

June 7, 2018

Dear Religious Education Families,

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to a new religious education year. We are so happy to have your family join us for an exciting year ahead, and we welcome you to be in touch with any questions and concerns.

I am including this letter as part of the online registration process. To ensure that you have read and received this information, you will be prompted to provide an electronic confirmation before you can register for Religious Education.

I wanted to let you know of upcoming changes in our religious education program at Saint Rose. There are some changes newly mandated by the Diocese of Toledo and apply to all parishes and Catholic Schools in the diocese. The diocesan changes will affect second and eighth grade families. Other changes are specific to the religious education program at Saint Rose.

There will be a Parent Meeting for all families on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Center (school basement). The purpose of the meeting will be to provide you an opportunity to learn more about the changes outlined below and to ask questions.

**Diocesan Changes for students entering grade two:**

- Students must receive First Confession and First Communion where they are registered. For example, if your family is registered at Saint Rose, then your second grader will receive his or her sacraments at Saint Rose. If your family is registered at Saint John XXIII, then your second grader will receive his or her sacraments at Saint John XXIII.
- If your family is registered at Saint Rose, parents and students are required to attend a formation session for First Communion at Saint Rose during the First Communion retreat.
- If your family isn't registered at Saint Rose, your child may still prepare for his or her sacraments at Saint Rose, but you must also be in contact with the parish at which you are registered regarding their requirements for sacramental reception.

**Diocesan Changes for students entering grade eight:**

- Students must receive Confirmation where they are registered. For example, if your family is registered at Saint Rose, then your eighth grader will receive Confirmation at Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, March 16 at 11am. If your family is registered at Saint John XXIII, then your eighth grader will receive Confirmation when and where Saint John XXIII has Confirmation.
- If your family isn't registered at Saint Rose, your child may still prepare for his or her Confirmation at Saint Rose, but you must also be in contact with the parish at which you are registered regarding their requirements for sacramental reception.
- Eighth grade students attending the Catholic Junior Academies are receiving their religious education from their school, but still need to receive their sacramental prep at Saint Rose by attending the Parent Student Confirmation formation sessions.

- Eighth Grade students no longer keep a service hour log sheet. Eighth Graders will complete all of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy prior to their Confirmation date. More detailed information will be provided for you at the parent and student Confirmation meeting in the Fall, and will be included in the Confirmation packet you will receive.
- Eighth Grade students attending public school are required to attend Confirmation formation sessions during the year with their parents. These formation sessions are in addition to your child's normally scheduled religious education classes, and they do not replace their religious education class attendance.

**Changes Specific to our Saint Rose Religious Education program:**

- For existing families with children entering the second and eighth grade, and for new families to our program - a copy of your child's Baptism certificate needs to be e-mailed to [russo@saintroseonline.org](mailto:russo@saintroseonline.org) in order for your family registration to be complete. If you are unable to locate your son or daughter's Baptism certificate and he or she was baptized at Saint Rose, then you need to contact Mary Losey, our parish secretary at [losey@saintroseonline.org](mailto:losey@saintroseonline.org) and have her send it to [russo@saintroseonline.org](mailto:russo@saintroseonline.org)
- We will continue to offer class on Sundays to all grades from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- We will no longer offer class on Mondays.
- We will continue to offer class on Tuesdays to all grades from 5:00 to 6:15 pm.
- We will continue to offer home-schooling for all grades
- Families of all students in grades two and eight are required to attend parent and student sacramental formation sessions.
- Confirmation is scheduled on a Saturday, March 16 at 11am at Rosary Cathedral.
- All registered families (Sunday, Tuesday, and home-school), are required to attend two family religious education sessions at Saint Rose (more details to follow).
- Class switches can only happen once. They must be made by email to [russo@saintroseonline.org](mailto:russo@saintroseonline.org) and must be requested before October 30th.

I understand that adjustment to change can be a challenge, and because of this, I wanted to provide you this information in a timely manner. I look forward to seeing you all in September. Our religious education year will begin the week of September 9.

Wishing you and your children summer blessings and relaxing family time.

God Bless!

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