

St. Stanislaus Church

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Dear Parents:

It is our great pleasure to welcome you and your family to our 2025-2026 Religious Education program. Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 21st**. Pre-K through 10th grade will meet on Sundays in the parish hall, following the 9:00 mass. Classes will be from 10:15 AM to Noon.

The mission of our program is to help enrich the relationship between our young parishioners and our beloved God the Father. We do this through assisting parents in presenting the Catholic faith to elementary, middle and high school age children. Parents are the primary educators who lay the foundation for the process of catechesis by their own example of everyday life, by their own life of faith, and by nurturing their children's faith from birth onward. This life of faith includes showing our children the importance of attending mass on Sunday. **It's important to all our children, but especially to those receiving a Sacrament this year. Just bringing them to Faith Formation class isn't enough. They must attend mass as well.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and The Eucharist (First Holy Communion) will be offered to our 2nd /3rd grade class. A child must have completed one full year of Religious Education (1st grade) prior to entering our 2-year program for these Sacraments.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered to our 10th grade students. It also is a 2-year program, and the student must have completed one full year (8th grade) prior to entering this 2-year program.

We are pleased to announce that there will be a children's mass to teach all the children to better understand Mass and the importance of participation during mass. Children from 3rd through 10th grade will participate in our Youth Choir and will sing at our children's masses. We are praying for all families to be involved with their children and let their learning experiences engage you in the church. Our Youth Masses will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month starting in October. It's going to be a beautiful year for St Stanislaus' families.

Enclosed please find your Religious Education registration form. If there are any corrections, please make them on this form, and fill in any information that is missing. Please include your email address in the space provided on the form.

If you are registering your child for the 1st time, a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate is required. Please enclose a copy with your registration form. We also ask that you register as a parishioner of St. Stanislaus Church. If you haven't registered yet, you can pick up a registration form at the church. As you enter the church there is a table in the Gathering Area with these forms. Please fill it out and return it to the office.

Please return this registration form upon receipt, along with the \$55.00 (per child) fee, to St. Stanislaus Church, Attention: Religious Education. You can either mail your registration form and fee to St. Stanislaus Church or put them in the offertory box located by the Baptismal Font. We need to order the correct number of books, supplies, etc., and have it all delivered before we begin classes. Please don't set it aside and forget about it. I ask you to fill it out upon receipt and return.

We look forward to seeing all our wonderful students again. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. You can call Maria at (910) 612-7287 or Debbie at (910)443-0661. Or email us at 19mas47@gmail.com or dcool@ec.rr.com. See you soon.

Sincerely,

Maria Stanley and Debbie Cool

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