

SACRED HEART RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICIES AND EXPECTATIONS 2021-2022

Please read through the following information carefully. Your family should have an understanding of the Religious Education guidelines in order to achieve a positive experience for all those involved in the program.

1. CLASS TIME

Classes will meet Monday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

2. TARDINESS

Please make every effort to arrive on time for Religious Education Classes. Our limited class time makes every minute extremely precious. Help us to make our program the very best it can be.
ARRIVE BEFORE CLASS TIME!

3. DROP OFF/ PICK UP AND TRAFFIC FLOW

Please understand that safety is our greatest concern. Please drive extremely carefully in our parking lot and be very watchful for others.

Students may be dropped off in front of the Parish Center. Parents should be entering the parking lot from the driveway in front of the parish center and Church. Children should exit from the passenger side of the car. Parents may then exit using the Briarvale exit. Parents may also park and walk their child to their classroom. Again, when leaving the parking lot, parents should use the Briarvale exit.

Regardless of your child's age, please pick them up at their classroom door. Children will not be released without a parent present. No child may cross the driveway by his or herself. Please enter through the driveway in the front of the Church, park your car in the lot, and remember to exit using the Briarvale driveway. The safety of the children is our biggest concern, so please do your best to help.

4. DISCIPLINE

Our students are generally quite cooperative and well behaved. However, a discipline policy is in effect for those who may choose to be exceptions to the rule.

All students in Religious Education Classes are expected to conduct themselves with respect, not only for their own benefit, but also for the welfare of the Catechists and fellow students. **There is to be no cell phone use, texting, or other electronic device use during class time.** Catechists graciously give their time and talents in order to share their understanding of our faith. In doing so, they enhance and enrich the faith lives of the children of Sacred Heart Parish. This cannot begin to take place if a child becomes a constant disciplinary problem. Therefore, Catechists will NOT be asked to serve as disciplinarians for those young people who will not cooperate on a consistent basis.

Students choosing to behave inappropriately will be asked to visit the building supervisor and/or director. A pattern of inappropriate or inconsiderate behavior will necessitate a meeting with parents

and a member of the Religious Education Staff. If it is determined that the problem cannot be rectified, the student will not have religious education with our program.

5. ATTENDANCE

Sunday Mass participation and consistent class attendance and course completion is absolutely necessary to good Catholic, Christian formation. Each lesson builds upon previous lessons. In order to achieve a true understanding of doctrine and faith each step must be covered. Occasional absences are understandable, however, when the point is reached where a young person is missing more than **three classes unexcused by the Catechist**, the student may have to repeat the grade year or make up class work if the teacher allows.

6. SNOW POLICY

If the weather becomes inclement and there is a need to cancel class the Religious Education office will send out an e-mail, by 12:00 pm. Please make sure the Religious Education Office has your updated email information. If the Avondale School District cancels classes, our Religious Education classes are also cancelled.

7. PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Archdiocese of Detroit is committed to providing a safe environment for all who worship, work or participate in activities at our parishes and schools. We are particularly concerned that our children are kept safe both on and off church property. This is a continuation of initiatives of protecting God's children. Parents are encouraged to attend the Archdiocese workshop – Protecting God's Children. For further information go to www.aodonline.org.

The Religious Education Department thanks you for your cooperation and invites you to contact us with your concerns and questions. Our phone number is 248-852-4170, x 12 or email shreled37@gmail.com. Also, please check out our website www.esacredheart.org for the latest Religious Education calendar and information.