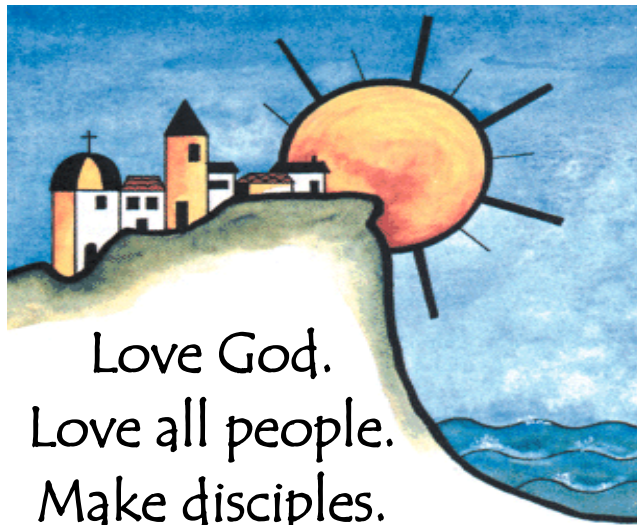


**St. John Fisher Church
Religious Education
Family Booklet**

***This booklet includes
policies and procedures for RE sessions
for families with young children in
preschool through 8th grade***

2025-2026



Love God.
Love all people.
Make disciples.

**Family-Centered
Faith Formation**

St. John Fisher Religious Education
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Religious Education Team
*The Religious Education team is here to support families in
prioritizing faith for their children.*

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Religious Education Sessions (preschool through 8th Grade)
begin **September 28** and will end the last week of **April 2026**.

Schedule of RE Sessions:

<i>Sundays</i> <i>Preschool-K:</i> 9-10:15 am	<i>Sundays</i> <i>Grades 1-8:</i> 10:45am-12:00 pm	<i>Tuesdays (FC only)</i> <i>Grades 1-5:</i> 4:00-5:15 pm
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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 year of faith formation! St. John Fisher's Mission Statement is "Love God. Love all people. Make disciples." Let's join together in living out this mission.

There is important information in this booklet pertaining to your child's religious education. We will also be emailing you updates throughout the year.

You are the first teachers for your children in the faith and the main examples of how to live faithful lives. The RE team is here to support you. Religious Education complements your praying together as a family, attending Sunday Mass, and being of service to others. Children in grades 1-8 are expected to join their parents in prayer as a community to celebrate and give thanks to God for all our blessings at Mass. Mass times are 5:00 pm (Saturday), 7:30 am, 9:00 am Family Mass, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm (Sunday). Service is a fruit of a Christ-centered life and volunteers are essential to the Religious Education process at SJF. While we do ask all families to volunteer at least once per year, we hope that you can find the time and inspiration to volunteer more. Pray to the Holy Spirit to guide you.

I look forward to meeting you all and your families. It is a joy and a blessing to be able to journey with you in the faith.

*Sincerely,
Kim St. Romain*

Program Policies for Families with Children enrolled in Religious Education 2025-2026

The safety of your children is our concern too. Our goal is to offer an enjoyable process of faith sharing in a safe environment.

Health: If your child is sick, please keep them home.

Attendance/Absence: Regular attendance is expected. If a child is ill, a parent is asked to call the RE Office at 310-377-4573 ext. 131, or e-mail Mary Herrera, mherrera@sjf.org, before session.

Tardiness: If your child is 15 minutes late, he/she must go to the Religious Education Office to pick up a tardy slip.

Early Dismissal: If there is an important reason for a child to leave session early, a parent must come to the office in person to request an early dismissal pass to hand to the catechist. A parent or designated adult should walk to the child's session to pick up the child.

Dismissal Procedure

Sunday 9-10:15 am sessions:

(Preschool to Kindergarten) Children must be signed in and out by a responsible adult.

Sunday 10:45-12:00 pm (Ongoing Formation & 1st Communion) sessions:

(Grades 1-8) Children will be picked up in their classroom.

Any child not picked up ten minutes after dismissal will be brought to the R.E. Office and will need to be picked up from there.

Tuesday 4-5:15 pm (1st Communion only) sessions:

Children will be picked up in their classroom.

Any child not picked up ten minutes after dismissal will be brought to the R.E. Office and will need to be picked up from there.

If you cannot pick your child up: If you are delayed and unable to pick your child up on time, please let us know. We will take care of your child in the RE Office until you arrive or someone else you designate arrives to take them home.

Remind your children not to accept a ride home with anyone, even a friend or neighbor, unless you give permission.

Earthquake/Fire: In the event of an emergency, children will be released from parish grounds only to authorized persons listed on the registration form. In the unlikely event of an evacuation of the St. John Fisher facility, children will be moved to an evacuation center as directed by emergency personnel. Staff members or volunteer catechists will remain with the children until they have been reunited with their families.

Parent Involvement: Every family is encouraged to pray about how they might participate in enhancing and enriching the Parish Religious Education Process. Volunteer opportunities will be made available throughout the year. One volunteer opportunity is expected each year. New volunteer ideas are welcome! *We truly appreciate your help in keeping SJF safe and enjoyable for all families.*

Children's Behavior: Children are expected to do their best to be kind, loving, and respectful. Parents will be notified of any persistent discipline issues.

Guests in Sessions: Occasional guests (i.e. family or friends) are welcome to attend a few sessions with a registered child, with Kim St. Romain's or Mary Herrera's permission and the catechist's permission. Guests must sign in at the RE Office before session begins. Guests can get approval from Kim St. Romain on a case-by-case basis to continuing attending regularly.

If any issues arise that you feel need to be addressed, please do not hesitate to contact Kim St. Romain, 310-377-4573, ext. 136 or at kst.romain@sjf.org.

Preschool through Kindergarten

- Sunday Pre-School to Kindergarten Religious Education Sessions begin on **Sunday, September 28.**
- Sessions will be held in the Kindergarten classroom.
- Please arrive by 8:50 am to sign your children in.
- Session ends at 10:15 am.



Parent Procedures All children are to be escorted by an adult to their session. Each child must be signed in before the session and signed out by a responsible adult at the end. If an alternate adult will be signing in or signing out your child, please inform the catechist, Claire, in-person at drop-off, or inform Kim before session by email at kst.romain@sjf.org, or by leaving a message in the RE Office with Mary at 377-4573 x131. **Note:** Pickup from Pre-School RE is at 10:15 am. After 10:30, children will be brought to the RE office to be picked up.



Important notice for Year 2 Families with children planning to celebrate 1st Communion (including OCIC: Baptism, 1st Communion & Confirmation) in 2026

Please obtain a 1st Communion Calendar and check your emails regularly for important information regarding the Sacrament Preparation Process. There will be a required parent meeting at 6:30-7:30pm on Wednesday September 17, 2025, in Barrett Hall.

Please Note: The Sacrament Preparation Process is a **2 year, in-person process.** Children who are at least in 2nd grade and in their second year of Religious Education are eligible to receive First Communion in May 2026. Similarly, non-Catholic or unbaptized Children are eligible to receive Baptism, 1st Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil of 2026. The first year of preparation may have taken place at St. John Fisher or at another parish. Year 2 also consists of parent classes, a family meeting with Kim, family retreats, and family activities. Calendars will be provided at the parent meeting.

★ ★ ★ Sunday Drop Off:

- Preschool-K parents are encouraged to attend the 9am Mass while your children are in session, or attend Mass with your children at the 11am Mass.
- 1st-8th parents are encouraged to attend the 9am Mass with your children before RE session begins.
- For your children's safety and similar to SJF school, both drop off and pick up is done by walking to the classroom.
- Park in the upper parking lot. Enter the school courtyard by taking the stairs from the parking lot in front of Barrett Hall, and walk past the RE/School Offices. Walk your child to their classroom.

Sunday Pick Up

- Repeat process above, picking children up where you dropped them off.
- There is no parking or driving through the Basketball Court Area at any time.

Tuesday 4-5:15 pm Drop Off and Pick Up:

- Parents are welcome to attend Mass at 5:15pm with your children. If you plan to do this, please let your catechist know and you can pickup your child 5 minutes early.
- For your children's safety and similar to SJF school, both drop off and pick up is done by walking to the classroom.
- Park in the upper parking lot. Enter the school courtyard by taking the stairs from the parking lot in front of Barrett Hall, and walk past the RE/School Offices. Walk your child to their classroom.

These procedures are designed to keep your children safe. Any child not picked up ten minutes after dismissal will be brought to the RE Office to be picked up there.

Classroom Map for RE Sessions

