



St. Peter the Apostle Religious Education

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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well and rejoicing in the glorious and joyful Easter season. The past year has been both amazing and challenging. We continued Family Faith Activities which most families have loved and supported but we have also had to look at the enrollment and attendance at the Wednesday and Saturday classes. Two-thirds of our enrollment was on Wednesday in the 2023-2024 school year, and we had to turn families away who could not attend Saturday classes. Saturday enrollment has continued to decrease over the past years with higher absenteeism as well. It led us to explore the possibility of changing classes on Saturday and switching to a Thursday evening option. With the help of Saturday catechists and family response, we have decided to offer Religious Ed classes on Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:15 pm and on Thursday from 6:00 to 7:15 pm for the 2024-2025 school year. We hope the two different start times will help to accommodate all of our families and balance out enrollment allowing all to attend Religious Ed on the day that works best for them.

Enclosed is the Registration Packet for the 2024-2025 classes. Please make sure to fill out and return the entire packet which includes the Registration Form, the Medical Form, the Acknowledgement Form, Snack Form, and Volunteer Sign Up Form. **The Registration form is one page both front and back.**

We are encouraging and asking all Religious Education families to become involved in some way in the Religious Ed program and the parish. For those unregistered parish families, we encourage you to register and use your parish envelopes when donating. Often, in being asked to be godparents or Confirmation sponsors, the parish has no record of your faithfulness and attendance at St. Peter's. By using the parish envelope, we can see your participation as a registered and supportive parishioner of the parish. The tuition for Religious Ed does not cover the cost of the entire program. It is our registered parishioners' generosity, support, and knowledge of the importance of the continued formation of your children that keep our program thriving. We need parents to help with directing traffic in the parking lot during pick up along with parents willing to monitor the doors to facilitate the safety of our children.

Please carefully note the tuition fee schedule and registration dates. We are extremely sensitive to families facing financial hardship. If you anticipate difficulty with tuition for the upcoming school year, please reach out to us so we can help in the best way for your family. We strongly encourage early registration to obtain the preferred class for your child or children. To keep class sizes to a maximum of 12 students in the lower grades and 14 to 15 in grades 6 – 8, if the day requested is full, you will need to go to the alternate day or be placed on a waiting list in the hope another class opens up on your requested day. Fr. Tuan has generously instituted a program for Catechists and Catechist assistants to receive a discount of half of their tuition in appreciation of their faith, dedication, and time they give to our RE program. Please register by June 30, 2024, to help us provide your children with the best Religious Education experience possible! Late registrations make it difficult to keep class sizes smaller and provide necessary training for new catechists.

We ask God for His abundant blessings and to keep your families and all you love safely in His care.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

In Christ,

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St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
Religious Education Registration Form

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2024-2025

Date: _____ Parish ID _____

Office Use Only:

Date/Time: _____ Baptism Cert: _____

please print clearly

FAMILY INFORMATION

Family Name _____ Mother: _____ Father: _____

Mother's Religion _____ Father's Religion _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Mother Cell: _____ Father Cell: _____

Mother Email: _____ Father Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

If new to St. Peter's a copy of your child/ren baptismal certificate is required.

STUDENT INFORMATION

1) Last Name: _____ First: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

M/F _____ RE Grade in Fall 2024: _____

If new to program, check Sacraments received by above child: Baptism Eucharist Penance

If new to program, name and city of Church child was baptized and/or received Eucharist and Penance

2) Last Name: _____ First: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

M/F _____ RE Grade in Fall 2024: _____

If new to program, check Sacraments received by above child: Baptism Eucharist Penance

If new to program, name and city of Church child was baptized and/or received Eucharist and Penance

3) Last Name: _____ First: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

M/F _____ RE Grade in Fall 2024: _____

If new to program, check Sacraments received by above child: Baptism Eucharist Penance

If new to program, name and city of Church child was baptized and/or received Eucharist and Penance

Family Name: _____

CLASS TIMES/DAYS

Classes are held on Wednesday at 5:00-6:15 pm & Thursday at 6:00-7:15 pm
in the St. Peter the Apostle School Building

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

Select Session Wednesday	Select Session Thursday

TUITION & SACRAMENTAL FEES

Before May 12, 2024 Must receive registration and full payment of registration by May 12.	1 Child - \$215	2 Children - \$350	3 or more Children - \$400
After May 12, 2024	1 Child - \$235	2 Child - \$370	3 or more Children - \$420
After July 28, 2024 Late fees do not apply to newly registered families	1 Child - \$285	2 Children - \$420	3 or more Children - \$470
Sacramental Fees	Holy Communion Fee - \$50	6th & 7th Grade Confirmation Fee - \$30	8th Grade Confirmation Fee—\$90

COVENANT TO ATTEND MASS REGULARLY

I understand my responsibilities both as a Catholic and parent to attend Mass on a weekly basis. In signing this form, I am making a commitment to maintain our current weekly attendance at Mass or, if we are not currently doing so, to strive to attend Mass regularly together with my children and prayerfully to seek the help and grace of God to keep my commitments.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

VIDEO & STILL PHOTOGRAPHY PERMISSION

Video and still photographs may be taken during the sessions. This authorization form constitutes permission for my child's participation in the video tape and/or photographs, which may be used for future promotional efforts, including the Diocese of Joliet website.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**St. Peter the Apostle Religious Education 2024-2025
Emergency & Medical Information**

Father's Name _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____
 Mother's Name _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____
 Custodial Address _____

Parents or Legal Guardian Information

Child/ren lives with: Both Parents Father Mother Grandparents Other Specify _____
 Parents divorced? Yes No If "yes" who has legal custody _____
 Does the non-custodial parent have visitation rights? Yes No
 Do you consent to the child/ren being released to the non-custodial parent? Yes No

Student(s) Information (Use back for additional children)

It is essential to let us know of any particular needs your child may have regarding medical, behavior or learning issues, including any IEP or 504 plans in place at school. This information helps us to properly place your child and offer him/her the best learning experience possible. Most of our catechists are not professional educators and will need your assistance to help your child. You will be contacted for additional information if needed.

Child's First Name (include last if different from parents)	Public School Grade entering 2024-2025	Child's School	Special Needs: Medical, allergies, learning disabilities, physical disabilities. If none, please mark N/A.	Medication needed during RE

***EMERGENCY INFORMATION & MEDICAL WAIVER**

Doctor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

In the event my child needs to be transported to a hospital and I cannot be reached, I authorize St. Peter the Apostle employees to take the necessary steps so that medical treatment can be rendered quickly. In consideration for making these decisions in my absence, I hereby release and hold harmless St. Peter the Apostle, the Religious Education program, its employees, appointees, and/or volunteers and the Diocese of Joliet from any liabilities for the events that could occur as a result of this emergency situation. I also consent to my child's receiving any medical treatment deemed necessary by the examining doctor.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to student: _____

***EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (other than parent)**

In case you cannot be reached in case of an emergency, whom should be contacted?

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell _____

Relationship to child: _____

This Signature Sign-off Sheet Must be returned with your 2024-2025 registration form



Diocese of Joliet
Office of Child and Youth Protection
16555 Weber Rd
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

Family Name _____
Family ID# _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This is to acknowledge that I have been made aware that these forms are available to me to read on our parish website at www.stpeteritasca.com

- Policy Regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors (revised 2021)
- Standards of Behavior for Those Working with Minors (revised 2021)
- St. Peter Parent Handbook including Conduct & Discipline Policies
- Parent Guide: *Practical Advice for Parents on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse*
- Parent Guide: *Internet Safety for Teens*
- Sex and Cell Phones

I understand that I am responsible to become familiar with the contents of the above documents. I agree to abide by and to conduct myself in complete accord with them.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Registration Checklist

Please be sure to include all of the following with your 2024-2025 registration packet

Completed ✓

- Above **Acknowledgement** form is signed and dated.
- Complete **Registration** forms which include all required signatures.
- Complete **Snack Form**.

Please be sure to include a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if you are new to the program

(All Registration Forms must be received before class participation)

SNACK ALLOWANCE FORM

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Please fill out for all children in Religious Education

Family Name: _____

Class Meeting (check one): Wednesday Thursday

Phone: _____

Child's Name	Grade	Allergies

Please check one:

- Yes, my child can have snacks and juice in their classroom throughout the 2024-2025 Religious Education school year.
- No, my child cannot have snacks or juice in their classroom throughout the 2024-2025 Religious Education school year.

Note: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

St. Peter the Apostle Religious Education Program

To have a successful religious education program at St. Peter the Apostle parish, we must work as a team, and with that intent, we are asking each family to volunteer in some way either by helping directly with RE or building community with extracurricular activities. There are lots of opportunities in addition to being a catechist that we will need for a thriving Religious Education Program. 1st - 8th Grades meet on Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:15 pm and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. Check out the list below to see what area you are interested in:

1st – 8th Grade Catechists:

Instruction of the children using the new Faith in Life series by Ignatius Press or the Chosen program for Confirmation prep. Catechists receive ½ off of their family's Religious Ed tuition.

1st – 8th Class Assistant

We are in need of assistants to assist catechists in the formation of our children. This includes taking attendance and helping with classroom activities. Catechist Assistants receive ½ off of their family's Religious Ed tuition.

Catechist Substitute

Substitute in the classroom when catechists are unable to attend.

Wednesday:

- Direct traffic during pick up
- Hall Monitor
- Administrative Help
- Email parents of children's absence and send absence homework assignments

Thursday:

- Direct traffic during pick up
- Hall Monitor
- Administrative help
- Email parents of children's absence and send absence homework assignments

Miscellaneous Activities

- Coordinate or help with Cookies, Cocoa, and Santa Dinner
- Donut Sunday or help pick up donuts on Saturday evening
- White Elephant Bingo and Potluck
- Coordinate or help with the Easter Egg Hunt
- 2nd Grade First Holy Communion Retreat (2nd grade parents)
- 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Retreat (6th, 7th & 8th grade parents)
- Other Faith Community Building Events to be determined
- Help with summer Vacation Bible School
- Help with Advent & Lenten Confessions
- Attend Eucharistic Adoration when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the church during class hours
- Sewing! Make tablecloths for prayer tables
- Help with the Children's Christmas Play
- Help with Children's Liturgy

Miscellaneous Activities – High School & Children

High School Classroom Helpers

An excellent way to continue growing in our Catholic faith while helping in the classroom and being an example to younger children

- Altar Serving – 3rd Grade and up

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____