



St. Catherine of Alexandria
Religious Education Office
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Dear Religious Education Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe summer is already here! I hope you take this time to rest and relax with your family and friends because before we know it, fall will be here again! It is my hope that you are planning on enrolling your child(ren) in our Religious Education program for the 2023-2024 year. We are so blessed with amazing Catechists who are looking forward to working with your children on their faith journey.

The first day for Religious Education is Sunday, September 10th, 2023!

Classroom Catechesis: It is recommended that our students attend the 9:30am Sunday Family Mass. If you cannot make the 9:30am Mass, please attend one of our other Masses. It is always great to attend Mass together as a family. The students will then go to their respective classrooms from 10:30am – 12:00noon. Our book series is called “Alive in Christ.” This book provides lesson plans for the whole family to share!

Need for Catechists and Aides: Our classroom Catechists are volunteers, and we appreciate their commitment of sharing their faith with your children. We are always looking for more help! Please contact Theresa Ward if you can volunteer this upcoming year. Additionally, High School students in need of Service Hours are welcome to assist as aides!

New Students: In addition to completing all registration forms, new students must present a copy of their child’s Baptismal certificate. This includes children baptized at St. Catherine of Alexandria.

Registration forms are due August 1st, 2023. Please drop off your registration in Theresa Ward’s mail slot. PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF PAPERS AT THE RECTORY. The mail slot is located at 10600 S. Karlov Ave. It is right off of the North parking lot and outside the Fr. Lion Center and Adoration chapel. You will see a sign in the window that says "Faith Formation and Music Ministry drop off.

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Preparation for the Sacraments: It is important to note that preparations for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and the sacrament of Confirmation are two year programs. While these sacraments typically take place in 2nd and 8th grade respectively, it will depend on your child's participation in a Religious Education program for two consecutive years. Please contact Theresa Ward if you have any questions.

Tuition and Fees: Please note, there is a slight increase in tuition and fees for this year. Our tuition has not been increased for a number of years. We have several payment options and can personalize one for you if needed. Find the payment option that is best for you. (See Tuition Schedule for more details.)

SOME DISCOUNTS WE OFFER

- Early Registration by August 1st – Save \$15.00
 - Full payment of Tuition by August 1st – Save \$15.00
- This could be a total of \$30.00 in savings!!!**

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and are unable to make the tuition payments, please contact Theresa Ward for a Financial Consideration Form. **As circumstances change, new Financial Consideration forms need to be completed each year.**

Deadline for Returning Registration Forms and Payment: Please complete and return forms by August 1st, 2023 via:

- Email – tward@scaoaklawn.org (Please include Religious Education Registration in the subject field.)
- Drop off your completed forms in the Family Faith Formation Mail slot located on 10600 S. Karlov Ave. or Mail your forms to:
 - Religious Education Program-Theresa Ward
St. Catherine of Alexandria
4100 W. 107th ST
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Religious Education Packets with all the documents will be mailed out shortly to current families. Packets will also be available in the Church vestibule and at the Rectory. Share this information regarding our Religious Education Program with family, friends, and neighbors. New families are very welcome!!!!

We are looking forward to a beautiful year with our Lord together! As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



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