



Immaculate Conception Church

Religious Education
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August 22, 2025

Dear Parents,

Wednesday, **October 1st** will be the **first day of classes** for the 2025/2026 Religious Education Program for grades 1 through 11 at Immaculate Conception. We look forward to another year of helping young people know and love our Lord, His Church, and each other. Please register your children and/or teens by **September 17th or sooner**.

Enclosed, please find these forms:

- This cover letter with dates and times of Religious Education sessions on back of this page
- Registration Form (please complete front & back)
- Additional Youth Form (as needed)
- Photography Release Statement (please complete)
- Safe Environment Opt-Out form (only return if you do NOT want your child to participate)

Completed forms with payment (cash or check) can be dropped in the box in St. Anthony Commons, the Parish Office, Religious Ed Office, or sent via U.S. Mail to the church.

We are still holding the Religious Education registration fee to \$30.00 per child with a family max of \$100.00. This covers only a portion of the program costs. But please, don't let the cost keep your child from participating. Instead, give me a call and we can confidentially reduce or wave the fee as needed.

We have been very blessed in recent years with energetic, faith-filled volunteers who joyfully serve Jesus by serving His children. Please remember our Catechists, Small Group Leaders, and helpers in your prayers.

Cancellation Policy

When Pine City Schools are cancelled, have early release, or cancel afterschool or evening activities our afternoon and evening sessions are cancelled. If your child does not attend Pine City Schools, Lynette will call the Primary Contact on the Registration form if Religious Education is cancelled.

Elementary, Wednesdays 3:00—4:30

Starting directly after school (2:45—3:00) Students should:

- Enter through door 3, by the big parking lot
- Report to the basement for check-in and a snack
- Ready at 4:30 for pick-up in the big parking lot

Jr. & Sr. High School, Wednesdays 7:00—8:30

Students should arrive between 6:45 and 7:00,

- Enter through door 3, by the big parking lot
- Start in the basement for a snack and announcements
- Release about 8:30

Please consider serving as a Catechist or Assistant with Elementary grades; or as a Small Group Leader with Jr. & Sr. High students. We will also need substitutes for these roles. Serving with youth is a great way to broaden your knowledge and deepen your faith. If you can serve in any of these ways or have questions about other ways to help, please contact me.

12th grade students, who were Confirmed this past February, are invited to apply to serve as an Assistant for Elementary or as a Small Group Leader for Junior or Senior High students. If your 12th grader is interested in serving, please have them give me a call.

→ Parents of youth in the Jr/Sr High program please attend the first Wednesday evening session with your teen. We will get reacquainted and make sure all of our expectations for the program year are in harmony. Again, this year we will invite each family to “adopt-a-Wednesday night”. One evening during the program year each family is invited to bring, serve, and tidy up after the snack. The snacks can be purchased or home-made; extravagant or simple. I will have a calendar that first Wednesday evening, so that together we can get those dates covered.

→ Parents of Elementary youth in our program we will ask parents of each grade to drop off a shelf-stable snack for the whole elementary group. A letter from me will be sent home with your child when we are in need of snacks. The past couple of years, some very generous Catechists have been supplying the snacks. This year though, we are asking the families to provide snacks.

Thank you for registering your family by **Wednesday, September 17th**. Please contact me If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the Religious Education programs.

Peace to your home,



D. Lynette Forbes-Cardey
Religious Education/Youth Ministry
Immaculate Conception Church, Pine City

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Religious Education 2025-2026

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| October 1 | Wednesdays |
| October 8 | Elementary |
| October 22 | 3:00-4:30 PM |
| October 29 | Jr/Sr High |
| November 5 | 7:00-8:30 PM |
| November 12 | <i>Be here a little</i> |
| November 19 | <i>early</i> |
| December 3 | <i>for a snack!</i> |
| December 10 | |
| December 17 | |

Please Note:
To help us keep track of students and avoid unnecessary calls to parents, please contact Lynette if your child will not be attending Religious Education on a particular Wednesday.

Reach Lynette at:
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Cell 763-442-7635
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| January 7 | March 4 |
| January 14 | March 11 |
| January 21 | March 18 |
| January 28 | March 25 |
| February 4 | April 1 |
| February 11 | April 8 |
| *February 18 | April 15 |
| February 25 | April 22 |
| | April 29 |

* No Jr/Sr High