

Thank you for pre-registering your family for the 2017-18 Religious Education Program.

Please keep this page for reference!

Please complete all information on the attached form and return it with payment as soon as possible. All information should be for the 2017-18 school year. Please include an emergency phone number for each family and an email address that parents can check during the day, if possible.

What is the RE program?

The St. Aloysius Religious Education program exists to teach the fundamentals of the Catholic faith to our parish children who do not attend Catholic school and to support their parents/guardians in providing faith experiences within the tradition of the Catholic Church. The pastor, director and catechists seek to promote a religious learning environment within the context of the Mass and Sacraments, which are our common faith experiences, so the children may come to know, love and serve God.

Religious Education Options

St. Aloysius Parish offers two formal Religious Education programs to serve our parish families with children who do not attend Catholic School: our Wednesday Evening Religious Education Program and our HomeSchool Option.

RE Wednesday Evening Option families are expected to:

1. Register as an RE Wednesday Evening family
2. Have children attend all 32 Wednesday evening classes through the school year
3. Talk to your children about what they have covered in class

RE HomeSchool Option families are expected to:

1. Register as an RE HomeSchool family
2. Have children and at least one parent attend the 6 Sunday group meetings,
3. Work through the lessons with the children between group meetings




Both Options

4. Attend weekend Masses
5. Families with students in Sacrament Prep classes will also need to attend the appropriate meetings/classes and complete any additional assignments.
 - a. First Reconciliation: Parent Meeting in the fall; First Reconciliation usually in November.
 - b. First Communion: Parent Meeting in January; Mass of "Sending to the Sacraments," in mid-April; Rehearsal/Retreat on a Saturday in late April.
 - c. Confirmation: Parent Meeting in spring or fall 2017; Retreat in the fall; Confirmation Classes with sponsor or parent once a month on Wednesday evenings October - March.
6. Fees for both options are the same.
7. Communicate with the Formation Office-352-4195 x113 or religioused@stalbg.org

Fees:

Pre-registration	Registration	Late Registration
Through May 10, 2017	May 11 – Sept 13, 2017	after Sept. 13, 2017
\$45.00/family	\$55.00/family	\$65.00/family

\$15.00 per child in Sacramental preparation classes.

-  First Reconciliation is usually celebrated in winter of the 2nd grade.
-  First Communion in spring of the 2nd grade (with Reconciliation, one \$15.00 fee).
-  Confirmation is usually celebrated in spring of the 8th grade year (one \$15.00 fee).

Fees may be paid in cash, by check or online at stalbg.org, church website, Give Online WeShare.

Sacramental Preparation:

Sacramental preparation begins in the fall of the previous year for all sacraments. Students who plan to celebrate sacraments in 2017-2018 should have been registered for and attending classes from the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. Attendance at regular classes is a pre-requisite for participation in specific sacramental preparation programs.

Students who have passed the usual age for celebrating sacraments are welcome to begin preparation when they are ready. Preparation requirements and time needed, especially for unbaptized students in 3rd grade or higher will be determined on an individual basis, but will likely involve a year or more of preparation to celebrate Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation. Please contact Jean Bargiel for individual information.

Attendance:

Wednesday Evening students are allowed 3 unexcused absences each year. Excused absences are allowed for illness, family emergencies, unsafe road conditions and graded school events. Sports practices and events are not excused absences. If other commitments make Wednesday Evenings difficult, you may want to consider our HomeSchool Option. Please plan carefully.

Please send a note ahead of time if you know your child will be absent, (*this is especially helpful for 5th or 6th grade camp or a music concert when a large proportion of students will be missing from a class*) or send a note the next week if there has been an unexpected absence, or send an email to religioused@stalbg.org

Attendance reports are sent home quarterly. Please read the catechist's comments, sign and return them promptly.

Weather Policy:

Evening classes are **NOT** automatically cancelled when school is closed. A decision to cancel will be made no later than 2pm. We will notify TV stations to make closing announcements or you may call the parish (419-352-4195). We will email all families for whom we have an email address. If we are having class and the roads near your home are not safe, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CLASS. Call or email us and you will have an excused absence. **A Level 2 or 3 snow emergency will automatically cancel classes.**

Children with Special Needs

It is the plan of St. Aloysius parish to provide the most appropriate religious formation possible for children with special needs. In order to do this it is very important that parents work closely with the Director and volunteer catechists to be sure that their child is receiving what they need. Parents have a much clearer idea of what their child can and cannot do. The staff needs parents' help to make any appropriate adaptations for their child. Any literature or information from their child's other teachers that parents can share is greatly appreciated.

CYO Sports:

Students in the Religious Education program are eligible to participate in CYO sports. The fall season includes Cross-Country for grades K – 8; Girls Volleyball for grades 5 – 12; and Football, in cooperation with St. Rose, Perrysburg, for boys in grades 5 – 8. During the winter season the Athletic Board offers Basketball for boys & girls in grades 5 – 12. Track & Field for children in grades 4-8 takes place in the spring. We will pass on registration information as soon as the Athletic Board makes it available to us. ***Participation in CYO sports does not replace attendance at Religion classes; in fact, attendance at class is a pre-requisite for participation in CYO sports.***

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jean Bargiel (419-352-4195x113) or religioused@stalbg.org.