

# Good Shepherd Parish

Religious Education Program  
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Dear Religious Education Parents,

First of all, I want to thank all of our families for your hard work this last year with our virtual classes. I am happy to announce that we will be holding in-person classes this year. I am working on finding enough catechists and substitutes to cover our classes. If you know of anyone that would be good at sharing the faith with our students, please pass along their information to me.

As we head into this new year of Religious Education, I would like to share some changes that we are implementing this year:

**Grades 1-5** will have three family nights held throughout the year. For these evenings, we ask that at least one parent attend with their child(ren). These nights will include time for the family to learn and grow together as well as in their own peer groups. Each of these nights will begin and end in the Church.

1. November 3rd: 6:00-7:15 PM
2. January 5th: 6:00-7:15 PM
3. April 6th: 6:00-7:15 PM

Students in grades 6-11 will be expected to attend one of three retreats. More information about each retreat will be available a month before the retreat. Students are welcome to attend more than one if they would like. These retreats allow for the shorter class time on Wednesday nights.

Retreat options for **grades 6-8**:

1. Option 1- Saturday, October 16 from 1:00-5:00 PM in the Church Hall
2. Option 2- Saturday, February 12 from 1:00-5:00 in the Church Hall
3. Option 3- Saturday, March 19 from 1:00-5:00 in the Church Hall

Retreat options for **grades 9-11**:

1. Option 1- Saturday, November 13th from 11:00-5:00 in the Church Hall
2. Option 2- Sunday, March 6th from 9:00-3:00 in the Church Hall
3. Option 3- Sunday, April 10th from 9:00-3:00 in the Church Hall

*Students who are old enough to drive themselves to class are asked to please park in the post office parking lot across from the Church.* COVID updates and inclement weather notices will be shared via [Remind](#). Be sure to sign up with this year's Remind class <https://www.remind.com/join/hb8hh7>.

I look forward to journeying with you and your family as you continue to grow in faith. May this year be a faith-filled year of fun, prayer, and learning. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you today and always.

Sincerely,

Carrie Aimers  
R.E. Coordinator