

An Old Bordertown Parish

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Patrick's Parish, Momence Illinois, Religious Education Handbook

Registration

At registration, we need to have a copy of your child's **Baptismal Certificate**, if they were baptized anywhere but here at St. Patrick's. You may have other parishes fax baptismal certificates to the rectory at ☎ (815) 472-3043.

At registration, please completely fill out the enrollment form. Please indicate if your child has any special needs (medical, emotional, educational, custody/legal issues) so they we may best serve your child.

All parents will receive a registration form, policy handbook, calendar, and volunteer form. At registration, parents are asked to sign they receive the policy information.

Attendance

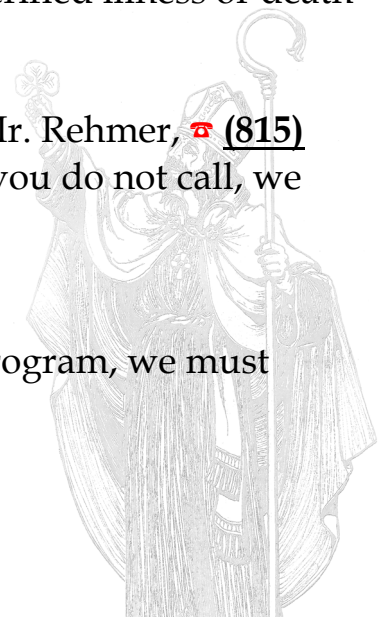
All students are expected to attend class every week. No more than 6 unexcused absences will be allowed, especially in Sacrament preparation years. Absences will be excused for verified illness or death in the family or other verified emergencies.

If your child must be absent or tardy, please call Mr. Rehmer, ☎ **(815) 954-0007** by 8:50 A.M. If your child is absent and you do not call, we will call you to be sure your child is safe.

Tuition

In order to provide needed materials to run our program, we must charge the following registration fees:

- 1 child in a family--\$135.00
- 2 children in same family--\$170.00
- 3 or more children in same family--\$185.00



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Each child receiving First Communion or Confirmation will be asked to pay \$50.00 in addition to above to cover costs for extra materials needed to prepare for the Sacraments. Confirmation students only have to pay this in the school year in which they are actually confirmed.

Teachers/aids in the program will receive a 50% discount from the above except the Sacrament fee.

While we would appreciate full payment at registration, we understand that families may need to make payments over the course of the year. Please make checks payable to **St. Patrick's Church**. If full payment is not possible at registration, please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education to make payment arrangements. If you are carrying a balance from last year, we ask that you please take care of that as soon as possible.

No child will be denied a religious education based on inability to pay the fees.

Gathering

We must follow diocesan and state guidelines for COVID 19 safety. Please have students come to the front side of the south door to the church. We will take each child's temperature and check to be sure that everyone is wearing a face mask properly. Class areas will be set up for social distancing, and will be sanitized after each class. All students will gather in their class areas at 9:00 A.M. for opening prayer/announcements.

Restroom Use

Due to health regulations, only one person at a time can be in the restroom area at a time. A disinfectant will then be applied in the restroom before the next person may enter.

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed from class at 10:15. This should give them time to get to church for the 10:30 A.M. Mass. We will ask parents to come to the church and pick up their students promptly after class if you are not going the 10:30 Mass. If there are special issues as to whom a child may leave with, please notify the Coordinator of Religious Education of the situation as soon as possible.

Student Dress

Students are expected to dress appropriately for a church school setting. Examples of inappropriate clothing items include:

1. hats
2. belly shirts
3. cut off shorts
4. pajamas
5. mini-skirts
6. clothing with vulgar, sexual, alcohol/cigarette/drug themes
7. "saggin" or overly baggy pants
8. anything which would imply affiliation with a gang
9. "wheelie" shoes, which damage the floor and are very hazardous on the stairs.
10. very low cut shirts or spaghetti straps without something over them.

We will call parents to bring a change of clothes if, in the opinion of the Coordinator of Religious Education, clothing is inappropriate.

On RE Mass day all students who are doing parts in the Mass will be asked to “dress up”. This means no jeans or sneakers. If a child is scheduled to do a part in the Mass, but is not wearing proper clothes for the occasion, we will call the parents. If a change of clothing can’t be arranged, we will not be able to let the child do his/her part in the Mass.

Student Discipline

Cell phones are not allowed in class. Students may keep their phones with them provided they are turned off. Any cell phone which rings or is being used during chapel or class time will be confiscated and returned to the parents. Texting is not allowed during chapel or class time.

Students are expected to show Christian respect to teachers, staff, other students, and the property of others at all times.

In the event of disruptive or disrespectful behavior, a student will be sent to the Coordinator of Religious Education. Parents will be called.

If a student is chronically disruptive/disrespectful, the parents may be called on to sit with the child in class if he/she is to continue in class.

Being sent home is considered an unexcused absence.

Sacrament Preparation

Students in second grade or older will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. Seventh and eighth graders receive Confirmation every other year (in spring or early summer of even numbered years).

Students are expected to attend class for at least two years for these Sacraments. This means that students begin preparation for

Confirmation in sixth or seventh grade, but will not actually be confirmed until the following school year...

Parents of First Communion/First Confession students and both parents and students in the Confirmation program are expected to attend some evening meetings as part of the preparation for the Sacraments. We make every effort to schedule these around other school activities whenever possible.

Protecting God's Children

All our teachers and staff are expected to attend training through the Virtus Program regarding appropriate behavior. If at any time, parents suspect any inappropriate behavior by any member of our Religious Education Staff, please notify the Coordinator of Religious Education, the pastor, or contact the Joliet Diocesan Religious Education Office at ☎ (815) 727-6411.