



Welcome

to

St. Matthew's Faith Formation Program

***JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME AND DO NOT
HINDER THEM, FOR SUCH BELONGS THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN." Matthew 19:14***

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A letter from the Diocese of Great Falls -Billings

Registration Date / /

St. Matthew's Church & Missions

219 7th St SE
Sidney, MT 59270

Family Information

Last Name	_____	Envelope Number	_____
Family Email	_____	Mailing Name	_____
Home Phone	() -	Emergency Phone	() -

Address Information

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal _____

☐ Publish Phone ☐ Publish Address ☐ Publish Email ☐ Receive Visits ☐ Receive Contributions Envelopes

Member Information

First Name	_____	Status at Parish	_____
Role	_____	Nick Name	_____
Date of Birth	_____	Gender	M / F
Email	_____	MaidenName	_____
Ethnicity	_____	Birth Place	_____
First Language	_____	Work Phone	() -
Special Needs	_____	Cell Phone	() -
		High School Grad Year	_____

Sacrament Information

<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic	_____ / _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Baptism	_____ / _____ / _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reconciliation Prep	_____ / _____ / _____	Location	_____
Location	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> First Eucharist	_____ / _____ / _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation	_____ / _____ / _____	Location	_____
Location	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Marriage	_____ / _____ / _____
		Location	_____

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First Name _____

Role _____

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Email _____

Ethnicity _____

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Status at Parish

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Gender M / F _____

MaidenName _____

Birth Place _____

Work Phone () - _____

Cell Phone () - _____

High School Grad Year _____

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St. Matthew's Religious Education Program

REGISTRATION FORM

310 7TH Street SE • Sidney, MT 59270

Phone: 406-433-2510

FAMILY INFORMATION

Last Name:		First Name:	Spouse's First Name:	
Physical Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Mailing Address: <i>(if different from above)</i>		City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Work:	Cell:	Spouse's Cell:	
Email Address:		Other Email Address:		
Marital Status:	Anniversary (mm/dd/yy)	Your Birthday (mm/dd/yy)	Spouse's Birthday (mm/dd/yy)	

REGISTERED WITH ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Are you registered with St. Matthew's Church? (Please circle one) Yes No Want to Register

OTHER PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION *(If not applicable, please check here)* ☐

Name & Address:	Relationship:	
Email Address:	Home Phone	Cell Phone

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name & Address:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
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Preschool students MUST be 4 years old by November 1st.

CHILDREN IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Last Name:			First Name:		
Grade:	Birth Date (mm/dd/yy):		Nick Name:		Male or Female:
Sacraments:	Baptism Date:		Church Name:		
			City & State:		
	Reconciliation Date:		Church Name:		
			City & State:		
	Confirmation Date:		Church Name:		
			City & State:		
	First Eucharist Date:		Church Name:		
			City & State:		

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Religious Ed. Events, 2025-26



Parents, please join us at these fun family events

Registration for classes begins Sept. 3rd online or in the parish center.

Wednesday, September 17th – First Day of Class.

Wednesday, October 8th – Safe Environment class.

Wednesday, October 22nd – a Living Rosary. Joined by parents & the Catholic Daughters

WED. OCTOBER 29th Party with the SUPER SAINTS! (pumpkin carving contest) (Dress as a canonized saint)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31st – MIDDLE SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DANCE

Wed. November 12th – Baby Shower for the Sunrise Women's clinic– 6 to 7 p.m. includes all grades.

Wed. Nov. 26th – NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING Holiday

Thursday, Nov. 26th– Thanksgiving Day – HAPPY THANKSGIVING! God Bless Everyone!

TBA - Community Advent Penance Service – First Reconciliation

Dec. 7th or 14th - Christmas Caroling Sunday after mass. Whole families are welcome to join.

Wed Dec. 17th - Christmas Party Whole families are welcome to join.

December 3rd - January 8th - Pizza & Braat Sales (take pizza and brat orders.)

Practice for the Epiphany program. Saturday, January 3rd at 1 p.m.

Sunday Jan. 4th -- Children's program to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany 10:45 after mass.

ST. MATTHEW'S CLASS SCHEDULE, 2025-26, WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

CATECHISM CLASSES		CATECHISM CLASSES	
	Grades Pre-School -5th	Junior High: Grades 6th-8th	High School: Grades 9th-12th
	5:15 - 6:30 p.m.	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
09/17/25	Welcome Back	Welcome Back	Welcome Back
09/24/25	Class	Class	Class
10/01/25	Class	Class	Class
10/08/25	Safe Environment Class	Safe Environment Class	Safe Environment Class
10/15/25	Class	Class	Class
10/22/25	Living Rosary	Class	Class
10/29/25	Halloween Party	Decorate for the Halloween Dance	Cemetery prayer Service
11/05/25	Class	Class	Class
11/12/25	Baby Shower for SWC	Baby Shower for SWC	Baby Shower for SWC
11/19/25	Class	Class	Class
11/26/25	NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Break	NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Break	NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Break
12/03/25	Class	Class	Class
12/10/25	Class	Class	Class
12/17/25	Christmas Party	Christmas Party	Christmas Party
12/24/25	No Class - Christmas Break	No Class - Christmas Break	No Class - Christmas Break
12/31/25	No Class - New Year's Eve	No Class - New Year's Eve	No Class - New Year's Eve
01/07/26	Class	Class	Class
01/14/26	Class	Class	Class
01/21/26	Class	Class	Class
ATTENTION:			
St. Matthew's Religious Education program reserves the right to cancel and/or change the dates for classes and/or activities should become necessary with notice to families via email, website and/or bulletin announcement. Also, when Sidney Public Schools unexpectedly, cancels or lets school out early, Classes at St. Matthew's will be cancelled, as well.			
Be sure to sign up for Flocknote messages to stay informed.			
All are invited to assist with a Wednesday evenings community meal at 6:30 p.m. in Ned Shinnick Hall. See Mary Quiroz to sign up.			

Baptismal Information Form

Request a copy of a Baptismal Certificate - Please Print

Child's Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth: _____, _____
Month / Day Year) City / State

Father's Name: _____
First Last

Mother's Name: _____
First Maiden Last

*Date of Baptism: _____, _____
Month / Day Year

Church baptized in: _____
Name of Church

(City / State)

**Please attach a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate for sacrament prep.*

Family Contact Information

Name: _____

Home Phone No.: _____ Cell Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

**ST. MATTHEW'S
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

310 Seventh Street SE • Sidney, MT 59270 • (406) 433-2510 • Fax: (406) 433-2509

Dear Parents,

St. Matthew's parish is under the Diocese of Great Falls –Billing. Here at St. Matthew's we teach the Sacraments in *Restored order*. The Sacraments Preparation classes are taught to students in grade 3 or older. They are taught **separate** from the regular religious Ed. classes.

The following are the steps needed prior to enrolling your child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Confirmation with First Eucharist.

- Your child will need to have been baptized in the Catholic Church. (Please, provide a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate.)
- Your family attend Mass regularly on a weekly basis.
- Your child be enrolled in and regularly attend Religious Education classes at the parish. It is recommended that students attend regular ed. classes for **at least one year prior to** taking the sacrament formation classes.

Please, be sure to let me or your child's teacher know, if he/she is in the third grade and will be needing the sacraments prep classes. I will be sending out information about classes. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Note: If your child is not yet baptized, you can contact Fr. Jim O'Neil at the rectory with any questions or to make preparations.

St, Matthew's Rectory - 406-433-1068 for Fr. Jim O'Neil.
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Peace Be with You,

Mary Quiroz/DRE
St. Matthew's Religious Education
406-433-2510,

Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 4 pm



Preparing your child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist

A guide to assist parents in their role as the first catechist of their children.

You have the primary duty to educate your child(ren) in the Faith. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: “Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children” (§2223). and “Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children” (§2225). While parishes and dioceses provide opportunities for religious education, parents play the most important role in handing on the Faith to the next generation.

The following is meant to assist you in preparing your child(ren) for the celebration of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. What follows is not an exhaustive list of resources, but rather a starting point. Many of the resources below are from FORMED.org. Every household in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings has been provided a subscription to the platform, and thus are encouraged to explore these, and the hundreds of other resources found there. If you do not know how to access your free subscription to FORMED.org, contact your local parish for assistance.

The videos below are meant to further your education as a Catholic and are not necessarily meant to be watched with your child(ren). Some of the content may use language or concepts which your child(ren) may find difficult to understand. It would be better for you to view the videos as references for yourself as you prepare to explain and discuss topics with your child(ren).

To better understand your important role in preparing your child(ren) for the celebration of the Sacraments, you are encouraged to first watch these two videos:

<https://watch.formed.org/forgiven/season:1/videos/for-parents-preparing-your-child-for-first-confession>

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/for-parents-preparing-your-child-for-first-holy-communion>

First Key Question

What is important to you? Before preparing your child(ren) to celebrate the Sacraments, it is important that you ask yourself this question. More importantly, it is vital that you answer it honestly. If celebrating the Sacraments is important to you, then celebrating the Sacraments will be important to your child(ren). If celebrating the Sacraments is not important to you, you cannot expect celebrating the Sacraments to be important to your child(ren).

What is important to you? Once you answer this question, it is important that you have a conversation with your child(ren) and share with them why celebrating the Sacraments is important to you, personally. Sharing your memories of when you first celebrated your Sacraments will assist in bringing the Sacraments to life. Finally, be sure to share with your child(ren) why it is important to you that *they* celebrate the Sacraments for which they are preparing.



Your child is watching

Children learn best by seeing and doing (participating). It is important that you model the Catholic Faith in all aspects of your life. The ways in which this is done include, but are not limited to:

- † Daily prayer (personal and family)
- † Attending and actively participating in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- † Having a belief in, and devotion to, the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist
- † Supporting the Church both spiritually and materially
- † Consistently striving to live in accord with the teachings of the Church, and abiding by the Precepts of the Church
- † Regularly celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist
- † Actively participating in the life of your parish/mission

Handing on the Faith

You do not have the ability to give your child(ren) faith, that is a gift freely given by God to every person. What you do have the ability to do though, is to nurture that deposit of faith. It is vital that you spend time formally instructing your child(ren) in aspects of faith and prayer. In doing this, be sure to:

- † **Work with your child(ren) in memorizing:**
 - † The prayers, gestures and responses of the Mass
<https://watch.formed.org/videos/walk-through-the-mass>
<https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass> (series)
 - † Common Catholic Prayers

The Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

The Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.



Handing on the Faith (cont.)

† Work with your child(ren) in developing a general knowledge of:

† The Holy Spirit's activity in the Church/life of a believer

Sanctifying Grace

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-holy-spirit-and-the-life-of-grace>

† The two liturgies of the Mass

The Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/walk-through-the-mass>

<https://watch.formed.org/the-elements-of-the-catholic-mass> (series)

† The Liturgical Seasons of the Church and when they occur

<https://watch.formed.org/the-year-and-our-children-by-mary-newland-reed> (e-book)

Advent (Four weeks prior to Christmas)

Christmas (Three weeks including and following Christmas Day)

Lent (Forty-four Days prior to Good Friday)

Triduum (Holy Thursday Evening through Easter Sunday)

Easter (Seven weeks including and following Easter Sunday)

Ordinary Time (All other time outside of the above mentioned)

† The seven Sacraments and their importance in the life of the Church/believer

<https://watch.formed.org/the-search-continues/season:1/videos/what-are-the-sacraments>

Baptism

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/what-is-baptism>

Confirmation

<https://watch.formed.org/sent-by-the-spirit-the-sacrament-of-confirmation> (series)

Eucharist

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-eucharist>

Reconciliation

<https://watch.formed.org/forgiven> (series)

Anointing of the Sick

<https://watch.formed.org/echo-with-bishop-donald-hying/season:2/videos/anointing-the-sick-and-the-dying>

Matrimony

<https://watch.formed.org/the-search-continues/season:1/videos/what-is-marriage>

Holy Orders

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/called-to-holy-orders-with-fr-paul-hoesing>



Handing on the Faith (cont. 2)

† Work with your child(ren) in developing a general knowledge of:

† The Bible

<https://watch.formed.org/the-search-continues/season:1/videos/thesearchcontinues-25-giszcak-originofbible>

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-20; Deuteronomy 5:1-21

<https://watch.formed.org/echo-with-bishop-donald-hying/season:3> (series)

The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34

<https://watch.formed.org/echo-with-bishop-donald-hying/season:3/videos/the-first-commandment-believe-in-the-true-god>

The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-38

<https://watch.formed.org/march-25-the-annunciation-of-the-lord/videos/a-bible-study-on-the-annunciation>

The Nativity

Matthew 1:1-25; Luke 2:1-38

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-story-of-the-nativity-the-truth-of-christmas>

The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17-35; Mark 14:12-31; Luke 22:1-34

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/triduum>

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/formed-live-holy-thursday-jesus-last-supper-and-arrest>

The Passion and Death of Jesus

Matthew 26:36-27:66; Mark 14:32-15:47; Luke 22:39-23:56; John 18:1-19:42

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/triduum>

<https://watch.formed.org/echo-with-bishop-donald-hying/season:1/videos/the-saving-death-and-resurrection-of-christ>

The Resurrection of Jesus

Matthew 28:1-20; Mark 16:1-18; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-21:25

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/triduum>

<https://watch.formed.org/did-jesus-really-rise-from-the-dead-1/videos/did-jesus-really-rise-from-the-dead>

The Ascension of Jesus

Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-11

<https://watch.formed.org/opening-the-word-1/season:1/videos/the-ascension-of-the-lord-may-28-2017>

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-42

<https://watch.formed.org/opening-the-word-1/season:1/videos/pentecost-may-31-2020>