

St. Rose of Lima Parish
Adaptive Religious Education Program
Information Sheet – 2023/24

The Goal: To bring young people to the fullest degree of spiritual maturity to which they are capable. This program is a one-on-one (two-on-one) Catechesis model. Students with more **profound** special needs are paired with teen faith mentors who work under the supervision of adult catechists. **Most students who participate in this model also receive one-on-one services in the school and are not fully integrated into Gen. Ed. Classes.** Faith mentors work from a lesson that will be developed by our Master Catechist to meet the spiritual needs of each student.

The Dates and Time:

- The program will Kick-Off with a Meet & Greet Orientation on Sunday, **October 8th at 5pm**
 - We will meet 6 times before Christmas (approximately every other week) and 5 times after Christmas, ending with Reconciliation, April 7th and Mass on April 13rd 2024.
- The program begins promptly at **5:00pm** with group prayer and a song with the students, Catechists, teen mentors and parents before everyone dismisses to their rooms for the lesson.
- Typically, a lesson will last no more than 40min., depending on the student it may be shorter but no longer
- **Parents are asked to stay** during this time and gather for support, socialization and discussions led by adult catechists.
- At the end of each session, the teen faith mentors will briefly share the lesson with the parent so that it can be reinforced at home in between classes.

The Teen Faith Mentors and Catechists:

- This type of program has proven to be successful because of matching students with a peer teen mentor. All teens serving as peer mentors are trained, supervised by a Master Special Needs Catechist, attend Mass and RE regularly and have a heart for people with special needs.

More Information:

- We will be using materials from the Loyola Press - Finding God Adaptive Curriculum and the University of Dayton - Welcome One, Welcome All, Inclusive Religious Education curriculum.
- **For information about the PROGRAM** - please contact the Program Coordinator, Sherry Moitoza at smoitoza@strose.com
- **To REGISTER a NEW student** for this program please make an appointment over the summer with Sherry Moitoza, the Adaptive RE Program Coordinator: smoitoza@strose.com or 240-454-5301
- To re-register an existing student, do so through your ParishSoft account.

To see the program in action, view the mini documentary located on our website:

www.strose-parish.org/adaptive-religious-education

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August/Sept.	Registration of Students New and Existing		
Sept. 24	4:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Faith Mentor Training
Oct. 8	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Regular Sessions
Oct. 15	11:00 am	Main Church	Annual ADW White Mass
Oct. 22	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Regular Sessions
Nov. 5	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Regular Sessions
Nov. 19	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Regular Sessions
Dec. 3	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Regular Sessions
Dec. 17	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Regular Sessions
Dec. 20	6:30 PM	Woodlands Room	Carols and Cookies Sing-a-long

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Jan. 14	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Faith Mentor Training
Jan. 28	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Regular Sessions
Feb. 11	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Regular Sessions
Feb. 25	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Regular Sessions
Mar. 10	5:00-6:00	Duggan Room	Regular Sessions
Mar. 24	5:00-6:00	Main Church	Regular Session/Bells & Smells/Rehearsal
Apr. 7	5:00-6:00	Main Church	Réconciliation Service (Confessions)
Sat. April 13	5:00pm	Main Church	First Communion/Confirmation
	6:00pm	Woodlands Room	Reception for those receiving Sacraments

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