

# St. Patrick Religious Education Parent Newsletter

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## 2024-2025 RE Registration

As another year of Religious Education (RE) is drawing to a close, we look forward to next year, and the opportunities it brings for growing in faith. At St. Patrick's we strive to make our children and young people strong in their faith. We hope that by the time they leave our program, they understand the need for lifelong faith formation and are people who Pray, Love, Act with justice, and are Nourished by faith (that's our P.L.A.N.) They grow in these areas through our curriculum, creative opportunities, times of prayer, and service. As we look forward to another year, there are a few items to point out on the forms included in this email.

### **Registration Form - Link Below**

- Please include a **primary email address** in your contact information. Other email addresses (likes dad's) won't be regularly used unless requested. This is our primary form of communication.
- You do not need to enter mailing address if that has not changed.
- Please be mindful of sports practices or after school activities (especially 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade sports after*

## April/May Events

April 27th

*First Communion Practice & Pictures, 9am*

April 27th/28th

*First Communion at all Masses.*

May 1st

*May Crowning, Last Day of Wednesday Classes*

May 1st

*Confirmation Practice, 7pm*

May 5th

*May Crowning, Last Day of Sunday Classes*

May 5th

*Confirmation, 2pm*

school) that may interfere with the 4:00 RE session and schedule accordingly.

· **This form is not for your 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders.** That form will be available on the parish website at a later date.

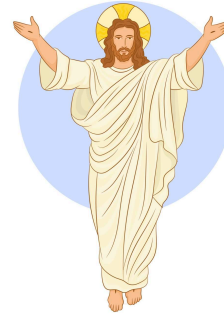
· **“First come first serve”** is a must in a parish this size, with so many offerings. When you fill out your form, please fill in a first choice and a second choice.

· **Class size** is usually between 5 and 12 students. A class may not be available if it has less than 5 students. Once a class is full it will be closed for registration. Those wanting a full class will be placed at an open session and on a wait list for their 1<sup>st</sup> choice in case a spot becomes available.

### **Volunteer Form - Link Below**

Are you a faithful parent ready to share your faith with the young people of St. Patrick's? Scared to teach? Teach with another as a co-teacher. Not ready to be in a class? We desperately need help with watching the parking lot and commons areas before and after class. There are always things to do in the office or help spruce up the classrooms, too. Can't help each week? We really need a good list of substitutes, who teachers can call on when they can't be here. No matter how you decide to help, every volunteer will need to complete a background check and safe environment training, as is required by the Archdiocese of Omaha. Please see the online volunteer form for more information.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the RE office at 332-3454. Classes do fill up fast, and registration is first come, first served, but **please fill out forms by Wednesday, May, 29<sup>th</sup>**, to help with our classroom and volunteer planning. Tuition can be mailed or dropped off. If you know of someone who needs a form, but did not receive one, please pass along the link to them or have them contact the office.



### **Easter Prayer**

*The Easter Season lasts 50 days,  
until Pentecost Sunday*

*God, Father and Creator,  
Easter is a time of hope  
and a time of  
new beginnings.*

*We thank you for  
the gift of new life  
through the resurrection  
of your Son, Jesus Christ.*

*May we live our faith  
in the risen Lord  
in all we say  
and all we do.*

*Help us to live always  
as Easter people.*

*We ask this through  
your Holy Spirit of love  
who lives in our hearts.*

*Amen.*

### **Parish News**

Always stay on top of Parish News and Events by checking the weekly bulletin:

**Parish  
Bulletin**

I hope that you are excited about a new year, and the hopes and challenges it brings. Our RE program strives to do the best we can. However, we all know that our success relies on the faith our kids see in the lives of those closest to them, and is continued beyond our program by seeing faith lived out.

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## RE Registration '24-'25

## RE Volunteer Sign Up

### Summer RE Programs

Save the date for these summer activities:

- **Totus Tuus at St. Patrick:** June 16th-20th, 6:30-8:45pm (for 7th-12th graders) - registration open next week
- **Totus Tuus at St. Patrick:** June 17th-21st, 9am-2:30pm (for 1st-6th graders) - registration open next week
- **St. Patrick's Pre-school camps** (3yo-5yo): The ABCs of Summer: June 10th-14th, The Colors & Shapes of Summer: 24th-28th, & Soaking Up God's Love: July 15th-19th, 9am-11:30am Sign up online at [Preschool Summer Camps - St. Patrick Catholic Church \(stpatricksgretna.org\)](#)
- **VBS at St. Charles:** June 3rd-7th, 9am-Noon (open to 4yo-6th grade) - registration open: [VBS — St. Charles Borromeo \(stcharlesomaha.org\)](#)