

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church - Bloomington
Religious Education Schedule 2007-2008

Date	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12	Time/Place/Other Info.
August 15 August 21 August 22 August 23 August 29	Registration Opens Teacher In-service / Supper Opening Mass Safe Environment Training – Teachers/Volunteers First Night of Class	Opening Mass First Night of Class	6:30 p.m. Heritage Room 7 p.m. Church 7 p.m. Heritage Room
September 2 September 5 September 12 September 19 September 26 September 30	First Communion Students Class 6-7 p.m. Class 6-7 p.m. Class 6-7 p.m. Mass Parish Turkey Dinner	Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Mass Volunteers to help/work	9:00 a.m. Heritage Room/ Mass at 10 7th Grade – Quinceañera Lesson 7 p.m. Church (11-12 plan)/Turkey Setup
October 3 October 7 October 10 October 17 October 24 October 31	Class 6-7 p.m. First Communion Students Class 6-7 p.m. Class 6-7 p.m. Faith Building Mass	Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Faith Building Mass	9:00 a.m. Heritage Room/ Mass at 10 Topic: The Mass 7 p.m. Church (9-10 plan)
November 4 November 7 November 14 November 21 November 28	First Communion Students Class 6-7 p.m. Class 6-7 p.m. Thanksgiving Holiday No classes Class 6-7 p.m.	Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m. Heritage Room / Mass at 10 LAST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
December 2 December 5 December 12 December 19 December 26	First Communion Students Class 6-7 p.m. Faith Building Class 6-7 p.m. C h r i s t m a s	Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Faith Building Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. H o l i d a y s (n o C l a s s e s)	9:00 a.m. Heritage Room/ Mass at 10 FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT Topic: Prayer
January 2 January 9 January 16 January 23 January 30	New Year Mass Class 6-7 p.m. Class 6-7 p.m. Class 6-7 p.m.	Holiday (no Classes) Mass Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.	7 p.m. Church (7-8 plan) Vocation Week
February 3 February 6 February 13 February 20 February 27	First Communion Students Ash Wednesday – Class Faith Building Class 6-7 p.m. Class 6-7 p.m.	Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Faith Building Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class/Confessions	9:00 a.m. Heritage Room/ Mass at 10 SEASON OF LENT BEGINS Topic: Reconciliation
March 2 March 5 March 12 March 19 March 26 March 30	First Communion Students Class/Confessions Spring Class /Confessions Class –Outdoor Stations E A S T E R	Class/Stations Break /No classes Class/Confessions Class–Outdoor stations S U N D A Y	9:00 a.m. Heritage Room / Mass at 10 EASTER SEASON BEGINS
April 2 April 6 April 9 April 16 April 23 April 27 April 26 April 30	Class 6-7 p.m. First Communion Students Class 6-7 p.m. Class 6-7 p.m. Class 6-7 p.m. Spring Barbecue First Penance Mass	Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Volunteers needed to help Mass	9:00 a.m. Heritage Room / Mass at 10 Confirmation Interviews Confirmation Interviews First Communion PARENT MEETING 6 pm Set-up for Spring Barbecue 10:00 a.m. Church 7 p.m. Church (5-6 plan)
May 4 May 7 May 14 May 18	First Holy Communion Class 6-7 p.m. Final Class 6-7 p.m. Confirmation	Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Final Class 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.	10:00 a.m. Church Confirmation Parent Meeting 7 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Church

Mass attendance:

- ✓ Mass attendance is imperative.
- ✓ It is an integral part of your child's faith formation.
- ✓ The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives. It is from the Eucharist that we find the strength to follow Christ as members of his body. At the Mass, we do what the Lord commanded his disciples to do the night before he died at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me."
- ✓ One of the precepts of the Roman Catholic Church is to attend Mass on Sunday. Failure to do so is a sin. If you miss, you are still obligated to attend the following Sunday, but you must first receive sacramental confession before receiving Holy Communion.
- ✓ Please bring your child to Mass on Sunday.

Class attendance:

- ✓ Attendance is required at each and every class.
Each student should complete a minimum of twenty-five hours of religious education.
- ✓ This will mean no more than 3 absences per year.
- ✓ If absences are excessive in one year, the pastor will discuss the situation with the student and parents to assess a viable plan for the next grade level.
- ✓ If you find that you will not be present, please contact your teacher to obtain missed work.
- ✓ Please be on time to class.
This will help to maximize the learning time and not be a distraction to the class.
- ✓ Class time is: Grades 1-6: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Grades 7-12: 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. on every Wednesday (see calendar).

Emergency Closings:

The decision to cancel due to weather or other circumstance will be made as soon as possible and communicated to the faithful.

Arrival and Departure:

- ✓ When dropping off small children, please walk them to their class for their own safety.
- ✓ All children should be picked up promptly at the end of class.

Sacrament classes:

- ✓ **First Penance**
 - The child is educated on the nature of sin in the first grade.
 - The Sacrament of Penance is received during the second grade.
- ✓ **First Communion**
 - The child is educated on the Eucharist in the second grade.
 - The child receives the Sacrament at the end of the second grade.
 - Information will be given regarding parent meetings which are mandatory.
- ✓ **Confirmation**
 - The confirmand is educated in the high school years (beginning 9th grade)
 - The confirmand may receive the Sacrament during the high school years (10-12 grades), most commonly during the tenth grade.
 - Requirements for Confirmation will be explained to the students upon entry into the Confirmation program.
 - All dates and times for rehearsals and ceremonies will be sent by letter.

Behavior:

- ✓ Children enrolled in the parish religious education are expected to behave as is appropriate in an educational setting by:
 1. Respecting their teachers, adults, and fellow students.
 2. Respecting the building in which they are educated.
 3. Wearing proper attire. No baseball caps and no revealing clothing of any kind will be allowed.
No bulky chains around neck, waist or hips.
 4. Being prepared for class. Please bring your folder/paper, pen or pencil.
Completing all assignments.
 5. As a general rule, **no** food should be brought to class. Please eat before arriving for class.
- ✓ Children who continually fail to follow these guidelines will:
 1. Receive a warning from their teacher.
 2. Be sent to the parish office to discuss their conduct.
 3. Will be asked to conference with parent and teacher.
 4. If necessary, the child may be asked to leave the program.

Mission

It is the mission of St. Patrick's Religious Education Program to provide children and youth with education and experiences to fulfill the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and transform her community through worship, evangelization, and service.