



A Testament to Christ

August 2015

Dear Parents,

It is time for religious education registration; we will accept forms beginning with your receipt of this letter. Once you have registered a calendar will be mailed to you or if you bring your forms a calendar will be given to you at that time. We would like to have supplies for everyone, so please register in a timely fashion. Tuition for this year is \$70.00 per student, with a \$10.00 late fee per child if the registration is not received on or before September 15th. If you are unable to pay the tuition in full please contact us and request a payment schedule. If you have more than 3 children in religious education tuition is free for the 4th, 5th children etc. **If your child/ren are enrolled in Regis Catholic Schools you need not fill out these forms.**

Our **Sunday School Program** will begin on **4 October 2015** for those children ages four and five. They will meet on Sunday mornings from **10:15 – 11:30**. This is set up so parents can get their children to Sunday School and then attend the 10:30 Mass.

Religious education classes for grades **one through nine** will begin **30 September 2015** with a **family mass at 6:15 PM**. After mass students and parents will visit the classrooms, meet the teachers and pick up textbooks etc.

All public school students in grades one through seven will meet on Wednesday evenings, **6:15 PM – 7:30 PM**. **Eighth & Ninth grade** religious education classes will be held from **6:00 PM - 7:30 PM** as scheduled. **10th grade** religious education classes will be held on **Sunday evenings, 5:00 PM – 6:30PM**, approximately 2 times per month.

Eighth grade parents and students there will be an orientation meeting on **Wednesday, 16 September 2015 at 6:30 PM** in the St. Olaf Conference Room (formerly the school cafeteria), this orientation is for both the **public school and Regis Catholic Schools families with 8th grade students**. The 8th graders are divided into **small faith groups** that meet monthly in family homes this gives our Catholic School families and our public school families the opportunity to share their faith with one another. **The small faith sharing groups, which include our Regis Catholic Schools students, will begin meeting in October as scheduled.**

There are meetings scheduled in September for training and info sharing for the 8th and 9th grade small group parent leader positions. You will be receiving information about the meeting you need to attend shortly.

10th grade parents and students there will be an orientation meeting on, **Sunday, 20 September 2015 at 5:00 PM** in the Fr. Agnew Parish Center and the Loft, plan on attending this meeting so you will know what will be taking place this year.

As always we are in need of help in many areas, please consider being a catechist (training and support is available), a substitute catechist or an aide in one of the classrooms. This is a rich experience, not only for the students but for those working with them as well. Check out the volunteer form and find an area where you are able to help us out this year and return the completed form with the registration form. You may e-mail me at pichlerk@saintolafparish.org or give me a call at 715-832-2504, x103 Monday through Friday with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Again, ***please return all of the forms to us as soon as possible by dropping them off in the parish office or mailing them to PO Box 1203, Eau Claire WI 54702-1203.*** The diocese requires that we have a current emergency release form on hand for each student each year, so please fill the form out on the reverse side of the registration with your current emergency contact information.

Sincerely,
Kathy Pichler, Director of Faith Formation

St. Olaf Catholic Church
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Date: _____

1 - FAMILY INFORMATION

Last Name (name under which this form is to be filed) _____

Father/Guardian _____ Mother/Guardian _____

Address _____ Family E-mail _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (H) _____ (Mother/W) _____
(Father/W) _____

Parish Members: yes ___ no___, if not what church do you attend regularly? _____

2 - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARTICIPANTS

Please list the First Name (and last if different than above), and Grade for the current school year of each child you are registering and the school they attend

Name _____ Grade _____ Birth Date _____ School _____

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ALLERGY INFORMATION

Please list any food or other allergies for your child(ren) along with their name

3 - TUITION AND FEES - The tuition is non-refundable due to the fact we purchase books etc for the children to use throughout the year. If the cost could prohibit you from participating please speak to Director of Faith Formation about installment plans as soon as possible.

1 Child	\$70 total
2 Children	\$140 total
3 or More	\$210 total

Amount Due _____
Amount Paid _____
Balance Due _____

Registrations will be accepted on a first-come first serve basis depending on the number of students registered and the need for volunteers. Because we see Religious Education as a cooperative effort between the Family, Child, and Church, we look to parents/guardians to volunteer in the area(s) your child(ren) is/are involved in, please, see enclosed volunteer form to sign up.

Please call or e-mail the Faith Formation Office with any questions:

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**DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE - ST. OLAF FAITH FORMATION
COMPREHENSIVE CHILD CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM
Parental/Guardian Consent Form and Liability Waiver**

Participant's name(s): 1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____
5) _____

Birth date(s): 1) _____ Sex: _____; 2) _____ Sex: _____; 3) _____ Sex: _____;
4) _____ Sex: _____; 5) _____ Sex: _____;

Parent/Guardian's name: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

PERMISSION TO USE PARTICIPANT PHOTOS: You have my permission to use said participant's photos (for parish newsletters, bulletins, blogs, etc.)

Initials of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

MEDICAL MATTERS: I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. **(Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those that are applicable).**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

Parent/Guardian Name & relationship: _____

Phone: _____ Family doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Family Health Plan Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FIELD TRIPS: If there would be a field trip for your child/ren's class/es there will an additional form for you to fill out pertaining to that event.

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ADULT VOLUNTEER - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Date _____

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Check the line below where you will be able to help. A letter will be sent advising you of the volunteer schedule for the section you checked or you will be contacted by phone.

PK - Ten

- _____ Catechist
-training & lesson planning help is available
- _____ Substitute Catechist
-teach occasionally if catechist is ill, etc.
- _____ Classroom Aide
-helping catechists in the classroom on a weekly basis
- _____ Donate baked goods for your child's class as needed (PK-7)

Eight

- _____ Provide Snack and beverage when needed
- _____ Provide kitchen help for retreats as needed

Nine

- _____ Provide Snack and beverage when needed
- _____ Provide kitchen help for retreats as needed

Ten

- _____ Provide Snack and beverage when needed
- _____ Provide kitchen help for retreats as needed



SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN

Each year our catechists new & old, as well as the classroom aides are given materials on safe environment for children provided to us by the diocese. Included in the catechist's materials are lesson plan ideas for them to use with your children, they incorporate these ideas into certain chapters as they teach throughout the year. You may be thinking, "Why is the church doing this, they learn this in school?" Yes they do learn how to know the differences between good and bad touches and feelings in school in going over this in a religion class we are able to bring God and his creation into the lesson. Also, as part of this process all of our volunteers and paid staff, undergo a background check. We want you to know that the children you bring to us for faith formation are being cared for in a safe environment.

Here are some suggestions that the diocese of La Crosse asks us to share with you, parents should:



- Know the red flags of abuse and abusers, (if you don't know them see Kathy Pichler and she will get a copy to you)
- Talk to your children
- Listen to/observe your children, watching for danger signs and sudden changes in behavior
- Let your children know they can tell you anything
- Teach your children where their private parts are
- Talk to your children often about protecting themselves
- Teach your children what to do if someone tries to touch them
- Teach your children what to do if someone makes them uncomfortable

These are all basic things that we as parents already are for the most part doing so it shouldn't be anything new for you to work with.

You will notice that the majority of the time there will be 2 adults in the classroom with the students. This is done so we do not have to leave them alone if someone needs to use the restroom, is sick or the catechist needs something from the Faith Formation Office. It is protection for your children as well as for the volunteers working with your children. Please keep that in mind as you fill out the volunteer form that is in this registration mailing each year, we do need aides every year as well as catechists. If for some reason we do not get enough volunteer aides a letter will go home with a particular class and parents will then be asked to take turns each week as the aide for that class.

We are asked to offer the training to the parents who have children in our program as well. Please, go to <http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/safe-environment/Training.htm> and click on the parent tab, then complete the training and forms as instructed. Thank you.