

Our Lady of Peace  
**Office of Religious Education**  
*Faith Formation for the people of St. Stephen's and St. Francis deSales*

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the **2022-2023 Religious Education Program** at Our Lady of Peace! We hope that the coming year will be one of continued spiritual growth for you, your children, and your families. And we hope that your hearts will be filled with prayer for those that are volunteering to help your children grow spiritually.

**For the first time** we will be offering a 4-year-old Pre-K religion class. We are looking forward to having Mrs. Cass from Cozy Days Preschool as the teacher.

**New this year**, all Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> graders along with their families will be attending Mass together on three different dates during the year. Mass will be held at 9AM at St. Stephens Church.

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** will be the first day of classes for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00AM. Enclosed is a registration form for you to complete and return to us. Also included is a form for those eligible to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation as well as our calendar for the year. Payment of fees **must** accompany your registration form! **Form MUST be returned no later than September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.**

Parents with children in our **Junior High Program** (Grades 6-8) must also register through the mail and must send payment along with their registration form. The first night of class will be **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30PM.

Parents of Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are to bring their children to the Elmwood Avenue doors. A member of staff will greet them and send them off to their classroom. Please have your child here at 8:50AM but no later than 9:00AM. At dismissal time (10:10AM) parents will again report to the Elmwood Avenue doors and a member of staff will have your child(ren) exit the school and report to you. Grades 6-8 will enter using the Elmwood Avenue entrance as well. Classes are from 6:30PM to 8:00PM.

Please remember how important it is to keep the practice of our faith going at home (including prayer), and please remember to attend church regularly or view Mass online, with the children. We will once again offer **Children's Liturgy of the Word** on Sunday mornings at the 10:30AM Mass. Check the calendar for dates.

This coming year, we will continue to offer an opportunity for parents to learn what our safe environment program is like and to help you with issues relevant to the safety of your children. The diocese publishes a quarterly newsletter which can be found online and will also be passed out at different times during the school year.

**Youth Group (for Teens in Grades 6-12).** More information will be sent home.

**Registrations must** be completed and mailed to our office along with payment by September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education classes first day will be Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. **Junior High** Religious Education classes begin Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM.

Thank you for all your dedication and cooperation. We look forward to seeing you soon! On Sunday, September 18th, we will also be honoring our Catechists at the 10:30AM Mass at St. Stephen's Church. We hope that you can attend this Mass with your children and show them our support and gratitude!

Sincerely,

Don Cass  
Faith Formation Coordinator

Mary Olsen  
Catechetical Leader

Encl: Registration form (complete BOTH sides)  
Sacrament Registration form (if necessary)  
Calendar  
Permission Release form

**Our Lady of Peace  
Office of Religious Education  
Registration form 2022-2023**

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street
City
Zip

Registered member of:  Our Lady of Peace  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Family E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Mass usually attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check if father at different address

Mother's First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check if mother at different address

Address, if mail should also go to non-custodial parent: \_\_\_\_\_

For new students in Grade 2 and above: Have they had previous religious instruction? Yes  No   
 Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Dates? \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name (First and Last)	Gender M/F	Date of Birth	Grade 2022-23	School attending	Date of Baptism	Church of Baptism

*For 8<sup>th</sup> Grade/Confirmation please also fill out Sacrament form and pay only the sacrament fee.*

**Tuition Fee: \$70 for one child      \$80 for 2 children      \$90 for 3 or more children**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check #/Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you!*

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Family Doctor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special Conditions \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies/Special Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Disabilities \_\_\_\_\_ Disabilities \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special Conditions \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies/Special Conditions \_\_\_\_\_

Disabilities \_\_\_\_\_ Disabilities \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AUTHORIZATION**

In the event of an emergency, I give my consent for emergency medical treatment for the child(ren) registered on this form, as deemed necessary. I understand that the authority will be exercised only if reasonable attempts to contact me should fail, or if time does not permit. I authorize a physician, hospital, emergency medical technician, or ambulance crewmember to give necessary emergency care.

(Parent or Guardian) Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ School year \_\_\_\_\_

**POLICIES/SAFETY AWARENESS**

- Parents and their children must sign a code of conduct/covenant before participating in programs/events. Parents new to our program need to keep a copy of this policy.
- Please read and discuss the *"Policy and Safety Handbook for Religious Education Programs"* with your children. It contains important information concerning policies, conduct, and especially - safety issues - that all participants must be aware of. You should have a copy of the Handbook in your records from last year; if you need a new one, please contact the Religious Education office.
- Please sign below:

*We understand and agree to follow the rules and regulations outlined in the "Policy and Safety Handbook" for  
Our Lady of Peace Religious Education Program:*

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional youth participants from same family:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Our Lady of Peace Religious Education Office  
Permission Release Form  
2022-2023

My child, \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

My child, \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

My child, \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Has my permission to be released to the following individuals in the event I cannot pick him/her up at the scheduled time.

Name	Address/Phone	Relationship
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My child (children) CANNOT be released to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

If the above information changes during the year, it is YOUR responsibility to notify the Religious Education Office immediately. It is required that you fill out a new form each year. Thank you!

**Permission to Photograph**

We have many events throughout our Religious Education Programs. These events are quite often photographed by our own staff or volunteers as well as the media. The following is a permission form to use any photographs of your child/children on our Facebook page, Our Lady of Peace Parish and/or OLP Bulletin. Your child's name would never accompany his/her photo on Facebook.

Yes   or   No

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Our Lady of Peace**  
Religious Education Classes  
**Calendar for the 2022-2023 School Year**

**Grades PreK-5 – Sunday Mornings 9:00-10:10 AM**

**First Semester Classes:**

September 18– (First Class) Catechetical Sunday  
September 25  
October 2  
October 9 – No class  
October 16 – **Family Mass 9AM St. Stephens Church**  
October 23  
October 30  
November 6  
November 13  
November 20  
November 27 – No class  
December 4  
December 11  
December 18  
December 25 – Merry Christmas – No Class

**Second Semester Classes:**

January 1- No Class  
January 8  
January 15- No Class  
January 22 – **Family Mass 9AM St. Stephens Church**  
January 29  
February 5  
February 12  
February 19- No Class  
February 26  
March 5  
March 12  
March 19 – **Family Mass 9AM St Stephens Church**  
March 26  
April 2 – No Class – Palm Sunday  
April 9 – No Class – Happy Easter  
April 16  
April 23  
April 30- LAST CLASS

**Grades 6-8 – Tuesday Evenings 6:30-8:00 PM**

**First Semester Classes:**

September 13- (First Class)  
September 20  
September 27  
October 4  
October 11  
October 18  
October 25  
November 1  
November 8  
November 15  
November 22- No Class  
November 29  
December 6  
December 13  
December 20  
December 27- No Class

**Second Semester Classes:**

January 3  
January 10  
January 17  
January 24  
January 31  
February 7  
February 14  
February 21- No Class  
February 28  
March 7  
March 14  
March 21  
March 28  
April 4 – No Class  
April 11  
April 18  
April 25- Last Class

**Children's Liturgy of The Word**

*Children's Liturgy of The Word* is a special scripture dismissal program that takes place at church during the homily.  
It is offered to all children in Grades PreK-5 at the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Stephen's.

October 16	November 20	January 22	March 5	April 16
October 23	December 4	January 29	March 12	April 23
October 30	December 11	February 5	March 19	April 30
November 6	December 18	February 12	March 26	
November 13	January 8	February 26		

## *Religious Education Classes – Additional Information*

- Catechists or parents who need to park their cars, should use the larger parking lot to the west of the school. Please be aware of parking lot congestion when dropping off/picking up your children – from both a safety and a courtesy standpoint.
- **Regular attendance is very important.** Please make every effort to have your child attend each session. Their regular attendance at Sunday Mass is your responsibility.
- **All children being registered for the 4 year old PreK class MUST be toilet trained!**
- For snow cancellations...please listen to WGVA (1240AM) radio station, or channel 8 WROC & Fox (Rochester) or Our Lady of Peace Parish, Geneva- Facebook Page.
- Religious Education Offices are located at our Catholic School on the first floor. The best time to reach our office is Monday through Friday at 315-781-2624. We do have an answering machine, and we will return your call as soon as possible. Our address is 30 High Street.
- Our Youth Group is Sunday evening at 6:30 PM, at St. Francis- St. Stephens School. Youth Group is for teens in Grades 7-12. Our programs for teens are faith-filled, fun, and service oriented.
- If you do not have a copy of the *Policy and Safety Handbook*, please call our office. All participants must be familiar with these guidelines before attending programs.
- Calendar dates are subject to change (only when absolutely necessary). We will inform you as soon as possible if a change needs to be made.
- Please feel free to call our office (315)781-2624 for additional information, and/or questions.

**Volunteers are always welcome!**

**If you are able to help in any way, please call our office for information!**

*Thank you!*