



Our Religious Education Program includes:

- Children's Liturgies
- Children's Bulletins
- Weekly Emails
- Bi-weekly Gatherings
- Sacramental Preparation

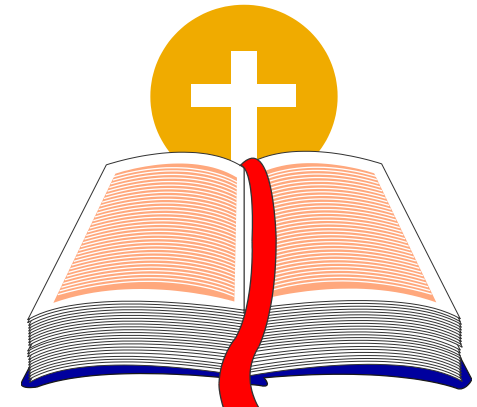
2017-18 Program Schedule:

September 17th - Children's Liturgy
October 1st - Children's Liturgy
October 15th - Gathering
October 22nd - Children's Liturgy
October 29th - Gathering
November 5th - Children's Liturgy
November 12th - Gathering
November 19th - Children's Liturgy
November 26th - Gathering
December 3rd - Children's Liturgy
December 10th - Gathering
December 17th - Children's Liturgy

January 7th - Gathering
January 14th - Children's Liturgy
January 21st - Gathering
January 28th - Children's Liturgy
February 4th - Gathering
February 11th - Children's Liturgy
February 18th - Gathering
February 25th - Children's Liturgy
March 4th - Gathering
March 11th - Children's Liturgy
March 18th - Gathering
March 25th - Palm/Passion Sunday
(Students involved in entrance)
April 1st - Easter Sunday (no class)
April 8th - Gathering
April 15th - Children's Liturgy
April 22nd - Gathering
April 29th - Children's Liturgy
May 6th - Gathering / Banner Day
May 13th - Children's Liturgy
May 20th - Celebration of First
Communion & Confirmation
May 27th - Children's Liturgy
June 10th - Children's Liturgy

Religious Education Program

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OVERVIEW

St. Catherine of Siena Parish offers a Religious Education Program for students from grade primary to nine. The focus of the program is to involve the family unit in the life of their child's faith formation, and in the life of the community in which they worship. The program will recognize:

- the Sunday Celebration of the Mass as the centre of our Catholic faith
- the presence of our families in the celebration of our Sunday liturgy
- the parents/guardians as the primary educators of their children
- the role of the Religious Education Program in supporting parents/guardians in sharing their faith with their children, and
- the role of the worshipping community in celebrating the presence of these young people within our community.



CHILDREN'S LITURGIES

As a Parish Family, we gather to celebrate Mass every Sunday. To assist younger members of the community to more fully understand the gospel message of the day, special Children's Liturgies will be held every second Sunday. This liturgy is designed for children as young as three or four.

After the Introductory Rites of the Mass, students will leave Mass to hear the readings of the day from the Children's Lectionary or to do an activity on the gospel message, and to discuss the lesson of the day with Catechists. Students and Catechists will rejoin the Mass during the collection.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Bulletins, specifically designed for younger members of the community, will be available from September to June. These weekly bulletins will "bring home" the message through pictures, stories and activities based on the readings of the day.

WEEKLY EMAILS INCLUDE:

Families in the elementary program will be supported by weekly emails with a short lesson on something interesting about our faith. The emails will include links to online games that help students have fun while they learn. Stump the Shepherd, Fishers of Faith, Word Seek, etc., will be provided on the lesson or gospel theme from Sunday!

BI-WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Students from grade primary to nine will gather on a bi-weekly basis to grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith. These Gatherings take place from 10:15 - 10:45 am in the Church Hall to allow families to attend the 11:00 am Mass.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Eucharist/First Reconciliation - In addition to the regular program, an interactive book is provided to students in grade two preparing for these sacraments.

Confirmation - Preparations will begin in the new year for those students in grade nine who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.