

Preschool Program for 3 and 4 year olds

- Children must be age 3 by August 15th.
- The Pre-School program 'Stories of God's Love' helps young children take their first steps on the journey of faith.
- The Pre-School program teaches appropriate Scripture stories that tell them of God's love and connects these stories to the children's lives.
- The Pre-School program incorporates a simple 'Teach and Apply' process in every session.

K-7th grades use the "Blest Are We" Catholic school edition. To review what your child is learning, go to www.blestarewe.com/school Use this as a way to start conversation with your child about what he or she is learning in Sunday School.

Kindergarten

Five year olds begin the curriculum, Blest Are We. Throughout the year, the children learn: How God's Love Creates the Universe, God's Love Makes Me Who I Am, God's Love Gives Me People to Love, God's Love Gives Me Jesus, and God's Love Teaches Me to Love.

First Grade

Children focus on theme of the Holy Trinity. The children learn that they belong to the church community, and they learn to participate in the church through the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. They also begin the study of morality.

First Communion Preparation Program

Students are required to complete two years of preparation prior to receiving their First Communion. If a student has not been enrolled for two years prior to the sacrament, or has not met the required attendance, they will attend the Year One program and receive their Reconciliation and First Communion the following year.

First Communion requires two years of preparation for a child to be fully prepared to receive the sacrament. This program utilizes Our Catholic Heritage curriculum. It enables the students to prepare fully for First Communion after completing Year One. This program is for students in 3rd -5th Grade.

Second Grade

The emphasis here shifts to a study of the sacraments as the children review Baptism and prepare for Reconciliation and Eucharist. The study of morality continues as the children learn the notions of sin and its effects. Gospel stories help to teach the children about their responsibility to care for others.

Blessed is the curriculum utilized for the Second Grade students preparing to receive Reconciliation and First Communion. There's never been anything like Blessed in the Catholic world for children. This program has world-class animation and workbooks that are works of art. The incredible content of this curriculum meets children where they are and leads them, step by step, to where God is calling them to be. Blessed isn't just different, it's groundbreaking.

The students' attendance is important throughout the sacramental preparation year. More than five absences during this year will most likely delay the student receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion.

First Reconciliation will be held for the students who have completed the preparation process on November 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm. First Communion will be held on May 11, 2019 at 10:00 am for all students who have completed the preparation process.

Attendance of the First Communion retreat is required for all students preparing to make First Communion on May 11, 2019.

Third Grade

Children begin to study the beliefs of our Catholic faith. This is accomplished through a study of the Apostle's Creed, the seven sacraments, and the Ten Commandments.

Fourth Grade

The focus here is on a study of morality and the Beatitudes. The sacrament emphasized is Reconciliation.

Fifth Grade

This program centers on a study of the seven sacraments. The understanding of morality is strengthened as children learn what it means to live as faithful followers of Jesus.

Middle School

Grades 6th- 8th meet on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year from 6:15 to 7:45 pm. Students will attend Mass on the First Wednesday of the month. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Sixth Grade

The Old Testament is the basis for the sixth grade curriculum. Students learn that we find the roots of our faith in the Hebrew Scripture. The concepts of the Church are taught as a continuation of the Kingdom of God. The sixth grade students will learn to appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of the Mass. Through a unique learning experience, including powerful cinematography and workbook resources, students will come to see the Mass and the priesthood in a dramatically new way. This program, Alteration is designed to stir thought, create conversation, and inspire young souls to a deep and lasting love for the Mass.

Seventh Grade

Among the subjects are The Mysteries of the Incarnation, The Meaning of the Kingdom, The Christian Life, The Pascal Mystery, and The Good News. Students will participate in Theology of the Body to enable them to find answers to questions concerning their bodies, their sexuality, and their future.

Confirmation Preparation Program

Students are required to complete two years of preparation prior to receiving their Confirmation. If a student has not been enrolled for two years prior to the sacrament, or has not met the required attendance, they will attend the Year One program and receive their Confirmation the following year.

Eighth Grade

Eighth Grade is the year students will prepare to receive Confirmation. In the Chosen Confirmation Program, candidates will encounter Christ in the sacraments, in the teachings of the Church, in their parish community and in the experience of service.

The students' attendance is important throughout the sacramental preparation year. More than five absences during this year will most likely delay the student receiving Confirmation.

Confirmation students are required to complete 20 hours of service for the school year, a saint presentation, write a letter to the Bishop requesting Confirmation, and attend a Confirmation retreat. Attendance of a retreat is required for all students preparing to be confirmed on May 23, 2019.