

# Summer Academy 2024

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One of the choices of Religious Education formation at St. Benedict's is a one week Summer Academy for grades 1-7. ***PLEASE NOTE: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (final Confirmation Prep) is not offered during Summer Academy.*** The summer academy is offered with the understanding that the Church considers the parents to be the primary educators of their children, and that faith formation is taught together with the Parish. Parents agree to model a faith life at home, attend Mass and holy days on a regular basis and attend the family catechetical required family days. These vary depending on grade level and will be explained in Section III. Any new or transferring family must first register with the Parish Office, and provide copies of any sacramental certificate received, as well as a Letter of Transfer from their previous parish denoting the completed level of religious education for each child.

## I. Schedule/Overview

### Grades 1-6

A one week full day program with choice of sessions:

- **Session I: June 24-28, 8:45am-2:45pm**
- **Session II: July 8-12, 8:45am-2:45pm**
- **Session III: July 15-19, 8:45am-2:45pm**

Choice of session is on a first-come, first-served basis

1. Drop off begins at 8:30am. Please enter through the front entrance of the school (Door#1).
2. Dismissal is at 2:45pm from the Church. Extended Day After Care options will be available from 2:45-5pm daily, but are subject to change and/or cancellation depending upon the availability of personnel.
3. Daily sessions include:
  - Morning and afternoon Catechetical sessions using the "Alive in Christ" series by OSV (Gr1&2); "God's Plan in Scripture" by Ascension Press (Gr. 3-6);
  - Craft and Creative learning sessions;
  - Prayer sessions, including Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, etc. at various times throughout the week;
  - Snack, lunch and recess breaks throughout the day. (Snack & lunch should be sent in with your child each day.)

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## I. Schedule/Overview (continued)

**Grade 7** *PLEASE NOTE: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (final Confirmation Prep) is not offered during Summer Academy.*

A one week full day program with choice of sessions:

- **Session II: July 8-12, 8:45am-2:45pm**
- **Session III: July 15-19, 8:45am-2:45pm**

1. Drop off begins at 8:30am. Please enter through the school doors (#1) and proceed to the FAL.
2. Dismissal is at 2:45pm from the Church. Extended Day After Care options will be available from 2:45-5pm daily but are subject to change and/or cancellation depending upon the availability of personnel.
3. Daily sessions include:
  - Morning and afternoon Catechetical sessions using the “Chosen” series by Ascension Press;
  - Craft and Creative learning, games etc.;
  - Participation in the prayer sessions with Grades 1-6, including Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, etc. at various times throughout the week;
  - Snack, lunch and recess breaks throughout the day. (Snack & lunch should be sent in with your child each day.)

## II. Registration Guidelines

### Grades 1-7

1. Registration is processed online through “WeShare.” The link will be posted on the parish website, on the Summer Academy page under the Religious Education tab: <https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/47ca1125-fa33-4fb5-beef-4a7ec11c1d07..> It will also be emailed to all families on the RE mailing list.
2. **The registration link will become active at 10am on January 20, 2024.**
3. Weeks are assigned on a first come, first served basis. You will be asked to provide your first, second and third choice of weeks when you register. Once a week is confirmed, no mixing of attendance between the weeks.

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## II. Registration Guidelines (continued)

1. There will be 25-30 spots per grade per week. Classes are limited to 15 students per class.
  - The system will not cut off at 30.
  - If more than 30 register, we will create a third class only if there is a sufficient number of students and teacher availability.
  - If a third class is not an option, any student over 30 will be moved to his/her second then third choice.
  - All assignments are tentative. Classes are subject to change and/or cancellation depending upon the availability of teachers.

2. Summer Academy Fees are as follows:

- **Tuition (Non-Refundable):**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN	Summer tuition Rate
1	\$275.00
2	\$450.00
3 or more	\$550.00

- In addition to the summer tuition fee, students in final preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion are asked to pay an additional \$50.00 to offset materials and expenses relative to receiving those sacraments.
  - In the event you have children in both the Summer Academy and the Traditional Education Programs, multi-child discounts will be calculated based on Summer Academy rates. Additional info regarding our Traditional Program will be out in the spring.
3. Payment will be requested at the time of registration, by credit card or bank account.

### **CHECKLIST: Information required to complete the online registration form includes the following:**

- ☐ All pertinent family data (name/ mailing address/email address, parish affiliation, etc.)
- ☐ Sacramental information for each child. Copies of any sacramental certificates for new incoming children will be requested at a later date.
- ☐ Any special needs of the child.
- ☐ Grade level of the child: **Registration is for the grade the child is entering for the 2024-25 school year.**

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## III. Eligibility

**Grades 1-7** *PLEASE NOTE: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (final Confirmation Prep) is not offered during Summer Academy.*

### 1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - Pre-requisites

- Returning students (attended in 2023-24) must be up-to-date with 4 completed Family Days by 6/24
- New and/or transferring students must register as parishioners with the Parish Office and provide copies of any sacramental certificates received, and a Letter of Transfer from their previous parish denoting their completed level of religious education
- 1<sup>st</sup> graders must turn 6 years old by 10/31/24.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – Participation

- Each student will be in attendance for each day of the program.
- No late arrivals or early dismissals (including doctor appointments.)
- Attendance at a minimum of 4 Family Days is required during the school year.
  - Grades 1, 3-6: Attend seasonal and other family day events as scheduled.
  - Grade 2: Attend 4 Sacramental Formation days (plus 2 parent meetings.)
  - Grade 7: Participate in 4 Middle School CYO events.

If a student does not attend the family days, the grade level completed at summer academy is considered incomplete, and children are not eligible the following year.

- Mandatory Service Component:
  - 6 Graders will be responsible for a total of 5 service hours.
  - 7 Graders will be responsible for a total of 10 service hours.
  - 8 Graders will be responsible for a total of 10 service hours.

## IV. Service/Volunteer Needs

In order to provide the Summer Academy, St. Benedict Church relies on the generosity and assistance of many people.

- Catechists -We work with an adaptive curriculum for a summer intensive program; lesson plans and ideas are included. These are paid positions. All grades 1-7 are available. Catechists can participate one, two or all three weeks.
  - Virtus (3 hour child safety) training is required.
  - Complete background check, with fingerprinting, is required.

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- Nurse –or person qualified in another medical field (EMT). Nurses can participate one, two or all three weeks.
  - Virtus (3 hour child safety) training is required.
  - Complete background check, with fingerprinting, is required.
- In addition to catechists, volunteers are essential to the program. The volunteer positions include the following;
  - Classroom aides
  - Hall/door monitors
  - Lunch/recess aides
  - Game coordinators
- Volunteers – Parents are encouraged to volunteer while their children attend SA. One or more days (AM, PM or both) would be greatly appreciated.
  - Virtus (3 hour child safety) training is required.
  - Complete background check, with fingerprinting, is required.
- EDP (Extended Day Program) – Any adult over the age of 18 is encouraged to participate for an awarded stipend. They can work one or two hours a day, any day or days of the week or the full week.
  - Virtus (3 hour child safety) training is required.
  - Complete background check with fingerprinting is required.
- Students - Serving at Summer Academy is offered to Confirmation students entering their final year of preparation (8<sup>th</sup> grade), as well as all high school and college age students. If you are interested, sign up information will be posted on the Summer Academy page of St. Benedict's website sometime in March 2024.
- It is helpful if participants can volunteer for an entire week of Summer Academy, but that is not necessary. All help is accepted, provided a schedule can be arranged in advance.