

If a student is disruptive, usually a reminder is enough to correct the behavior. However, repeated disruptions will be treated as follows:

- The director of R.E. will speak with the student.
- Parents will be called.
 - The parent will attend class with his/her child.
- The student will be removed from the program.

Parental Requirements

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the family and parents are the PRIMARY educators of the faith for their children. It is through your word and example that your children first come to know God and begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When children are baptized, the Church community promises to help parents foster their faith. Our religious education program is designed to assist and support you in this important duty.

Parents are expected to attend Sunday Mass with their children on a consistent basis. Attendance at Sunday Mass is the most fundamental action of our faith. Attending Mass as a family is a wonderful opportunity for you to introduce your child to the importance of worshipping with the larger faith community.

Parents are always welcome to attend a class. Furthermore, parents, please read the Religious Education corner of the bulletin each week for important calendar dates and announcements.

Religious Education Program Location and Hours

Our classes from 1st grade to 12th grade and Sacramental Preparation for Youth are held in St. John's school on Sundays from 8:45am-10:15a.m. Please bring your children to the gym doors.

Please feel free to call us at the parish office if you have any questions or concerns. Communication is essential for the success of your child and our program.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Goshen, IN

Religious Education 2025-2026

Handbook



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Religious Education (R.E.) classes:

- 1st through 12 Grade, Sundays, 8:45am-10:15a.m.

- **First day of class:** August 17, 2025

- **Last day of class:** May 17, 2026

Registration deadline: Friday, August 1, 2025.

Registration fee: \$200 per child.

Payment is due upon registration. This completely covers the cost of books, Mass cards, and program expenses. If you are giving online or through envelopes, then the R.E. program is free.

Parish Registration: If you are a new family in our Parish, please register in the Parish Office.

Inclement Weather: In the event of a severe snow or ice storm, please follow television announcements on WNDU or at WNDU.com. If classes are not canceled, but it would be unsafe for you to get to class, use your best judgment in all cases and if necessary, please stay home.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South created a Safe Environment educational program for all children enrolled in Catholic schools and parish religious education programs. The diocese established this important program to fulfill part of the mandate of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young. Article 12 of the Charter reads, “Dioceses... are to maintain “safe environment” programs... to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, volunteers and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children and young people.” Children receive this educational program every year within our Religious Education program.

Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation

The Church requires a two-year program for those receiving Sacraments. If your child is to receive First Communion or Confirmation this year, he/she must have attended religious education the previous year.

REQUIREMENTS:

- **Families are to attend Mass every weekend and Holy Days of Obligation. This is not an option, it is an Obligation.**
- For those receiving First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation this year, your registration must include a COPY of your Baptismal certificate.
- Due to the importance and the amount of material that must be completed, children preparing for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation are limited to three absences per year. Absences cannot be accumulated; any missed work must be completed before the child receives the sacraments. Attendance at all classes is required. **Excessive absences will result in the child repeating the grade level and delay the initial reception of the sacraments.**
- **Please email Johnny Evangelista at jevangelista@stjohncatholic.com to report an absence FOR ANY REASON.** Please limit absence to sickness and emergencies only.
- Classes meet from 8:45a.m. to 10:15a.m. on Sundays. They will begin and end promptly. Please make every effort to have your children here on time for class and pick them up on time. Weekly attendance will be recorded.
- **Parent/Guardian attendance at all scheduled parent meetings is REQUIRED.**
- **BEHAVIOR:** Christian behavior and manners are expected from every student in the religious education program. Students are expected to:
 - Have a positive attitude before, during, and after class.
 - Treat fellow classmates and adults with respect.
 - Come prepared with the books and materials that have been assigned.
 - Complete all homework assignments.