

# St. Louis Religious Education Program 2024-2025

## Calendar & Handbook

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# Policies

**Attendance** is very important. Parents are asked to notify the RE Department of absences from class or early dismissal by phone or written notice.

**Make-up Assignments:** when you are absent it is expected that make-up work will be completed prior to the next session.

**Inclement weather:** policy is when Luxemburg-Casco School District cancels school, or calls off early, sessions are also cancelled. If you are unsure of a cancellation, please check the parish website.

**Regular participation in the life of the parish** is expected of all Catholic students in such activities as Mass, Sacraments, service, etc. Attendance is the responsibility of the parents.

**Hand held electronic devices** are to be turned off during sessions unless directed by leader. All devices must also be turned off during prayer and when in Church. Youth who abuse this will be asked to turn them in and parents will be contacted.

**Harassment policy:** It is the policy of the programs governed by the diocesan Board of Total Catholic Education to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from any sexual harassment or any other type of harassment. No employee, volunteer, or student associated with these programs shall be subject to any sexual harassment or any other type of harassment. It shall be a violation of this policy for any employee, volunteer, or student to harass another employee, volunteer, or student.

**Dress Code:** All clothing should reflect the values and morals of our Catholic beliefs. It is the policy of the Diocese of Green Bay that all students, staff, and volunteers must follow the dress code expectations of the biological sex while on premises for classes, Confirmation preparation or youth ministry and while representing the parish or program at outside functions. Clothing with inappropriate sayings, images, bare midriffs, low cut, as well as inappropriate accessories are not permitted. If a youth arrives wearing inappropriate attire, we will discuss it, if it occurs again a warning will be issued and parents will be notified.

**Behavior/Discipline:** Students are expected to be courteous and to be reasonably quiet, conducive to a fair learning environment for everyone. Disrespect for self, classmates or catechists will be reported to staff. If necessary, parents may be called to discuss behavior with the Religious Education staff.

**Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco:** The possession, sale or use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco or any other controlled substances on the parish grounds, property, or while participating in a parish sponsored event is strictly forbidden. Parents and/or guardians will be notified and violations will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

**Firearms/Weapons/Dangerous Objects:** Any object brought to the Religious Education programs that would endanger the safety of any or all participants is prohibited and the offender is subject to discipline and expulsion procedures. Parent and/or guardians will be notified and violations will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

**Classroom Session Requirements:**

**Diocesan Curriculum Guidelines:** state content should be covered in a 35 or greater hour program

**Arrival for sessions:** Students should not arrive no greater than 10 minutes before they begin. Parents should drop them off at the church. They will be greeted by staff and directed where to go. Catechists will meet their students inside the **Gathering Area**. Parents are welcome to join their students for the first 15 minutes, if desired.

**Dismissal:** Parents in grades 1-6 are asked to meet their students in the main level of the Hall. **Please do not go to their classroom.** You will be able to pick up your children from their assigned table there.



## Youth Masses

Second Sunday of every month during the 10:00 mass will be a youth mass. A few children from each grade will be asked to assist during the Mass. Two children from grades 1-4 will be asked to bring up the gifts during Mass. One child from grades 5-8 will be asked to read petitions and one child from grades 9-12 will be asked to Lector with an adult. Please encourage your child(ren) to participate in the mass.

Children will be required to participate in at least 2 youth masses. Please encourage your child(ren) to attend.

## Service Opportunities

**Tie Blankets** - Our young people are invited to make tie blankets for Operation Warm Up. Blankets are given to families in Kewaunee County who need them.

**Christmas Caroling** - Our young people will be going to Autumn Fields to spread some Holiday Cheer.

**Home Bound Bags** - Grades 1, and 3-5 will be decorating and filling bags for the Home Bound in the area. The bags will be filled with activities and other items for the people in the area.



# MINISTERING TO TEENS

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## Peer Ministry

Peer Ministry is another component of Youth Ministry. Teens in peer ministry meet periodically the same Wednesday as Faith Formation from 6:30 - 7:00pm and then Religious Education starts from 7:15 - 8:45pm. During meetings the high school youth pray and faith share together, play games, and plan future events. These peer ministers are our leaders (Peers who minister to their peers.) They brainstorm, plan and implement our Large Group Events. Call the Religious Education office for more information at (920) 866-2842.

“I finally found a place where I belong. Everyone is so willing to grow with you and help you along. Youth ministry could not be more rewarding for me.” Past Student

“I have not only strengthened my faith, but found my bed friends.”  
Past Students

Do you enjoy working with the high school youth? We are in need of adult volunteers to assist with many of our activities. Please consider joining us by contacting the Religious Education Office.



# Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt annually for ages 1-12.



# High School Group Events

Periodically throughout the year and during the summer we will be offering events for the kids to be able to attend. Some of the events will be camp fires, movies, a lock in etc. These events offer a safe opportunity to explore your faith in a fun environment. Please join in the fun.



# **The Mission of St. Louis Religious Education**

## **“To teach as Jesus did forming disciples of Christ.”**

Our purpose, guided by the Holy Spirit is to provide spiritual growth through:

**Scripture & Tradition** - guiding families toward an understanding and love of the Gospel message.

**Doctrine** - encouraging families to gain an understanding of the history & knowledge of the richness of the Catholic faith.

**Liturgy/Prayer** - assisting families by providing a variety of prayer & worship experiences for them to participate in.

**Morality/Christian Living** - nurturing families in values & virtues.

**Service** - empowering families to work for social justice & serve those in need as Jesus did.

Through our core values we strive to cultivate the faith and form disciples.

**Reverence** for the Word of God is fostered.

**Doctrine & History** of the Catholic faith is presented both as knowledge to be learned and as a life to be lived.

**Prayer** is important for growth in spiritual life: liturgy/Mass, prayer services, personal prayer, Lectio Divina, the Rosary, etc.

**Values & Virtues** are fostered and lived in everyday life.

**The Gospel** message and moral life expressed in the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy are professed, cultivated and practiced in everyday life.

**Sacramental** life is central to developing the Catholic faith.



**Calendar**  
**Grades 1-5 Start Time 6 - 7:30 PM**  
**Grades 6-12 - Start Time 7:15 - 8:45 PM**

Sept. 18th - Kick off Night  
Oct. 2nd - Normal Session  
Oct. 9th - Normal Session  
Oct. 16th - Normal Session  
Oct. 23rd - Normal Session (Grades 4-5 Field trip to Autumn Fields)  
Oct. 30th - Normal Session (Grades 6-8 make tie blankets)  
Nov. 6th - Normal Session  
Nov. 13th - Normal Session  
Nov. 20th - Normal Session  
Nov. 27th - Thanksgiving NO SESSION  
Dec. 4th - GIFT Night 6 - 7:30 (Large Group Event)  
Dec. 11th - Normal Session (Reconciliation All meet in church)\*  
Dec. 18th - Normal Session (Grades 6-8 Autumn Fields)(High School  
Advent Baskets)  
Dec. 25th - Christmas Break NO SESSION  
Jan 1st - Christmas Break NO SESSION  
Jan 8th - Normal Session  
Jan 15th - Normal Session  
Jan 22nd - Normal Session  
Jan 29th - Normal Session  
Feb. 5th - Normal Session (Grades 1 & 3 paint giving bags)  
Feb. 12th - Normal Session (Grades 4 & 5 Fill giving bags)  
Feb. 19th - G.I.F.T. Night 6 - 7:30 (Large Group Event)  
Feb. 26th - Normal Session  
March 5th - Ash Wed. (7-8 pm in church)  
March 12th - Normal Session, (Stations 7-7:30 pick up in Church)  
March 19th - Spring Break NO SESSION  
March 26th - Normal Session (Reconciliation All Meet in Church)  
April 2nd - Normal session  
April 9th - Normal Session (Living Station 7-7:30 pick up in Church)  
April 23rd - Normal Session  
April 30th - Normal Session (LAST DAY)

## Reconciliation

Parent & Student Meeting - Oct. 23rd @ 6:00 PM

Retreat - Sun. Dec. 8 @ 10 - 2PM (start in church for mass)

Celebration of Sacrament - Dec. 11th @ 6:00 PM in Church\*

## First Holy Eucharist

Parent & Student Meeting - March 12th @ 6:00 PM

Bread Share Weekend - April 5th/6th pick a mass

Retreat - Sat. April 12th 10 - 5PM (end in church with mass)

Practice - Sat. May 3rd @ 10:00 AM

Celebration of the Sacraments - May 4th 10:00 Mass

## Confirmation

Parent, Student meeting - April 23rd @ 7:15 PM

Retreat TBD

Sessions - fall 2025

Sponsor & Candidate Mass & Potluck - June 8, 2025

Celebration of Sacrament - TBD

\* Dates Subject to Change

