

Saint Thomas More

Religious Education

2011-2012

Partnering with parents...

Grade 1 - 8

Youth Ministry Grade 9 - 12

MISSION STATEMENT

Jesus Christ is our way, our truth and our life.

It is to this goal that all of our prayers and efforts are dedicated.

INTRODUCTION

Our Saint Thomas More parish goal is to support and enhance the efforts of parents and guardians who want to share their faith with their children. Parents always have been and will remain the primary religious educators for their children. They model the Christian life for their children by virtue of their prayer, worship and witness. Your priests, religious education staff, and catechists assist parents in the task of laying a solid foundation to encourage spiritual growth, foster discipleship, and help their children develop a lasting relationship with God.

Please know that we are here for you and that we are available to discuss your questions or any concerns that you might have as we journey together. The success of any program depends on all involved working together toward a common goal.

ATTENDANCE

Faith formation requires the cooperation and support of family and the parish. Consistent week-to-week and year to year attendance is necessary to establish community and achieve the goals of our Religious Education program.

Should your child be ill or unable to attend his/her class it is imperative that you notify the office prior to class.

Class attendance should take priority over other activities. We schedule periodic social and service activities that promote healthy relationships and reinforce the Catholic Christian tradition of working together to serve God's people.

*When a child needs to be picked up early from RE class parent must enter the main entrance and sign him/her out in the RE Office.

ELEMENTARY CATECHESIS 1 - 5

Sunday	8:45 - 9:45am & 11:00am - noon
Monday	4:15 pm - 5:15 pm
Tuesday	4:15 pm - 5:15 pm
Wednesday	4:15 pm - 5:15 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL CATECHESIS

6th grade	Thursday	5:00 - 6:00 pm
7th grade	Monday	7:00 - 8:00 pm
8th grade	Tuesday	7:00 - 8:00 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY

High school students are encouraged to participate in the programs of the Youth Ministry once they have been confirmed. The Youth Group meets on Sundays in the Parish Center Youth Room following the 5:15 pm Mass. A complete schedule of activities can be found in the weekly Bulletin and on the website.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION INFO

FIRST RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST

Parents will work with their children in the home using workbooks designed and selected to supplement the RE curriculum and enhance the child's understanding of the importance of the sacraments.

Second graders will experience First Reconciliation in 2011 and receive their First Eucharist in Spring 2012.

CONFIRMATION

Our 9th graders continue their preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in March 2012. Student must be registered in the Religious Education program to be eligible as a candidate. Diocesan Guidelines require "being enrolled in a parish or school catechetical program for at least two years before entering the Confirmation program".

*Confirmation date is assigned by the Bishop's office and will be distributed as soon as we are notified.

HOME SCHOOL

In extraordinary cases homeschooling can be arranged. The community that evolves in each class among the students and catechist is a very important bond and a crucial element in the faith journey.

SCHEDULE

We follow the Darien Public School calendar re: holidays and vacations.

*Inclement weather cancellations, emergencies, etc. info is emailed to all families and available on the website.

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