



August 5, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians;

I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and healthy. The past year has highlighted the urgent need for healing--physical, spiritual, emotional--in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. When our souls heal, all heals, despite our suffering.

The words we pray at Mass, "*Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed*", have the power to remind us to open our eyes to the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask him to say the word, and with that prayer, we have faith that, with the fantastic and improbable prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed.

This year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. In the interests of keeping our children safe and healthy our religious education program is undergoing some changes. All grades will meet every Sunday excluding holiday weekends (please refer to the calendar). Classes will take place in the regular classrooms and masks will be required to be worn.

I would like to present to you this year's Catechetical Program. The times and sessions have changed this year. I invite you to review the following information:

Classes for Grades 1 to 4 will meet on Sunday mornings for a 50 minute session. Classes will be from 9:00 AM to 9:50 AM. (Please see the calendar for specific dates.)

Classes for Grades 5 to 8 will also meet on Sunday mornings for a 50 minute session. Classes will be from 11:00 AM to 11:50 AM. (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.

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. Mass will take place between the two different sessions at 10:00 AM.

If you understand our schedule, please return the enclosed registration form to the Parish Office by September 12th. If you would like to volunteer to teach, aide or volunteer your time to any of our programs please let me know.

This is our plan under the current restrictions from the diocese and the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Modifications may have to be made if future restrictions or lessening of restrictions takes place. On behalf of the entire parish, we welcome all our students and look forward to a great start in September.

Sincerely, Rev. Francis L. Pauselli & Brittain Banull, DRE

Divine Mercy Parish

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

GRADES 1 to 8 for 2021-2022

Grades 1-4 begin at 9:00 AM to 9:50 AM

Grades 5-8 begin at 11:00 AM to 11:50 AM

Classes Begin:

September 12
September 19
September 26
October 3
NO CLASS: October 10
October 17
October 24
October 31
November 7
November 14

November 21
November 28
December 5
December 12
December 19
NO CLASS: December 26
NO CLASS: January 2
January 9
January 16
January 23
January 30
February 6
February 13
NO CLASS: February 20
February 27
March 6
March 13
March 20
March 27
April 3
Last Class: April 10
Easter Sunday: April 17

Important Dates:

October 30 Children's Halloween Liturgy ?
December 4 Breakfast with Santa 9:00 AM

April 9 First Penance 10:00 AM
April 24 First Eucharist Noon
May 1 May Crowning 10:00 AM

Divine Mercy Parish Primary Registration 1-6

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

Parent/Guardian Email: _____ (please print)

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?



2021-2022 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!