



August 2024

Dear St. Patrick Families-

Greetings in the Lord! I hope this message finds you well. In preparing for the upcoming school year, I wanted to reach out to all of our families that may have children approaching Sacramental age. As our database lists the children by birthday, not grade, I am reaching out to a broad span, hoping that we don't miss anyone. I apologize if you have received this message in error. Our program does welcome all kindergarten through eighth graders, if you are not in the grade listed below.

This reminder is being sent to all of our 7th grade families. Our Diocese requires 2 years of religious preparation, either through Catholic schools, homeschooling, or religious education prior to a Sacrament. Additionally, our parish will be utilizing "Chosen" by Ascension Press, which we split over two years of preparation classes. If you wish to have your child receive their Confirmation with their grade level peers in 8th grade, you need to be registered in one of these programs, Catholic schools, homeschooling, or religious education, for seventh grade and also register for our first year of Confirmation preparation. If you have a public school student, you would sign up through me in the St. Patrick Religious Education office. If you are homeschooling or have a Montini student, you would have them complete their school program and attend an additional Confirmation preparation class at our church. If you wish to register for the first year of Confirmation preparation, dates are on the back of this form and the registration form is attached. There is no fee for the first year of preparation classes. Please contact the Religious Education office to receive more information about any of these programs.

Our Religious Education registration is currently open. If your child will be attending religious education, I ask that you fill out the registration paperwork no later than August 31, to allow us time to plan. All of the details for our program are available at <https://www.stpatrickmchenry.org/religious-education> and packets are available in the vestibule at church. If you have any questions about our formation opportunities, please contact me in the religious education office. If your registration is not received by August 15, a late fee of \$10 per child will be applied to your accounts to cover additional ordering of books and supplies. Payment is not required at this time, however, if you are prepared at this time to make payment, payments can be turned into the parish office or made online via Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/355/event/7842>.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact me, Lisa Johnson, in the Religious Education office at reoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org or 815-385-2959.

God Bless-

Lisa Johnson, DRE, St Patrick Church, McHenry

2024-25 First Year Confirmation Preparation Dates

Each candidate will be asked to attend one class a month during their first year of preparation. Each class will have 2 offerings, either one Sunday per month from 10-11:30 *or* one Thursday night a month from 6-7:30pm. We ask for a parent to attend each monthly session with their child. Classes will be held at Montini Primary Center.

- Class 1 - October 10 or 20 – Chosen Session 1 and 2
- Class 2 - November 7 or 10 – Chosen Session 3 and 4
- Class 3 - January 12 or 23 – Chosen Session 5 and 6
- Class 4 - February 9 or 13 – Chosen Session 7 and 8
- Class 5 - March 6 or 9 – Chosen Session 9 and 10
- Class 6 - April 6 or 10 – Chosen Session 11 and 12

A retreat will be held during the second year of preparation.