-9:00pm Travis Hall Students will be given assigned a Retreat Date. Otherwise they attend the normally scheduled class	
<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>First Reconciliation</b> Week of March 9, 2020 5:00 – 6:00 pm During Class Time. Children <b>must be accompanied</b> by an Adult.		
Communion Article Sale		Feb 25, Mar. 2-5, 2020 from 6:30-8:00 pm	
First Holy Communion		May 2, 9, 16, 2020	
First Grade Registration		March 25- April 11, 2019 For Siblings	
First Grade Registration		June 3-6 & 10-13 For New Families	
All Make – Up Work must be handed in by <b>May 1, 2020</b> . In order for students to successfully complete the year all work and accounts must be up to date. No outstanding work or accounts.			

### **Books and Supplies:**

Books will be given out the first day of classes. Each week students should come prepared with their book, double pocket folder and something to write with.

**Grade 1-5:** We ask that each child bring in a clear baggie, labeled with child's name, with a small box of crayons, a glue stick, and a scissor. These will be kept in the classroom.

**Grade 7 & 8:** Students should come prepared with their book, folder and something to write with.

### **Snacks / Bathrooms:**

**There will be no eating or dinking during class time.** No gum chewing or candy of any kind. Please make sure that your child goes to the bathroom before class begins to cut down on bathroom trips during class times.

### **Behavior:**

We are a community. It is our hope that all who are involved in our community will act as neighbors. The expectations are simple:

- That respect is shown to all catechists, other adults, volunteers and classmates.
- The student display a Christian attitude in the way they dress, speak, and behave.
- Respect to the building, desk and books. Vandalism of any type will not be tolerated.
- The students avoid any behavior that is disruptive to the learning environment.
- If a student's behavior becomes an issue, a call be will made home and the student will be spoken with.
- If the behavior continues the student continuing in the our Religious Education Program will be discussed

**No cell phone** use of any kind during class time. If the student is using a cell phone during class time, the phone will be brought to the office. Only an adult may pick up the phone during office hours

### **Cancellation:**

If classes need to be cancelled due to inclement weather it will be on News 12 and [www.news12.com](http://www.news12.com) and Verizon 1. It will be posted on our facebook page. The message on our phone will also have information. We follow Kings Park School District, if after school activities are cancelled, or school is closed Religious Education classes will also be cancelled.

### **Arrival/Dismissal:**

Only the main door (the Travis Hall entrance) is to be used as an entrance. All other doors will be locked. You may exit from any door, **BE SURE no one enters as you exit and that the door is locked behind you.** If you arrive late, please use the buzzer at the main door.

**Grade 1-6** classes begin promptly at 5:00 pm. Children go directly to their assigned classes. Doors will be locked at the beginning of classes. Doors will be unlocked at 5:55 pm. **Children must be picked up from their classrooms by an adult.** If you are carpooling, you must go to those classrooms as well.

**Grade 7** Classes will begin promptly at 7:00 pm Students will go directly to their assigned classes. Doors will be locked at 7:05 pm and reopened at 8:30 pm. **Students must be picked up at the classrooms.**

**Grade 8** Classes will begin promptly at 7:00 pm Students will go directly to their assigned classes. Doors will be locked at 7:05 pm and reopened at 8:30 pm. **Students must be picked up at the classrooms.**

### **Parking Lot:**

**There is NO parking in the circle.** The circle area is for drop off only. If you wish to walk your child in, please park in a designated parking space. Handicap spaces are only for authored handicap vehicles.

### **Parent Meetings:**

There will be parent meetings through the year for Sacramental Grades. Please see "Important Dates" for more details.

School of Religion 2019-2020 Grades 1—6

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September 2019						
Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

March 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2020						
Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Shaded Areas NO Classes. Grades 1 - 6 Classes are 5:00-6:00pm

Grade 7

Oct.	3	17
Nov.	14	
Dec.	12	
Jan.	9	23
Feb.	6	
Mar	5	19
Apr.	7	

Grade 8

Sept.	26		
Oct.	24		
Nov.	7	21	
Dec.	5		
Jan.	2*	16*	30
Feb.	13	27	
Mar.	12	26	
Apr,	23*	30	
May	7*	18*	

Classes are alternating Thurs, evenings 7:00-8:30 pm.

\* Special Schedule additional detail to follow.