



St. Lawrence Parish Religious Education

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2026/2027 PROGRAMS OFFERED

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

All parish children **MUST** be enrolled in an ongoing religious education program beginning in Grade 1 and continuing through Grade 8. Any missed years must be made up.

Grade 1-4 - Classes will be held at Elizabeth Shelton, Mohegan and Booth Hill Elementary Schools immediately following dismissal (3:45-5:00pm) on Tuesdays from October to April. Please enclose a copy of your child's baptism certificate and fill out the info on the back of the registration form for all grade 1 students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grade 5-8 - Classes will meet at St. Lawrence Parish on scheduled Monday or Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (2-3 times per month). An option to choose Monday or Tuesday classes is given to you on the registration form. Class placement is on a first come, first served basis.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental preparation in grade 3 begins after completion of first and second grade religious education. There is one Sacramental Fee of \$100 for Penance and Eucharist combined and an \$80 fee for Confirmation. These fees cover the cost associated with workshops, retreats and ceremonies. A separate program registration will be sent out over the summer to grade 3 parents.

PENANCE

A special Parish preparation program for **Grade 3** children, or those who have not received the Sacrament of Penance, will be held **in the Fall**. Sessions will take place on scheduled Saturday/Sunday mornings at St. Lawrence Parish. Your child will receive the Sacrament of Penance at an evening gathering called "*Peace Day*."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A special Parish preparation program for **Grade 3** children, or those who have not received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, will be held **in the Spring**. Sessions will take place on scheduled Saturday/Sunday mornings at St. Lawrence Parish. An evening workshop called "*Jesus Day*" is also scheduled as part of this sacramental program.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation takes place in the **Fall of 9th grade**, after the completion of the 7th and 8th grade curriculum, workshops, retreats, service projects, penance and student interviews.

*****MASS ATTENDANCE** is required by our parish for all students in Grades 1-8. A mass pass is given to student after mass to be turned in at class. If you attend another church, please obtain a bulletin signed by the priest.***

REGISTRATION

TUITION FEE

Prior to Aug.1 - 1 child-\$200; 2 children-\$300; 3+ children-\$350.
After Aug.1 (inc. \$25 late fee) – 1 child-\$225; 2 children-\$325; 3+ children-\$375

Payment in full must be returned to the Religious Ed. office by August 1st to guarantee that your child's class assignment and book will be available in the fall. **Tuition will be waived to any parents or family members (18 years or older) who volunteer to teach in any of our programs.** Please contact the Religious Ed Office for more information. Teacher training is provided.

PROCEDURES

1. Your family must be registered in the parish.
2. All present students will be advanced one grade if they have completed all previous grade level work. Those students who have not turned in required work to the Religious Ed. office for review, should do so by August 1st in order to be advanced to the next grade level.
3. **If you are enrolling a child in our program for the first time** you must also fill out the information on the back side of the registration form. If your child was not baptized at St. Lawrence, we also need a copy of their Baptismal Certificate for the initial registration.
4. **Completed registration form and payment must be returned by August 1st.** All tuition must be paid in full. Please make the Rel Ed Office aware of any financial difficulties or necessary payment plans.
5. **Important parent meetings and book pick-up dates will be posted on-line and in the bulletin in mid-August.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please consider ***volunteering*** in one of our many programs and activities, which help our children learn about their faith and the love of Jesus, our Lord. Teacher training is available. Please indicate your interest on the registration form and you will be contacted. ***Tuition will be waived to any parents or family members (18 years or older) who volunteer to teach in any of our programs.*** All volunteers must complete ***“Protecting God’s Children”*** awareness training. Please contact the Religious Ed Office for more information.