



# SAINT FERDINAND CHURCH

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM INFORMATION

### 2023-2024

- [Registration](#)

For new and returning families, we opened the **Registration for the New School Year on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** and will continue registering through **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. **One full payment is requested at the time of registration. FIRST DAY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS WILL BE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>.**

- [Tuition Discounts](#)

If you would like to participate in our Religious Education Program as a classroom teacher for the year, you will receive a tuition credit of \$150. If you volunteer to be a classroom assistant, you will receive a tuition credit of \$50. We welcome your participation in the program however the Religious Education Director reserves the right to make the final assignments for teachers and assistants.

- [Baptismal Records](#)

If your child has been baptized, all registrations must include a photocopy of the child's baptismal certificate that we will keep on file. We will be happy to make a copy for you if you bring in the original. If your child has not been baptized and you would like them to be prepared for that Sacrament, please let us know.

- [Sacramental Preparation \(there is two years preparation for First Holy Communion & Confirmation\)](#)

There will be special events planned for parents and children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist (First Holy Communion) and Confirmation. If your family will be celebrating one of these sacraments this year, you will receive further details later regarding these events. If you or any other member of your family needs sacramental preparation, please let us know and we will tell you how you can attend the sacramental classes.

- [Attendance](#)

We will meet for 29 sessions. Please see the attached calendar for exact dates. **Attendance also includes participation at the 11:30 am Mass in the church by the whole family unless other arrangements are made with the DRE.**

- [Mass Participation](#)

**Parents are asked to come to the church by 11:15 AM and sit with their child's class for the Mass.** Your child will join you there. Please help your child follow the Mass using the Sunday Mass Book, listening to the readings and the Homily and singing. Children should not be talking or playing during Mass and please, no gum chewing – no food!!!

- [Program and Prayers](#)

Students will be expected to learn:

- Kindergarten** – Know the Sign of the Cross, Our Father; genuflecting correctly, sit quietly in Church without talking or playing.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Gr** – Know the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be; genuflecting correctly with the Sign of the Cross
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr** – Know all of the above, learn about the Ten Commandments, prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr** – Know all of the above, learn more about the Ten Commandments, being one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic (the Creed)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Gr** – Know all of the above, learn about the Holy Trinity, our Blessed Mother, and the Church calendar
- 5<sup>th</sup> Gr** – Know all of the above, learn about the seven sacraments: God's gifts of Life
- 6<sup>th</sup> Gr** – Know all of the above, learn about the Old Testament, and answering God's call
- 7<sup>th</sup> Gr** – Know all of the above, learn about the New Testament and the Pascal Mystery
- 8<sup>th</sup> Gr** – Know all of the above and prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- [Important Notes](#)

Every year we receive calls about children who have missed receiving a sacrament. This includes grade school aged children who have not yet been baptized, children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older who have not yet received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, or teenagers who have not yet been Confirmed. If this is the situation in your family and you would like your child(ren) to be prepared to receive these sacraments, please call **Beata Bosak – St. Ferdinand Director of Religious Education and Lifelong Faith Formation** as soon as possible at **#773.758.2123**

If anyone would like their children to attend but cannot afford the tuition at this time, please contact **Beata Bosak, DRE** for a grant application - **phone 773 – 622 3022 ext.# 365 or cell# 773.758.2123**

*All information you can find on the parish website: [www.stferdinandchicago.org](http://www.stferdinandchicago.org) under [Religious Education \(REP\)](#)*