

Registration Packet 2017-2018

St. Peter Religious Education (RE) Program

Mailing Address: 557 Lake Street, Antioch, IL 60002

May 24, 2017

Dear parents,

Please take time to read through the entire registration packet prior to filling out the attached forms. Please note the new starting dates and times for our classes for next year.

Elementary School Students:

1st-6th grade students will meet 5:30pm-7:00pm, Wednesdays from September 6, 2017-April 25, 2018.*
A calendar of specific class dates will be provided to families during the first weeks of classes.

Students should report to the gym with an adult every scheduled Wednesday. Students may come as early as 5:15pm to play in the gym. Students must be picked up in the gym at 7:00pm when their classes are over, and will not be able to play in the gym after class due to middle school classes starting soon after.

Parents are asked to stay in the gym with students to hear announcements and pray with us before **and** after class. For your child's safety, children are not allowed to leave the gym area after class without an adult, as the parking lot can be very busy with parents picking up and dropping off students.

Middle School Students:

6th-8th grade students will meet 7:15pm-8:45pm, Wednesdays from September 13, 2017-April 25, 2018.*
A calendar of specific class dates will be provided to families during the first weeks of classes.

Middle school students are asked to meet in the cafeteria every scheduled Wednesday. They will not be able to play or hang out in gym prior to class, but have permission to do so after class until 9:00pm. Students can be picked up in the parking lot by their parents, but need to use caution in the parking lot. If you would prefer to pick your child up inside the school building, please arrange this with your child prior to class.

*There are two 6th grade time options. However, this option will not be offered unless there are at least 10 children registered in each class. (The decision to offer two different classes will be made by August 15.)

In the 2016-2017 school year, St. Peter RE program introduced the Edge curriculum to the 8th grade classes, and we are happy to announce this year we have expanded the curriculum to both the 7th and 8th grade classes. Edge is a youth ministry based curriculum that takes teenagers out of a classroom-type setting and implements: faith based games, large group lessons, small group discussions, and different types of prayer. 7th and 8th grade students will meet as one large group, but will break into small groups with others in their own grade for discussions and projects.

High School Students:

St. Peter has an active high school youth group for students in 9th-12th grade that meets 1-2 times a month, usually on a Sunday. Students spend time working on community service projects, learning more about their Catholic faith, going on retreats, and many attend our annual summer mission trip to Catholic Heart Workcamp. No registration is needed for participation in youth group, but please contact the RE office if your family would like to be added to the youth group email list.

Summer School:

As of 2016, summer school RE classes are no longer offered. If your child is unable to make Wednesday classes, please contact me as soon as possible. I will work with your family to make sure your child receives the Religious Education they need.

Sacraments:

It is a requirement in the Archdiocese of Chicago that children who are preparing for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation prepare for at least two years in Religious Education class prior to receiving the sacrament. However, our parish children are expected to attend every year 1st-8th grade for their faith formation, regardless if they are preparing for a sacrament.

Typically students prepare for First Communion (and First Reconciliation) in the 1st and 2nd grades, and make both sacraments in their 2nd grade year. Some students make their First Communion when they are older for various reasons. If this is true for your child, please indicate this on the registration form.

Students prepare for Confirmation typically during 7th and 8th grade. After those classes are completed, 8th grade students continue on with specific Confirmation classes either in the spring or summer of that year. Students receive the sacrament of Confirmation in the fall of their 9th grade year of high school. Some students receive the sacrament when they are older. Specific requirements for Confirmation will be available at the Confirmation Parent/Student meeting. More information to follow.

Absences:

The Archdiocese of Chicago requires a set amount of hours of faith formation within a religious education program. St. Peter has set a calendar to meet those requirements, so we ask that you do your best to make sure your child attends class as often as possible. However, we do understand that some commitments come up or a child has to miss for illness or other reasons. If a child has to be absent, please call or email prior to class. (The earlier the better.) If a student misses a significant amount of classes throughout the school year, they will be expected to do make-up work assigned by their teacher. We also encourage families to attend weekly Mass as often as possible. There are several Mass times offered at St. Peter Church and other Catholic churches in the area to meet busy family schedules.

Religious Education Fees and other final notes:

Specific fees are located on the attached registration forms, and those who register by **July 15, 2017** will receive a discount. If you would like to make payments on a monthly basis or in other increments, please indicate that on the registration form. If you have other financial questions or concerns, please communicate them with me at the beginning of the year. St. Peter will never turn any student away whose family cannot pay.

If you are able to financially support our RE families who are in need of financial assistance, please consider making a donation, marking on your check Memo "RE scholarship Fund". This helps our RE budget enormously. Thank you for your generosity.

Again, we encourage a spirit of stewardship-which means when you make a contribution to the parish, please use your envelope or write a check. If your family budget allows you to increase your donation to our parish, please consider doing so. We can only expect your family to do what you can, but it can make a difference. If you can consider an increase of even \$2 per week, bi-weekly, or even monthly it will help many of our parish's needs.

Please fill out pages 3-6, detach, and turn in the registration form as soon as possible. Forms can be turned in at the RE office (located in the school building), the rectory, or mailed to the address provided above. If you have any questions about the registration packet, please contact me.

I pray you have a wonderful summer, and we'll see you at Mass.

God Bless,

Mrs. Kari Leaf

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St. Peter Religious Education Registration Form (2017-2018)

557 Lake Street, Antioch, IL 60002
(847) 395-0037 / stpetere@gmail.com

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY ON FORM.

Today's Date: _____ Family E-mail: _____

Father's/Guardian's Name: _____

Cell Phone Number: (_____) - _____

Mother's/ Guardian's Name: _____

Cell Phone Number: (_____) - _____

Child(ren)'s Address: _____

Street

City

State/Zip

Home Phone Number: (_____) - _____

Mother's Religion: _____

Father's Religion: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Family Registered with Parish: Yes No

If divorced/separated please indicate who has legal custody: _____

In the rare event of an emergency, when a parent cannot be reached, who should we contact?

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Relationship to students(s): _____

**How could you as a parent/grandparent/guardian help out the Religious Education program this year?
Please circle all that apply.**

Volunteer as a RE teacher or teacher's aide*

Volunteer as a parking lot helper

Volunteer as a substitute teacher

Volunteer as a chaperone in the gym

Help with occasional RE events

Help at the front desk during RE classes*

Help promote our RE program to other families

Help by giving a special financial donation

My child, who is in 8th grade, would like to help in the elementary classrooms for community service hours

For more information about these volunteer opportunities, please contact Kari Leaf. Some of these ministries do require background checks and further training. *Tuition breaks are given when parents/grandparents/guardians of current students are teachers/ teacher aides/front desk helpers in our RE program.

How would you like to receive updates for Religious Education? Please circle all that apply.

Emails

Texts

Snail Mail

Parish Bulletin

Facebook Announcements

Payment Information

A \$15.00 discount will be given if registration form, along with partial or full payment, is received by **July 15, 2017**. The fees are as follows:

Family Registration Fee: \$50 per family + *Book and Supply Fees:* \$30.00 per child + *Tuition Fee:* 1 student - \$150.00 / 2 students - \$200.00 / 3 or more students \$250.00

First Communion Supply Fee: \$35.00

Confirmation Supply Fee: \$50.00

Additional Bible fee for 6th graders or new 7/8 graders: \$10.00

Family Registration: _____ **Book Fee:** _____ **Tuition:** _____ **Other Fees:** _____

Non-Parishioner Fee: _____ (\$100 if applicable)

Total due: _____ Amount Paid at registration _____ Check #: _____ Check date: _____

*If for some reason your circumstances change, and your child(ren) need to cancel enrollment in RE classes before classes start in September, the Family Fee is non-refundable.

Cash and checks are accepted. Checks can be made out to "St. Peter Church" with the Memo as "RE". If you would like to make payments on a monthly basis or in other increments, please indicate that on the line below. If you have other financial questions or concerns, please communicate them with Kari Leaf.

Authorization for Medical Treatment

Name of Physician: _____ Insurance Company: _____

Physician Phone Number: _____ Insurance Number: _____

Medical Release

In the event that the undersigned, or my (our) authorized physician, cannot be reached and in the judgment of the pastor, director of religious education, or other appropriate staff member of St. Peter Parish, there is a necessity for immediate examination and/or treatment of our (my) child (ward), we (I) hereby authorize any of the aforesaid personnel to obtain for said child such medical services as are deemed necessary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Photo Permission: I give permission that my child/ren's photo can be taken while at classes for craft, display and possible advertising purposes in our parish bulletin/website/Facebook page (note that a child's name will never be used with their picture): Yes _____ No _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parish Ministry Opportunities (Please check all that apply.)

- My child would be interested in receiving more information about the parish children's choir.
- My child who is in 4th grade or above would be interested in being an altar server at Mass.
- I would like to receive more information about the following parish ministries for adults (please circle): Men's Club (Knights of Columbus), Women's Club (Council of Catholic Women), Women's Bible Study, Men's Bible Study, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Lector (Reader at Mass), Choir, Welcoming Committee, Bereavement Committee, or other ministries.

Student(s) Information

Please fill out information for *each* child. Use the lower section and back of form for additional children.

Student Name (First/Middle/Last): _____

Gender: Male/Female Grade: _____ (as of 8/01/17) School attending in fall: _____

*If in 6th grade, circle what session you would like your child to attend. Elementary session / Middle School session
(Two options will only be offered if there are at least 10 students signed up in each session by August 15.)

Birth Date: _____ City/State of Birth: _____

Sacraments received: Baptized Catholic: Yes No Church and City Baptized: _____
First Communion: Yes No

Did this student attend Religious Education classes here at St. Peter last year? Yes _____ No _____

If no, where did they attend: _____

Are there any intellectual or learning disabilities, health concerns, allergies, or any other requests, concerns, or comments pertaining to your child that the Director of Religious Education or RE teacher should be aware of? If so, please explain in detail:

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