

August 24, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians;

The theme for this year's National Catechetical Program is "Stay with Us." This year's theme is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church. Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians. If you are interested in helping in our programs please let me know.

I would like to present to you this year's Catechetical Program. The times and sessions remain the same as in the past years. I invite you to review the following information:

- **Classes for Grades 1 to 5 will meet on Sunday mornings for a 50 minute session.**
- **Classes for Grades 6, 7 & 8 will meet on Sunday evenings twice a month for a 90 minute session. (Please see the calendar for specific dates.)**
- **In most cases there will not be classes on holiday weekends. Please refer to the Religious Education Calendar for specific dates.**
- **Classes for Grades 1, 2 & 4 begin at 10:05 AM to 10:55 AM Sunday, September 8, 2019**
- **Classes for Grades 3 & 5 begin at 9:00 AM to 9:50 AM Sunday, September 8, 2019**
- **Classes for Grades 6, 7 & 8 begin on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

The other critical part of your child's formation is regular attendance at Sunday Mass. We will make every effort to encourage your child's participation at Mass every weekend. Encircled by the parish community, we together can awaken, strengthen and encourage faith in our children. **Your participation and example at Sunday Mass is crucial.**

If you understand our schedule please return the enclosed registration form to the Parish Office by September 8th. If you would like to volunteer to teach, aide or volunteer your time to any of our programs please let me know. On behalf of the entire parish, we welcome all of our students and look forward to a great start in September.

Sincerely,

Rev. Francis L. Pauselli

Brittain Banull, DRE

Divine Mercy Parish Confirmation Registration

Label

Name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____
 School Attending _____
 Grade _____ Birth Date _____

New Students Only
or Updated Information

Grade: _____

SACRAMENTS	YES/NO	CHURCH	CITY/STATE
Baptism			
Penance			
Eucharist			
Confirmation			

Family Information

Father's Name : _____ Religion _____

Mother's Name (Maiden): _____ Religion _____

Parents are: (Please check) Single Married Remarried Separated Divorced

Who is responsible for full-time care? _____

In case of emergency, please contact: _____ Phone _____

Is the child on any medications/or are there any health needs that we should be made aware of?

Are there any special learning needs of your child which should be communicated to the classroom teacher?



2019-2020 Student Fees		
First Child	\$40.00	
Additional Children (each)	\$20. 00	
Special Donation/Late Fee after October 1	\$10.00 pp	
Total	\$	

Please fill out **one** Student Registration Form for **each** child with separate fees listed!
 Make one total check payable to Divine Mercy Parish—Thank You!

Divine Mercy Parish

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

GRADES 6, 7 & 8 for 2019-2020

Grades 6, 7 & 8 begin at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Classes Begin:

September 8
September 22
October 6
October 20
November 3
November 17
December 8

December 22
January 12
January 19
February 9
March 8
March 15
March 22
Last Class: April 19

Important Dates:

October 27 Children's Halloween Liturgy 5:00 PM
December 7 Breakfast with Santa 9:00 AM

April 4 First Penance 10:00 AM
May 17 First Eucharist 1:00 PM
May 24 May Crowning/First Eucharist Party 11:00 AM