



St. Peter  
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Religious Education

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Dear Parent/Guardians:

Lent is in full swing! Thanks to all of you who came to a Reconciliation Service as a family. This truly is a beautiful way to prepare for the Triduum (Holy Thursday to Easter Vigil). These three days are very special days in the Catholic Church. Believe it or not the **Triduum** and Easter are THE most important days in the Liturgical Year. **Holy Thursday** is a festive Mass that includes the washing of the feet (or hands) as Jesus did. After Communion there is a procession through the church with the consecrated hosts (representing Jesus going to the Garden of Gethsemane). Then churches are open for adoration for a few hours (representing us praying with Jesus as he requested of his Apostles). **Good Friday** is the only day there is NO Mass anywhere in a Catholic Church throughout the world. That day consists of the Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and Reception of Communion (hosts that are already consecrated). When you leave church the tabernacle (where consecrated hosts are kept) is left empty representing that Jesus has died. **Holy Saturday** Mass is only in the evening and begins the **EASTER CELEBRATION**. This is a special day because the Easter Candle is lit from a fire outside to represent the NEW LIGHT of the Risen Lord. Everyone in church has a small taper to be lit when the LIGHT of the World enters the Church.

If you have not been to services during the Triduum, you are missing some of the most meaningful liturgical feasts we have. Please consider joining us for one or all of them! It is truly a time to give the Lord thanks for all he has done for us.

Due to the economic times our registration **fees will remain the same** for next year. **Registration for 2009-2010** begins on March 16, 2009. We ask that **all** students, Grades 1 through 12, including Special Religious Education, Pre-School and Kindergarten be registered by June 15th. **Only one registration form is enclosed due to bulk mailing stipulations.** EXTRA forms can be found on the parish bulletin board in the Gathering Space, at the Religious Education Office or online at [www.stpeterthefisherman.org](http://www.stpeterthefisherman.org) under religious education.

**Tuition is \$65.00 per child or \$195.00 maximum payment for 3 or more children. Families completing payments on or before June 15<sup>th</sup> will have a \$5.00 reduction - only \$60.00 per child.** (Family maximum only \$180.00 if paid by June 15th.) **A partial payment must be made at the time of registration with final payment by June 15<sup>th</sup> to qualify for the reduced rate. This means you can make payments in March, April, May and June and still be eligible for the reduced rate.** Families who are having financial difficulty, please contact Sr. Jacqueline Spaniola, Director of Religious Education for an **alternate plan** (monthly payments). If a family is unable to pay the registration fee, please send a formal letter to Sr. Jacqueline Spaniola stating the reason and St. Vincent de Paul will provide what you are not able to pay. **No child shall be turned away due to financial reasons.**

**CONFIRMATION** students are only **students who have completed the courses** on CREED & Bible Timeline program; **MORALITY** & Theology of the Body for Teens; and the **SACRAMENTS**. This is presented in Grades 9, 10, and 11. Confirmation students may be signed up with the **same form** that is used for the other students. CHECK the **SACRAMENT box** and **circle** the time on Wednesday your child will attend (**Maximum** of 18/class time). **Only a Fee** of \$50.00 (Confirmation expenses) for Seniors. There is no registration fee of \$65.00.

**Sacramental Fees** for First Reconciliation / First Communion (\$30.00) and/or Confirmation (\$50.00) is located in the box on the registration form. Please mark if your child will be receiving a sacrament and include payment with the registration.

**High School RE for Holy Cross, Mishicot** has been a part of our program for several years. If parents of Holy Cross (high students only) are in the Holy Cross census, their fee is only \$65 (reduced until June 15<sup>th</sup>).

**"PAUL IN ROME" Vacation Bible School** is June 15-18 from 9:00 - 11:30 am. With a picnic lunch at 11:30 am with the parents on Thursday to wrap up the program. Registration is due May 15<sup>th</sup>.

We have provided a space on the registration form for **email address**. We encourage you to fill it in if you would like to receive notices through email instead of via student delivery for upcoming dates.

Thank you for your cooperation. God's blessing on you and your family.

*Sister Jacqueline Spaniola*

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### CLASS INFORMATION

Choices for classes are as follows:

**Pre-School/Kindergarten** (4 & 5 years old) meet on 20 designated **Sundays** from 10:00 - 11:00 AM.

**Grades 1-4** three choices: **Mon.** 3:00 - 4:15 PM, **Mon.** 5:45 - 7:00 PM, or **Wed.** 3:00 - 4:15 PM.

**Grade 5** three choices: **Mon.** 3:15 - 4:30 PM, **Mon.** 5:45 - 7:00 PM, or **Wed.** 3:15 - 4:30 PM.

**Grades 6-8** meet only on **Wed.** from 5:45 - 7:00 PM.

**Grades 9-11** every **Wed.** from 7:15 PM - 8:45 PM to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Grade 12** every **Wed.** before Confirmation 5:45-7:00 or 7:15 - 8:30 PM (**Maximum 18/class time**)

**Special Religious Education** meets on 20 designated **Wed.** from 3:45 - 4:45 PM.

**PLEASE** anticipate the days that sports, dance, music lessons are scheduled, so that we can arrange enough Catechists. **NOTE:** Religious Education Offices are closed from June 16<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### St. Peter the Fisherman Expectations

- ◆ Fill out **one** registration form for **each** child. **\*\*\* If more registrations forms are needed:** photocopy registration form, pick up more forms from the bulletin board in gathering space, or print off form from [www.stpeterthefisherman.org](http://www.stpeterthefisherman.org) [click Education, click Religious Education, click Registration.]
- ◆ **Tuition** cost applies to **Grades Prek- Grade 11** and **Special Education** [program for lakeshore area]
- ◆ **Sacramental Fees** are additional fees. 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/1st Communion (\$30), Confirmation (\$50)
- ◆ Tuition payment must accompany the registration. Contact the Director for an alternate plan.
- ◆ **Baptism certificate** is needed for each **NEW** student **not** baptized at St. Peter the Fisherman Parish. (All records from former Two Rivers Catholic Parishes are at St. Peter the Fisherman.)
- ◆ Registration with tuition is expected **no later than June 15, 2009**, to ensure the needed Catechists.
- ◆ If you have any questions call Sister Jacqueline Spaniola, Director at 793-4531, Ext. 109
- ◆ Letters confirming your **child's schedule** will be sent to you in **early September**.