

Summer Academy 2026

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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: 8th 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 22-26, Mon-Thurs 8:45am-2:45pm & Fri 8:45-1pm**
- **Session II: July 6-10, Mon-Thurs 8:45am-2:45pm & Fri 8:45-1pm**
- **Session III: July 13-17, Mon-Thurs 8:45am-2:45pm & Fri 8:45-1pm**

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, except on Fridays when we dismiss at 1pm. Extended Day After Care options will be available from 2:45-5pm daily (**1-3pm on Friday**), 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); "Faith Fusion" by OSV (Gr. 3-5); "God's Plan in Scripture" by Ascension Press (Gr6);
 - 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: 8th Grade (final Confirmation Prep) is not offered during Summer Academy.*

A one week full day program with choice of sessions:

- **Session II: July 6-10, Mon-Thurs 8:45am-2:45pm & Fri 8:45-1pm**
- **Session III: July 13-17, Mon-Thurs 8:45am-2:45pm & Fri 8:45-1pm**

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, except on Fridays when we dismiss at 1pm. Extended Day After Care options will be available from 2:45-5pm daily (1-3pm on Friday), 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;
 - Creative learning, small group sharing, skits, 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. It will also be emailed to all families on the RE mailing list.
2. **The registration link will become active at 10am on January 17, 2026.**
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 is possible 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 12-15 students per class. A maximum of 200 students (Grades 1-6) can be registered in week one, and 180 for the subsequent weeks. A maximum of 25 first grade spots will be available each week.
 - The WeShare system will not cut off at 30 when registrations are submitted online.
 - 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.
 - Summer Academy Fees are as follows: **Tuition (Non-Refundable):**

NUMBER OF CHILDREN	Summer tuition Rate
1	\$275.00
2	\$450.00
3 or more	\$600.00

- In addition to the summer tuition fee, students in final preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion are asked to pay an additional \$60.00 to offset materials and expenses relative to receiving those sacraments.
 - In the event you have children in both Summer Academy and the Traditional Programs, multi-child discounts will be calculated based on Summer Academy rates. Additional info regarding our Traditional Program will be out in the spring.
2. Payment will be requested at the time of registration, by credit card or bank account.
 3. 8th grade registration will be processed in the spring, at the same time as our Traditional Program, will be available in early spring.

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

- All pertinent family data (name/ mailing address/ email address, prior RE participation, 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 2026-27 school year.**

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III. Eligibility

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

1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS - Pre-requisites

- Returning students (attended in 2025-26) must be up-to-date with 4 completed Family Days by 6/15/26.
- New and/or transferring students should register as parishioners with the Parish Office. You will be asked to provide copies of any sacramental certificates received, and a Letter of Transfer from their previous parish denoting their completed level of religious education. These documents will be requested once online registrations are received.
- 1st graders must turn 6 years old by 10/31/26.

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) eligible family days.

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.

IV. Adult Employment/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). As of the opening of online registration, a nurse is only needed for Week 1 – 6/22-26.
 - Virtus (3 hour child safety) training is required.
 - Complete background check, with fingerprinting, is required.
- 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.
- Extended Day Program – Anyone 18 or older is invited to participate for an hourly stipend. They can work on a day to day basis or the full week (as needed).
 - Virtus (3 hour child safety) training is required.
 - Complete background check with fingerprinting is required.

V. Student Volunteer Needs

- In addition to catechists, volunteers are essential to the program. The volunteer positions include the following;
 - Classroom aides
 - Hall/door monitors
 - Lunch/recess aides
 - Specials coordinators
- Students - Serving at Summer Academy is offered to Confirmation candidates entering their final year of preparation (8th 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 2026.
- Positions are limited, 20-30 per week, depending on the number of classes and students registered.
- Some preference will be given to volunteers who sign up for full days as partial day help presents logistical challenges.
- Full week sign up is most helpful but as that exceeds the required service hour numbers for incoming 8th graders, it will not affect your eligibility to participate.
- Additional Service “Craft & Special Prep” opportunities will be available prior to each of the three Summer Academy sessions. This will offer additional service hours for interested volunteers. Dates/times will be provided in March when the Summer Academy Volunteer sign up link is posted on the website.