

St. Ferdinand Catholic Church

Religious Education Registration Form 2011-2012
Phone 724.776.9177 Fax 724.776.6640
Age 3 through Grade 8

If student was not baptized at St. Ferdinand, please bring a baptismal certificate upon registration.

Address mail to: Mr. & Mrs. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss Dr. Dr & Mrs. Mr. & Dr. Dr. & Dr.

Family Name _____ Phone # _____

Legal Guardian (if not parent) _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Neighborhood _____ Email Address _____

Is the family registered at St. Ferdinand? Yes _____ No _____ If no, where _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Religion _____ Maiden Name _____

Home Phone _____ Religion _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Address if different than child _____ Cell Phone _____

Address if different than child _____ Address if different than child _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Permission for taking child's picture:

I, _____, grant permission for my child /children _____ to be photographed during Religious Education (CCD)
Parent's Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Office Use

Date _____

Check # _____ Amount _____

of students _____ bc _____

No. _____

Registration fee is \$65 per student; make check payable to **St. Ferdinand Church** \$125 for nonmembers (nonmembers must obtain permission from your pastor) Deadline for registration is August 26. Please contact the Religious Education Office if payment upon registration is not possible.

Class Options

Visit the website at www.stferd.org for additional information on the Religious Education Program

Pre-school 3 & 4 year old & Kindergarten
 (child must be of age by September 1)
 Sunday 10:00-11:00 am - on-site only

Home-Site Program grades 1, 3-7
 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
 Times may vary; we will do our best to accommodate you.

Family Centered 6:30-8:00
 Preschool through 7th grade
 The first Thursday of each month

On-Site Program Grades 1-5
 Monday 4:30-5:45 or 6:00-7:15 pm
 Tuesday 4:15-5:30 or 5:45-7:00 pm

Grade 6 & 7
 Tuesday, 7:15-8:30

Grade 8
 Sunday 7:00-8:30 pm

Grade 1-7
 Wednesday, 4:30-5:45

Child's Full Name first, middle, last	Sex (M/F)	Grade	Date of Birth	Date and Church of Baptism	Sacraments Received	Class Option Choice #1	Class Option Choice #2	Class Assign- ment
					Baptism _____ Reconciliation _____ Eucharist _____ Confirmation _____			
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Description of Any Previous Religious Education:

SPECIAL NEEDS/ALLERGIES: Is there anything we should be aware of regarding special needs/allergies, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, etc. that will help catechists and personnel better tend to the needs of your child? This information is kept in the strictest of confidence and only shared with your child's teacher.

Name of child/children: _____

Name of parish Religious Education Program/School: _____

Child's Name: _____

Dates Attended: _____

Please register your email address at www.stferd.org. You will receive Religious Education information, updates, and class cancellations.

St. Ferdinand Pre K – Grade 8 Religious Education (CCD) Program Philosophy and Operating Principles

Founded on Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, this will be accomplished by providing opportunities for children to experience God’s self-revelation to them:

as individuals
as members of the church
in all of creation

“Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children”
(National
Catechetical Directory)

Parental Expectations

This is the underlying premise to all religious education and faith formation of children. As such, ministry to children at St. Ferdinand Parish strives towards a model that embraces and supports that the primary responsibility of the faith formation of children rests with their parents.

Recognizing that the spiritual formation process of children begins at birth and that parents/guardians are given the profound privilege and serious obligation of being the child’s first and most important teachers of faith, St. Ferdinand Pre/K - 8 Religious Education places high value on the family realizing that it is the primary place where faith is learned, interpreted, and lived.

Consequently, it is the aim and goal of every member of the St. Ferdinand Pre/K - 8 Religious Education Catechetical Team (DRE, catechists, aides, office help) to respect and support this important responsibility of parents/guardians by providing faithful and educational assistance and direction to continue the practice of the Catholic Christian way of life in the home, i.e. the domestic church, and into the world.

As support, St. Ferdinand Parish offers to parents/guardians, a sound catechetical program for their children based on:

creed
worship and prayer
sacraments
moral teaching

Building on these elements, the Pre/K - 8 Religious Education Program fosters **encounters** with God for the children to which we minister in order to help them make sense of their own lived human experiences and build a trusting relationship with Christ and his Church. Therefore, St. Ferdinand Pre/K - 8 Religious Education program:

concentrates on Christ’s message
provides experience with our Catholic community
is rooted in Liturgical worship/Mass
promotes service to one another as disciples of Christ

We look to the parents/guardians of the children in our religious education program to continue to build and foster a sound relationship between God and their child(ren) by:

Taking a serious interest in the faith formation of the child(ren) which goes beyond the Religious Education classroom
Attending Mass weekly
Praying with their child(ren) routinely
Completing Religious Education (CCD) exercises in the home including encouraging child(ren) to visit the Religious Education Website, if resources allow, at www.harcourtreligion.com.
Enforcing and instilling the Christian values taught in the Religious Education Program.
Openly supporting the Religious Education program by having children attend regularly scheduled CCD class/events

ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attendance at Faith Formation classes is vitally important. Children have a greater understanding of the lessons and are more willing to take part in class discussions and activities if their attendance is good. If your child is absent from class, please write the catechist a note indicating the reason and date of the absence.

The student who misses must demonstrate that the work assigned in class has been satisfactorily completed.

If your child is absent from class, please contact:

Grades Pre/K & 1 – 5: Susan Shaffer – 724-776-9177 ext 302

Grades 6, 7: Debbie Combes – 724-776-9177 ext. 314

Grade 8: Andrea Wheeler -- 724- 776-1920

to make arrangements for completing missed assignments. All completed missed assignments are to be turned into the catechist.

If a child has three or more misses, you will be contacted to see if we can help alleviate the problem. **Prolonged absences without satisfactorily completed make-up work may result in retention of grade level.**

PHILOSOPHY OF DISCIPLINE

The philosophy of discipline for St. Ferdinand Pre/K-8 Religious Education program is modeled on the compassion of Jesus and founded on Sacred Scripture.

Do to others whatever you would have them do to you. (Mt. 7:12)
All else stems from this.

All students have a right to learn and all catechists have the right to teach. The classroom should be a place where all feel welcome, comfortable, loved and respected. No student or adult should inhibit another from learning by causing discomfort to, disrespect for, or unloving actions towards, another child or adult.

Misbehavior in class will result in the following actions:

The catechist will speak with the student first. Every attempt will be made to solve the problem behavior in the classroom. The teacher will speak to the Catechetical Administrator.

If the misbehavior continues, the student will be sent to the Religious Education Office. The student will meet with the Catechetical Administrator. The student will write out what the misbehavior was that resulted in dismissal from the classroom. The student will also state what he/she will do to correct the behavior. The statement is signed by the student, Catechetical Administrator, and the catechist. It is dated and filed. The student may or may not be sent back to class, depending on the offense.

If the discipline problem continues, the student is again sent to the office. A second statement is written by the student describing the behavior. The statement is again signed by the student, catechist and the Catechetical Administrator. The parents/guardians are called. A copy of the statement is mailed home to the parents/guardians for their signature. The parents must accompany the student to the next Faith Formation session with the signed statement for admittance to class. At this time, a conference may be requested by the Catechetical Administrator, catechist, or the parents/guardians.

In agreement:

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

for:

Student's name (please print)

Grade