

2017-2018 Religious Education Class Schedule
(tentative)
Preschool-8th Grade
9:15 am - 10:30 am

August 13, 2017	9:15am Registration 9:30am Parent Meeting 10:00am Registration 7:00pm Confirmation Program Meeting, Parents and Students (Mandatory)
August 20, 2017	Classes begin
August 27, 2017	Classes in session Circle of Grace Sunday
September 3, 2017	NO CLASSES LABOR DAY
September 10, 2017	Classes in session
September 17, 2017	Classes in session Catechetical Sunday/Mass of the Holy Spirit/YSB - Youth Group
September 24, 2017	Classes in Session 7 th /8 th Grade Prayer Service (10:00 in church)
October 1, 2017	Classes in session Rosary Sunday Workshop
October 8, 2017	Classes is session Pastor Appreciation Day
October 15, 2017	NO CLASSES FALL BREAK
October 22, 2017	Classes in session
October 29, 2017	Classes in session Dress Like Your Favorite Saint Parade/YSB (Jr. Confirmation Class)
November 5, 2017	Classes in session DST Ends (fall back)
November 12, 2017	Classes in session 3 th & 4 th Grade Prayer Service
November 19, 2017	Classes in session
November 26, 2017	NO CLASSES THANKSGIVING BREAK
December 3, 2017	Classes in session First Sunday of Advent/First Reconciliation Retreat 2 nd Grade

December 10, 2017	Classes in session	Second Sunday of Advent /K of C Breakfast and Christmas Party
December 17, 2017	Classes in session	Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday
December 24, 2017	NO CLASSES	Fourth Sunday of Advent/MERRY CHRISTMAS
December 31, 2017	NO CLASSES	HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 7, 2018	Classes in session	ACRE Testing 5th/8th/11th Grades
January 14, 2018	Classes in session	Peace Sunday Workshop/Parish Ski Trip
January 21, 2018	Classes in session	YSB (Jr. Confirmation Class)
January 28, 2018	Classes in session	5 th & 6 th Grade Prayer Service
February 4, 2018	Classes in session	
February 11, 2018	Classes in session	2 nd Grade Prayer Service
February 16 - 17, 2018	Retreat Weekend	Itinerary TBA
February 18, 2018	Provisional*	First Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018	Classes in session	YSB (Soph. Confirmation Class)/ RE Classes - Lenten Season Confession
March 4, 2018	Classes in session	Third Sunday of Lent, Laudate Sunday/RE Classes - Lenten Season Confession
March 11, 2018	Classes in session	Fourth Sunday of Lent/ DST Begins (spring forward)
March 18, 2018	NO CLASSES	SPRING BREAK/Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 25, 2018	Classes in session	Palm Sunday
April 1, 2018	NO CLASSES	HAPPY EASTER
April 8, 2018	Classes in session	Divine Mercy Sunday/Chaplet
April 15, 2018	Classes in Session	YSB (Soph. Confirmation Class)
April 22, 2018	Classes in Session	Good Shepherd Sunday/First Communion Retreat
April 29, 2018	Classes in Session	
May 6, 2018	Classes in session	May Crowning/PreK, K-garten & 1 st Grade Prayer Service/1 st Communion Brunch
May 13, 2018	Classes in session	Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Breakfast
May 20, 2018	Classes in session	Last Class/2018 Graduates Mass

*These will be "make up" days in the event of inclement weather.

Youth Sunday Breakfast (YSB) - Teachers and students are encouraged to eat with their families in the big room until classes start.

Prayer services start at 10:00 in the church. Teachers, students, parents and guests are to be seated in the church and ready to start by 9:58.

Additional Required Activities:

Rosary - Once in October and once in May

Stations of the Cross - Once during Lent

First Friday Adoration - Once during the year

Mass Intentions - during Retreat Weekend

Reconciliation - 2nd -8th grades in class during Lent, juniors will go on retreat, sophomores will go to Parish Reconciliation Service

Service Projects:

Each class is required to do a service project of their choosing each year.

Sponsor Child

Michael is our sponsor child. Each week we collect "Michael Money" from the students. Our monthly commitment is \$36.

Important Dates to Remember - Mark Your Calendar

August

Friday, August 11 Catechist Retreat Begin 5:30 Mass
Tuesday, August 15 Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation

September

Friday, September 1 First Friday Adoration 1:00pm to 5:30pm followed by daily Mass
Sunday, September 17 Catechetical Sunday - Commissioning of Catechists

October - Rosary Month/World Mission Month

October Rosary will be said starting 20 minutes prior to the start of every Mass
Friday, October 6 First Friday Adoration 1:00pm to 5:30pm followed by daily Mass
Sunday, October 8 Pastor Appreciation Day
Sunday, October 22 Special Collection for Sponsor Child - Michael

November

Wednesday, November 1 All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, November 3 First Friday Adoration 1:00pm to 5:30pm followed by daily Mass
Sunday, November 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends (fall back)
Friday, November 12 Happy Birthday Father George
Thursday, November 23 Thanksgiving

December - Advent

Friday, December 1 First Friday Adoration 1:00pm to 5:30pm followed by daily Mass
Saturday, December 2 Parish Christmas Party
Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation

January

Sunday, January 1 Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, January 5 First Friday Adoration 1:00pm to 5:30pm followed by daily Mass

February

Friday, February 3 First Friday Adoration 1:00pm to 5:30pm followed by daily Mass
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day
Fridays, February/March Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 17 Chili Supper

March - Lent

Friday, March 2 First Friday Adoration 1:00pm to 5:30pm followed by daily Mass
Sunday, March 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins (spring forward)
Saturday, March 24 Seder Supper
Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins
Thursday, March 29 Maundy Thursday, Mass 7pm
Friday, March 30 Good Friday, Service 3pm
Saturday, March 31 Easter Vigil 8:00pm

April - Holy Week/Easter/Sacraments

Sunday, April 1 He is risen. He is risen, indeed!
Friday, April 6 First Friday Adoration 1:00pm to 5:30pm followed by daily Mass
Monday, April 23 St. George's Day

May - Mary, Our Mother Month

May	Rosary will be said starting 20 minutes prior to the start of every Mass
Thursday, May 3	National Day of Prayer
Friday, May 4	First Friday Adoration 1:00pm to 5:30pm followed by daily Mass
Sunday, May 6	May Crowning
Thursday, May 10	Ascension Thursday, Holy Day of Obligation
Sunday, May 13	Mother's Day
Sunday, May 20	Pentecost/Mass honoring 2018 graduates of St. Thomas
Sunday, May 27	Holy Trinity Sunday
Monday, May 28	Memorial Day

June - Sacred Heart Month

Friday, June 1	First Friday Adoration 1:00pm to 5:30pm followed by daily Mass
Sunday, June 3	Body and Blood of Christ
Thursday, June 7	VBS Tent Raising and Orientation
Friday, June 8	Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday, June 8-10	Vacation Bible School
Sunday June 17	Father's Day

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Events

September 24, 2017	Parent Meeting
December 3, 2017	First Reconciliation Retreat
December 6, 2017	First Reconciliation (Wednesday 7:00pm) and Pitch-In Dinner 6:00pm
February 11, 2018	Parent Meeting
April 22, 2017	First Eucharist Retreat
April 26, 2017	First Eucharist Practice (Thursday 6:45pm)
April 28, 2017	First Eucharist Mass
May 6, 2017	Celebration Brunch/May Crowning

Confirmation Events

March, 2017 St. Meinrad Confirmation Retreat (tentative)
April TBA Confirmation @ SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral
Sunday, April TBA Celebration Brunch (tentative)

RE Fundraisers/Goals

Youth Sunday Breakfasts - 4 @ \$250 each/\$1000
Spring Flower Sale - \$1000

Youth Group Fundraisers to continue to support

Mum Sale - August
Scrip - Ongoing
Kroger Rewards - Ongoing

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/RETREAT 2018

Friday, June 8 to Sunday, June 10 St. Thomas Market Place: Itinerary TBA

Book List

Pflaum Gospel Weeklies: 1st through 8th

1st - 6th Finding God Series

2nd Grade The New Saint Joseph First Communion Catechism

6th Grade Students receive The Catholic Youth Bible

5th & 6th Grade The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism Volume 1

7th & 8th Grade The Catholic Connections Handbook and The New Saint Joseph Baltimore Catechism Volume 2