



March 16, 2017

Dear Parents,

Praised be Jesus Christ now and forever! May the Holy Spirit dwell within your families and homes. Let us be sure to ask St. Joseph (feast day March 19 but moved to March 20th this year) and St. Patrick (feast day March 17th) for their intercession.

I pray that the blessings of this Lenten season are bearing fruit in the spiritual lives of each of your families. I write this letter to you to announce this summer's high school religious education offerings. For those of you with an 8th grade student the high school program works differently than the middle school program. Students are invited to choose subjects which they will take for 6-7 weeks. Please let the students pick their electives. The electives exist for students who may be interested in one topic over another. The summer of the various classes can be found on page three of this letter. We want students to be engaged which works better if they are interested in the particular topic. There are *six* required classes and *two* electives that must be taken in order to be put into the junior year discipleship program.

Our program is designed to be flexible with busy schedules. If a student has a busy quarter, he/she can take that quarter off of religious education and take a class over the summer. Students can take classes in the summer between 8th grade and their freshman year, during their freshman year, the summer between their freshman and sophomore years and the summer after their sophomore year. This affords students a lot of flexibility with their schedule. The theology of the body course is never offered during the summer and must be taken during the school year. Each year there are a minimum of six classes offered during the summer-three electives and three required courses. The program can be completed by simply attending during the school year but the summer classes provide the opportunity for flexibility with schedules.

Given that a student may not take a varying number of classes each year, the fee for each class taken is a flat \$25 rate. This does not amount to any extra cost to families as a full year of religious education is \$100. Students and families that want to take more than eight classes will not be assessed any further fee. This means that once the six required and two electives are taken that every class after that is free of charge. It

Additionally, students who attend the **Steubenville Youth Conference** will receive credit for the Prayer Elective. Also, students who attend the **Love Begins Here** work camp will receive credit for an elective. Information on these opportunities can be found on our parish website under the youth ministry page or by contact Laura Bovee at lbovee@stmarygreenville.org or 757-6555 ext. . I strongly encourage all students to attend these programs as they are excellent opportunities to grow in faith outside of the classroom and provide a deep conversion experience. Obviously, these opportunities have a separate cost but they will not be accessed the \$25 cost per class.

Please see the registration on the second page for summer classes. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I can be reached at lgietman@stmarygreenville.org or at 757-6555 ext. 207.

Sincerely,

Luke Gietman

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St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



NAME: _____

Summer Sessions ('17)

Session 1

Old Testament*

9:30AM-12:00PM
Monday June 26
Tuesday June 27
Wednesday June 28

Sacraments

1:00-3:30 P.M
Monday June 26
Tuesday June 27
Wednesday June 28

Session 1 1st Choice _____ **2nd Choice** _____

Session 2

Son of God

9:30AM-12:00 P.M.
Monday July 17
Tuesday July 18
Wednesday July 19

Eucharist*

1:00- 3:30 P.M.
Monday July 17
Tuesday July 18
Wednesday July 19

Session 2 1st Choice _____ **2nd Choice** _____

Session 3

Church*

9:30AM-12:00 P.M.
Monday August 7
Tuesday August 8
Wednesday August 9

World Religions

1:00-3:30 P.M.
Monday August 7
Tuesday August 8
Wednesday August 9

Session 3 1st Choice _____ **2nd Choice** _____

* denotes a required course

More classes may be added to this schedule at a later date.

All required courses and 2 electives must be completed to enter the Confirmation program



Required

Old Testament

1. Creation and Call
2. Exodus to the Promised Land
3. A Nation, a Kingdom and a Temple
4. Division, Destruction and the Prophets
5. The Faith Fortified and Restored
6. The Fulfillment of all Promises

New Testament

1. Jesus Christ-The Synoptic Gospels
2. Jesus Christ-The Gospel of John
3. The Church of Christ-Acts of the Apostles
4. The Church Spreads-St. Paul
5. The Church Universal-The Catholic Letters
6. The Kingdom to Come-Revelation

Theology of the Body

1. Created for Love: What is love?
2. Naked Without Shame: Hope and Redemption in Christ
3. Truth and Freedom
4. Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful
5. Vocation: Celibacy & Religious Life
6. Dating with Purpose and Purity.

Social Justice

1. Love of God and Love of Neighbor
2. The Commandments & Beatitudes
3. The Dignity of Human Life
4. The Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy
5. Modern Moral Issues
6. Catholic Social Documents

Church

1. The Nature and Mission of the Church
2. The Faith of Christ's Church
3. Credo: I Believe
4. Christ's Church Conquers Caesar
5. The Church through Time
6. The Church & the Church to Come

Eucharist

1. The Covenants & the Passover
2. The Eternal Sacrifice
3. The Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood
4. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: Our Worship
5. The Order of Holy Mass
6. The Real Presence

Electives

Sacraments

1. Sacrament, Symbol, and Mystery
2. Baptism & Confirmation
3. Sacrament of Eucharist
4. Sacraments of Healing
5. Sacrament of Marriage
6. Sacrament of Holy Orders

World Religions

1. Judaism
2. Catholicism
3. Protestantism
4. Islam
5. Eastern Religions
6. New Age

The Church Year

1. Overview/Sabbath Observance
2. Advent
3. Christmas
4. Lent
5. Triduum/Easter
6. Pentecost/Ordinary Time

Prayer

1. What is Prayer, Forms of Prayer
2. Obstacles to Prayer
3. Contemplation, Service, and Study
4. The Mass: Prayer Par Excellence
5. Prayer to Mary and the Saints
6. Devotions (Litanies), The Liturgy of the Hours

Church History

1. The Blood of the Martyrs
2. The Conversion of an Empire
3. The Great Schism: The Orthodox
4. The Crusades & the Battle of Faith
5. The Fracturing of Christendom
6. The Church in the Modern World

Introduction to Catholicism

1. Philosophy: Is it rational to believe in God?
2. Theology: Can we know God?
3. Revelation: God reveals Himself?
4. Christology: Who is Jesus Christ?
5. Ecclesiology: What is the Church?
6. Eschatology: What becomes of us?

The Son of God

1. Incarnate of the Virgin Mary
2. The Good Shepherd
3. The Prodigal Son & The Good Samaritan
4. Lord, Teach Us How to Pray
5. He Suffered Death and Was Buried, and Rose Again
6. He Will Come Again in Glory

Defending the Faith

1. Upon this Rock: The Authority of the Church
2. This is My Body: the Most Holy Eucharist
3. Whose Sins You Forgive: The Sacraments
4. Behold Your Mother: Mary, Queen of Heaven
5. My Words Will Never Pass Away: Scripture & Tradition
6. Be Perfect as Your Heavenly Father is Perfect: Ethics