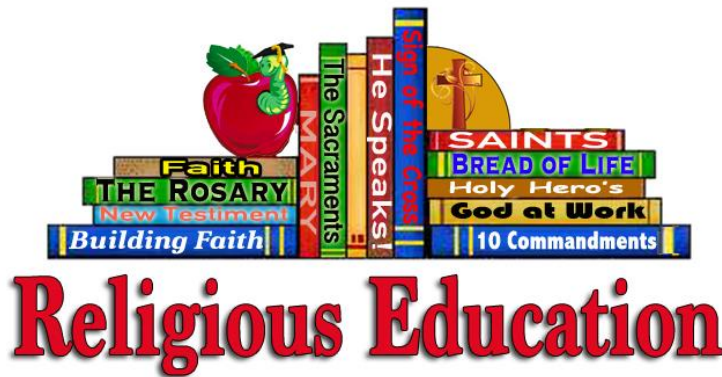


ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



As the summer comes to a close, our parish is now beginning its budgetary, volunteer, and resource planning for the upcoming **2026-2027 Religious Education (R.E.) and Sacramental Preparation Programs**. As a brief reminder, the catechetical norms established by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and our diocesan bishop, advise that children participating in sacramental preparation (e.g., First Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation, etc.) must also participate in a parish R.E. formation program—in other words, they are asked to **actively participate in the two separate and distinct** classes of faith formation and instruction.

- First, to help streamline the many diocese-required, registration-related forms, a single (11" x 17") form will be used starting this fall and henceforth.
- Second, as we've all experienced in our communities and daily personal lives, cost(s) affect activities. The expense(s) associated with our St. Michael Parish R.E. and sacramental preparation program-related books and materials will remain nominal.

This fall the R.E. and sacramental preparation class fees will be:

Religious Education: **\$20.00 per child/youth** (per program year)
(*maximum \$40.00 per family with more than 1 child in R.E.*)

and

Sacramental Preparation: **\$20.00 per child/youth** (per program year)
(*maximum \$40.00 per family with 2 or more children
in sacramental preparation programs*)

Tuition assistance is available, if needed. Families requiring tuition assistance are asked to please contact the Parish Priest, through the Parish Office for more information.

Registration for the parishes' Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Program classes will begin **August 16; August 23; and August 30, 2026**. The start of our parish's **2026-2027** Program classes is scheduled to start on: **Sunday, September 13, 2026**.

Registration forms will be available on the table in the church's Gathering Space.

Please direct any questions to Fr. Bob or the parish's Coordinator of Child/Youth R.E. Programs.

2026-2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR – (RE Classrooms: 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.)

SEPTEMBER 2026:

13th R. E. Classes start
 20th R. E. Classes
 27th R. E. Classes

OCTOBER:

4th R. E. Classes (Children/Youth SET)
11:15 a.m. First Reconciliation Class 1

11th R. E. Classes

18th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. Parent/Candidate General Info Meeting

25th R. E. Classes

NOVEMBER:

1st R. E. Classes

8th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. First Reconciliation Class 2

15th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class 1

22nd Thanksgiving Break – no RE classes

29th (Local School Thanksgiving Break – no RE classes)
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class 2

DECEMBER:

6th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. First Reconciliation Class 3

13th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class 3

20th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class 4

24th/25th CRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY
 27th (Local School Christmas Break – no RE classes)

JANUARY 2027: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

3rd R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. First Eucharist Class 1

10th R. E. Classes

(** First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Prep Classes = approximately 1 hour)

(*** Confirmation Prep Classes = approximately 1 hour)

(## Snacks and beverages will be provided for participants)

January: (Continued)

17th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class 5

24th R. E. Classes (Children/Youth SET)

31st R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. First Eucharist Class 2

FEBRUARY:

7th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class 6

14th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class 7

21st R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. First Eucharist Class 3

28th R. E. Classes

MARCH:

7th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class 8

14th R. E. Classes
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class 9

21st PALM SUNDAY – NO R.E. Classes
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class 10

28th EASTER SUNDAY – NO R.E. Classes
 28-? (Local School Easter Break / no RE classes)

APRIL:

4th R. E. Classes

11th R. E. Classes

18th R. E. Classes

25th R. E. Classes

MAY:

2nd R. E. Classes (Last Day of R. E. classes)
 May 30th 10:00 a.m. First Holy Communion
 (Feast of Corpus Christi)

TBA: Confirmation Mass (by our Bishop)

(Current as of: August 1, 2026)