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INTRODUCTION

The Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs at Divine Mercy Parish are designed to connect people of all ages to life in the Church and the joy of faith in Christ. Through active learning, prayer, and community connection, we share faith with each other to build the Kingdom of God in our world.

An Updated Program

This year, the Religious Education schedule will be different than in recent years. Based in feedback from parents and catechists, we will be providing a consistent schedule for Religious Education with shorter sessions, possible opportunities for younger children, and our Journey in Faith program for parents and parish adults. In this packet, you will find a schedule for Religious education, as well as for Journey in Faith.

For Families of Bishop Walsh School Students:

At Divine Mercy Parish, we work in partnership with our BW families so that all of our children and youth have a connection and sense of belonging in their home parish.

During the time of preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, students from Bishop Walsh will join with other parish students for Sacramental Prep. (Registration for Sacramental Prep is included in this packet.)

Participation in Mass

There are 5 precepts of the Catholic Church, and the first is that all Catholics must attend Mass on weekends and Holy Day of Obligation! Our Religious Education program is designed to allow children and families to attend Mass every weekend. Please plan to attend Mass with your child every week as an extension of their personal and familial Religious Education.





TUITION

\$85/student



Tuition for Religious Education for the 2025 - 2026 school year is \$35/student. This fee will assist the parish in the purchase of materials for Religious Education. However, students will not be denied a Religious Education due to cost. If you are in need of assistance, tuition fees will be waived for any family who requests a fee waiver. Simply email Fr. Scott: scott.kady@archbalt.org, Alison Lyons: alison.lyons@archbalt.org, or Carolyn Sires: carolyn.sires@archbalt.org to request a fee waiver.

Special Education Needs

We believe that the children and youth of Divine Mercy Parish who have special needs are important to our Religious Education program. We welcome all students into our Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation programs. If your child is in need of accommodation, please indicate this on your registration form. We may contact you prior to the start of Religious Education if we have questions about how best to meet the needs of your child.