

St. Charles/St. Peter Religious Education Home School

810 Pearl Street
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

2017-18 Guidelines

Welcome to the St. Charles/St. Peter Religious Education Program. Our purpose is to help build a foundation of faith, in partnership with parents, from which children and families will grow in their knowledge of God and the Catholic Church.

Fees/Cost:

One or two students	\$10.00 each
Three or more students	\$30.00
Sacramental Fee	\$25.00 for first confession/communion
(10 th grade)	\$50.00 for confirmation
Workbook	\$19.95 for parish to purchase OR you may purchase a copy on your own

The fees cover materials that you use from the parish like teacher-manual copies, processing of information and personnel resources.

The parish uses the “Faith and Life” series for grades 1-5 and the “Call to Faith” series in grades 6-10. Grade 9 uses books based on morality, the creed, sacraments and prayer.

Guidelines.

1) Religious education is a continual learning process about God and His work in our lives. Because of this continual process students should be learning about God in a grade-appropriate manner consistently, not just in the years preparing for sacraments. Religious education only during the years when sacraments are offered does not benefit students. Students who miss any year of religious education will need to complete extra work to prepare them sufficiently before they can receive sacraments. If an older child has no previous religious education and/or has not received one or of the early sacraments, contact the coordinator of religious education or the parish pastor to make special individualized arrangements.

2) Families should attend weekend Mass. This is a basic obligation and commitment of any Catholic.

3) Each year there will be two meetings with the faith formation coordinator to make sure that materials are being taught/learned. Please bring workbooks to the meetings. At the meeting the workbooks will be reviewed and should have writing and notes of what students have done. Students may be asked grade-level appropriate questions.

4) Students are asked to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation at least twice a year, preferably in Advent and Lent.

5) Students are to be exposed to at least 60 minutes a week of active teaching and learning. Mass is not considered part of this time, but should be in addition to it.

First Confession and First Communion

Students in second grade and a parent/guardian are expected to attend both the First Confession and First Communion classes. They will be given information about the sacraments and expectations for program participants. Students and parents are also asked to attend the First Communion retreat. An interview will be held a month before the sacrament is celebrated with either the parish pastor or faith formation coordinator. If students don't know material sufficiently, a second interview will be scheduled just before the sacrament. If student knowledge is still lacking, the sacrament will be put off until the student demonstrates sufficient knowledge. If you miss the sacrament meetings, you need to contact Greg Gilbertson. There is a \$25.00 sacramental fee for First Confession/First Communion.

Confirmation Expectations

Students in tenth grade and a parent/guardian are expected to attend the confirmation meeting in the fall. In the meeting you will receive information about the program requirements. Students will not be confirmed until the confirmation program requirements are met. If you miss the confirmation meeting, please contact Greg Gilbertson. There will also be an interview held a month before the sacrament occurs with either the parish pastor or faith formation coordinator. If students don't know material sufficiently, a second interview will be scheduled just before confirmation. If student knowledge is still lacking, confirmation will be put off until the student demonstrates sufficient knowledge. There is a \$50.00 sacramental fee for confirmation.

Greg Gilbertson's Contact Information:

It is important to contact Greg if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to use any of the phone numbers or the email address below. If you are unable to reach him, please leave a message and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

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715-225-1995 (Cell)

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