

Religious Education Policies: Sacramental Program & Attendance

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

Here at St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church we are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family. The Religious Education program of our parish is meant to supplement what they learn at home.

Sacraments

With this in mind, we will be making our Confirmation Program a two-year commitment. Instead of just a year of catechesis, candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will now be required to complete two years of religious education, beginning in seventh grade and culminating in eighth grade.

We will also be requiring the same two-year commitment in our First Communion Program. Therefore, children will need to begin in first grade and in second grade receive their First Communion.

Attendance

We feel strongly that children learn as much as possible. Their regular attendance at classes is very important. However, we are aware that they might miss a class for one reason or another. That said, we highly recommend that they be present for classes. Only four missed/excused classes will be allowed. If frequent absences occur, we will ask the student to repeat the grade.

If you have any question or concern regarding these changes, please call me at the Religious Education office (630) 466-0303 ext-109.

In closing, I wish thank all the parents and parishioners who volunteer their time to teach our children. Thank you for sharing the good news of our faith with the next generation so we might grow in our love of God and service to our neighbor.

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