

Family Meeting Agenda

(Sept 14, 2025)

- Outline of Program:** Grades K - 6 Christ in Us (Sadlier)
Grade 7 One Faith, One Lord (Year 1 Confirmation)
Grade 8 Confirmation (Year 2 Confirmation)
Classes meet approximately every other week, exceptions are for school holiday weekends.
- Schedule of Lessons:** Located on our website: <https://www.st-pius-x.org/schedule-of-lessons> There are twice as many lessons as there are classes. Some lessons are covered in class. The others are done at home.
- Homework:** The Schedule of Lessons indicates which lessons are to be done as homework, on the alternating week that class is not held. The catechist (teacher) will review the home lesson at the following class. The first Glory meeting will include lessons 1 and 2.
- Special event classes** The Crop Walk and the Nativity Play are held in the Fall. Participation in these events is expected like any other class. Please consider these full family opportunities for communal and spiritual growth.
- Teaching Touching Safety** Grade 1 & 4: As per Diocesan policy, these classes will be announced with an option to decline.
- Protecting God's Children** All of our volunteers who have continual contact with our children have gone through a background check and a Diocesan Training called Protecting God's Children.
- Parent Involvement** Each family may be asked to be present for one class during the year. This will ensure the teachers can teach. Each catechist will reach out to their parents with a checklist for volunteers. We also need hall monitors and high school assistants. Please contact us directly if you are interested. Email: dre@st-pius-x.org

- Attendance:** It is important that each child attend all of the sessions. If your child will be absent, please let the catechist know. Missed class work needs to be done at home. At the next class, the catechist will check this work.
- Individualized Needs:** If you have a child with special needs, please communicate these needs to our catechists directly. This includes all allergies. While we do not encourage food in the classroom, sometimes children rush out the door with breakfast in their hand. We do not want anyone sick as a result of a mistake. Since we are a volunteer-driven program, we will do our best to accommodate your child, but in certain cases we may ask you to be present.
- Discipline:** While discipline is rarely an issue in our program, if a situation arises you may be asked to sit with your child in class or to complete all lessons at home.
- Drop off/Pick up:** Class begins (or ends) with mass. Children will be held in the classroom until you arrive to pick them up. This is for their safety. If someone other than a family member is coming for a child please let us know ahead in writing. Please enter the building through the center door downstairs or through the church door.
- Mass Attendance:** Religious Formation class begins (or ends) with 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am Mass. We strongly encourage you to attend mass weekly with your family, and help the children to participate fully in our community.
- Children's Choir:** Mr. Phillip Lamb runs our children's choir, and is always looking for new young people to join the choir. This opportunity is open to all children in grades K - 12. Please contact him directly plamb@st-pius-x.org
- Inclement Weather:** In the event of class cancellation because of weather, you will hear directly from your catechist.

New volunteers are always welcome. Assistants, Hall monitors, High School volunteers, and Special event coordinators are needed as well. Please contact us directly at dre@st-pius-x.org.

Special Notes for 2nd grade (First Eucharist):

1. Dates and times for Jesus Day, Reconciliation, and First Eucharist are all included in the Schedule of Lessons. Children will also make banners in their class in the Spring. Important updates and details (including photography information) will be shared at our 2nd grade parent meeting on the day of the Jesus Day retreat.

Special Notes for 7th and 8th grade (confirmation):

1. Service - two experience in 7th grade and three in 8th grade
Examples of Service: Crop Walk, Nativity Play - 2 for 1, Souper Bowl of Caring, Santa Breakfast, Playday, Fishing Derby, Egg Hunt, Stations - 2 for 1, Summer Bible Camp **AND anything outside the parish**
2. Get involved in Youth Ministry
3. Retreat with our Youth Minister - youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org
4. Confirmation Record form (print from website)
 - Sponsor Form
 - Confirmation Name
5. Interview
6. Sacrament of Reconciliation
7. The Confirmation date is Friday, September 11, 2026.

Reminders:

All **books can be picked up** at the first class, unless your catechist makes other arrangements to deliver them directly.