



ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

— *Bringing people closer to God and to each other* —

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Welcome!

We are pleased that your family will be part of our Catechetical Program here at St. Therese. We look forward to serving your child's formation needs as they learn and grow in their faith. Enclosed are the forms and information necessary to enroll your child for their Religious Education classes which will begin in September.

Before proceeding please take a moment to review the Religious Education Family handbook before registering. The handbook is available online at www.stthereserobury.org under the Religious Education tab. We strive to make our policies and procedures as user friendly as possible, so there will be no misunderstanding as to what each of our responsibilities are for the program and to the children we serve.

The following will be needed when submitting your registration:

- 1.) **A copy of your child's Baptism certificate** (*or exact date if baptized at St. Therese*). If you have to request a copy of the certificate, please still send the registration form in. You or the baptismal parish can always fax or mail it in to us at a later date.
- 2.) **New Family Registration Form** for both the parish and the program (see both forms attached).
- 3.) **Tuition payment** the first year's tuition for new families is \$120 per year for one child and \$180 for 2 or more children. Beginning the second year, our tuition fee is based on active/non-active parishioner status. (*See reverse side of this cover letter for returning family amounts*)

Our full calendar of events will be distributed on the first day of class to the oldest child in the family. You will also be able to access the calendar on-line at the end of August.

No news is good news! We will only contact you if we have a question regarding your registration. You will receive an email reminder in late summer with your child class assignment. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Catherine McGuire
Director of Religious Education

ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM GENERAL INFORMATION

Class Schedule

Each class meets 15 times during the year, an average of twice per month September through April. Classes meet for 90 minutes each session. Our program is designed with an A/B alternating schedule, though classes do not always follow a strict "every other week" rotation. Specific class dates are included in this packet.

Listed below are the scheduling options for your child's class. Please indicate your choice of day, time on the enclosed registration form.

Grades 1 - 8	Sunday	8:45 – 10:15 am
Grades 1 – 6	Tuesday	4:30 – 6:00 pm
	Wednesday	4:30 – 6:00 pm
Grades 1 – 8	Tuesday	6:30 – 8:00 pm*
Grades 7 & 8	Wednesday	6:30 – 8:00 pm

We also offer a homeschool program for students in grades 3 – 8 – please call for more information

* *One evening class is offered for each grade 1-8 as courtesy to families with both parents working full-time outside of the home. It is our experience that the younger grade students fare much better in the earlier class time.*

Tuition

Returning Families tuition fees are as follows:

Active Parishioner \$120 per year for one child and \$180 for 2 or more children

Non-Active Parishioner \$160 per year for one child and \$250 for 2 or more children

\$25 per child sacrament fee assessed for the second grade. This is in addition to base tuition

For the first year a child is enrolled in the program, families are granted the active parishioner tuition fee as a courtesy. The enclosed registration form reflects this fee. We affirm those families who have been consistently participating in the weekly life of our parish. It is through your regular presence and support that St. Therese is the strong Catholic community that it is. For those families who are not participating regularly, we ask that you please review the attached letters from our pastor and prayerfully consider making a renewed effort toward improvement in this area of your family's faith life in the upcoming year. Status is reviewed for every family on a yearly basis and adjustments are made to the tuition fees when necessary during Spring registration.

An active parishioner is defined as a family who actively participates in the weekly life of our parish, including attending Sunday mass on a regular basis. Families using the church offering envelopes 26 or more times in the past 12 months are charged the active rate. This decision is made by our pastor and is not determined by the amount contributed, only by the frequency of attendance at mass.

Tuition is expected at the time of registration. Families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact the Director of Religious Education to request alternate arrangements.