

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS for completing Registration Form (RF)

Currently the Catechesis Office is not open to the public

When you complete your Registration Form (RF) you may submit it by emailing it and pay using our online payment option OR drop off RF w/payment at the Kinane Ctr

Children entering 1st Grade this year or those new to our Program, and who did NOT get baptized here at St. Paul of the Cross, must provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate at the time of registration.

Please contact our office if your child has NOT been Baptized, we will be happy to help.

Either neatly print or use the fillable typed option

PARENT INFORMATION

Please supply all the requested information

CITY/ZIP – include zip code if you reside outside of Park Ridge

WORK #'S – If number is the same as cell, please write “SAME”

EMAIL - We only need ONE EMAIL address, we ask if you would please only add an additional email if both addressees will be opening the email blasts.

We only use Emails for ANY/ALL GROUP COMMUNICATION. Once classes start, you should receive a weekly email from our office on Fridays, as well as grade specific or reminder emails. If you do not receive the emails or if they suddenly stop, please contact our office. Please note that ALL emails are re-entered at the beginning of each school year.

CHILD(REN) INFORMATION Please supply all the requested information

Child's Formal First Name – Please give us the *formal* name, so we have the correct information for sacrament records. For class purposed please have your child tell the catechist to call them by their preferred name.

New Student – check off if your child was not in our Program LAST YEAR

Mutual Buddies – You may ONLY list ONE name and the name listed MUST ALSO PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME on their Registration Form. Mutual Buddies are only if you choose the Co-Op Program option.

Choice # - See Options Farther Below

Allergy / Disability / Med Cond – Please let us know diagnosed conditions

Church of Baptism – If other than St. Paul of the Cross, please indicate name of Church and whether it is Roman Catholic or Not

Please check off if your child has already received – Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion

Below are the Program CHOICE Options You need this info to complete your RF for Choice

ALL options meet the requirements to make sacraments and the cost is the same, no matter the option

**PLEASE NOTE OUR OPTIONS HAVE CHANGED
We will have both In Person & Remote choices!**

Place your **number** on the **CHOICE #** line on the RF

In all of our Catechesis classes, we invite the children to get to know Jesus personally, to see Him as a source of comfort in the challenges of their daily lives, learn about their Catholic faith so that they may love and live their faith.

Choice #'s

Choice #'s 1- 3 are considered our Regular Program **In Person**

Life is very busy! Everyone's time is extremely precious. In order for us to have any In Person classes, we need to have volunteers! As we move back to IN PERSON options, we need to get our volunteer base up and going! As of now, masks will be required in the classrooms, that policy may change due to Archdiocese and state guidelines.

The Regular Program are grade level classes. There might be an occasional assignment (i.e. 3rd grade Stations of the Cross dioramas), but overall all the work is covered in class. Volunteers teach the classes.

Please know grade level class openings are first filled with volunteers willing to teach all 20 classes and then to others willing to teach a partial year. However, any gaps in volunteers will need to be filled by the parents of the class participants. Therefore, it **might** be possible that parents will be asked to teach their child's class one or two days over the course of the entire Catechesis year. You would be supplied that day's lesson plan and the chapter from the Teacher's Manual well in advance. [At this time, we are still accepting volunteer applications for full and partial year, grade level catechists – please see the Volunteer Application section for more information & benefits regarding this opportunity!](#)

Choice #1 – Grade Level Classes

Grades PK - 8: Sunday Morning 8:45 – 10:15 am

Choice #2 – Grade Level Classes

Grades 1 - 5: Tuesday Afternoon 4:00 – 5:30

Choice #3 – Grade Level Classes

Grades 6, 7, 8: Tuesday Evening 7:00 – 8:30

Choice #’s 4 & 5 are considered our Directed Study Program

This class is for parents that want to home school their children along with once a month partial instruction. This option is NOT grade specific. **The Parent attends, once a month, with the child(ren) for both choices 4 & 5.**

We will offer this choice in two formats this year:

Choice #4 – IN PERSON once a month classes in HFC Grades 1 – 8 w/parent

Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:30 Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:30

At this time if we will be allowed to have DS in person classes we do not currently know how many people will be allowed in HFC for September and beyond – more information about any requirement to sign up to attend a particular session will be communicated as that information becomes available.

Even if there is a sign-up to attend, Attendance will still be taken to get credit for each class.

Choice #5 – REMOTE once a month classes on ZOOM Grades 1 – 8 w/parent

Thursdays 4:00 – 5:30 Thursdays 7:00 – 8:30

Each month Zoom links will go out on the Monday of the class week.

When you sign-on to the Zoom link, you will have your child’s name as your screen name.

If you are unable to change the name, you will have to email us and let us know what the screen name is to get credit for each class.

Students will complete 18 chapters of their book - including **all questions on every page** throughout each chapter including the Chapter Reviews AND Faith In Action pages. Three chapters of work are due each month. The work may either be emailed to our office or brought to class.

Due to the limited number of classes, a Make-Up assignment is **required** for any missed classes. See the **Directed Study** page for more specific information on this program.

Each month you will be able to choose which Directed Study class to attend. However, again please know that the IN PERSON class may require advance registration.

Families wishing to get their textbooks in the summer may contact our office by email to set up a time for picking them up.

Completed chapter work may be handed in beginning in September.

Choice #6 - Lectionary Based In Person
Grades 1 – 8 Parent Attends With the Child

Students attend 20 Sunday Masses IN PERSON. For each Mass, your child should bring their journal or use a Bulletin and get **the priest's signature**, in the journal, there should be two pages of reflection/summaries - The first page should indicate the date of the Mass and should include a summary of the priest's **homily**. The second page should be a reflection on the Gospel Reading - what did it mean to you and how can you use it in your life. We are looking for their summaries to be grade level appropriate. ALSO required are the once a month Directed Study classes with discussion (see choices 4 & 5 above for more information). These once a month classes can be attended in person or on Zoom. The parent needs to "attend" these once a month classes whether they choose the IN PERSON or Zoom version.

Choice #7 – Video Lesson Program – Grades PK – 8 Remote

This a totally Remote option and the videos can be viewed when it fits into your family's schedule. We will have 20 grade level classes that are approximately 30 minutes long, for each grade, which will be on our private SPC YouTube account.

Each lesson will walk your child through a particular chapter of their book. Your child can stop and start the lesson and finish the work in the book as they follow along with the lesson.

All questions through-out the chapter are required to be answered, including the Chapter Reviews and Faith In Action pages – no matter if they are covered in the video or not. Anyone in this option will get emails, starting in September, with the link to the videos. We will have a book pick-up day(s) and the completed chapters can be emailed or dropped off when completed.

Choice #8 - Good Shepherd Program (CGS) In Person

Grades 1 - 8 - Children Are In Classes w/Multiple Grades, called Levels

8S2 – Level 2, **Grades 1 – 3** **8S3** – Level 3/4, **Grades 4 - 8**

This program utilizes a hands-on, prayerful approach to learning with special materials. This option is **VERY** limited in size and those families that are already in it will get first priority – but **anyone choosing this option needs to add a second choice as class size is very limited** We would be willing to offer a Tuesday class if someone would step forward to teach it. Call the office to discuss volunteering for CGS!

Choice #9 - All Abilities (Special Needs) - Grades 1 – 8 Sun 8:45–10:15 In Person

This program is inspired through Scriptural reflection and is taught through reading, music, art and creative storytelling. Participants are in a multi-grade classroom with their peers and participate in the catechism curriculum. Each child's needs, strengths and gifts will be accepted and celebrated.