

# Religious Education Fees

**Program Fees may be paid at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Mercy Religious Education. Program fees are:**

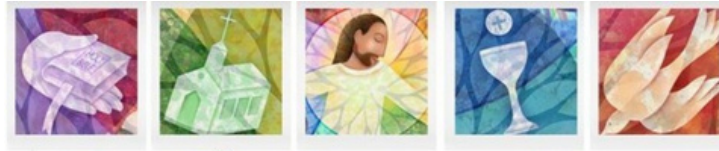
\$40.00	Registration-One Child
\$50.00	Registration-Two Children
\$60.00	Registration-Three or more children
\$55.00	Registration-Per Child Non-Parishioner
\$10.00	Youth Ministry fee per child Gr 7-Confirmation
\$25.00	Youth Ministry Fee for 3 or more children Gr. 7-Confirmation

# Religious Education Classes

**Kindergarten** religious education class is held on Sunday mornings from 10:30-12:00. Participants must be age 5 by September 1 and should be in the same school grade. The Kindergarten group meets in classroom #5.

**Grade One** religious education is required prior to participation in the Sacramental Preparation program. First grade religious education students meet in classroom #7 on Sunday mornings from 10:30-12:00.

**First Reconciliation** preparation is conducted on the second grade level. The First Reconciliation program, held 10:30-12:00 Sunday morning in classroom #6, is open to all students in Grade 2 or older who have previously been involved in at least one year of religious instruction and who have been baptized. No child can be registered for the grade 2 RE class who has not attended one year of formal religious education classes at a Catholic parish. In order to qualify as successfully completing 1 year of instruction, the child must have been present for a minimum of 3/4th of the schedule classes or provide a letter of completion from the pastor or director of the parish program they attended stating such. Participation in a 3-hour preparatory retreat is required prior to the celebration of the sacrament. The celebration of First Reconciliation occurs in March. Parental support and involvement is essential during periods of sacramental preparation.



## Faith Formation Religious Education Classes

**First Eucharist** preparation is the curriculum for the third grade program. Individuals must have celebrated the sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation prior to the celebration of their First Eucharist. First Eucharist is celebrated in May. Students are required to participate in an April retreat day as part of the preparation program. Parental involvement and support is essential during periods of sacramental preparation.

**The Intermediate Program** encompasses grades 3-6. Students participating in religious education on this level gather for classes on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30. The school bus service for Harbor Creek School District brings children from the Harbor Creek elementary schools to the parish. Parents are responsible for picking up their children at class end.

*Behavior for the Rel. Ed. bus follows the same policies as that enforced by the Harbor Creek School District. Failure by any student to behave in an appropriate fashion while riding the bus to religious education classes will result in the suspension of the privilege to receive this transportation for the remainder of the academic year.*

**Junior High** youth meet Sunday from 10:30-12:00. Combining fun activities, faith sharing, witness talks and prayer, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited into a deeper relationship with Christ and with His Body, the Church. The junior high group gathers in the gym. Diocesan policy mandates that youth participate in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade faith formation prior to beginning Confirmation preparation. The Diocese of Erie requires 90% attendance at this level.

**Confirmation Preparation takes place in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.** Those attending a Catholic high school must prepare for the sacrament in their home parish. This program includes small group Sessions, service projects, retreat days, etc. Those celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation must be in the second semester of 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older, have been baptized, and have completed all requirements. Confirmation preparation takes place Sunday from 10:30-12:00. The group meets in the Ritchie Room.