

Religious Education Program

Goal

Our Lady of Lourdes Religious Education process strives to develop and cultivate the faith in every area of life of the child, young adult and adult of the parish. Faith is a life-long process and is not accomplished quickly, nor is it complete after a certain number of years. Knowledge of one's religion and living out of one's faith is ongoing. Growth and change are an integral part of the process.

Catechesis educates the child and young adult in the living faith of the Church and is designed to help at each state of human development. Teaching the Gospel values encourages a harmonious development of the spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical and social skills of each child, young adult and adult.

Objectives

The purpose of our Religious Education Program at Our Lady of Lourdes parish is to enrich and challenge the lives of our young people with the Gospel message by word and example in a loving and caring Christian community.

Our program recognizes that parents are the primary educators of their children in the ways of our faith. With this in mind, our goal is to assist the children in recognizing our commitment as a historical people to the mission of Jesus by demonstration that the elements of service, teaching prayer, sacraments and community are part of the continuous tradition of the Catholic Church. We still strive to affirm and supplement, but never replace, religious education in the home.

Believing that religious education is a lifelong process, it is necessary for children to attend formal classes every year. The Religious Education process awakens faith through discovery and understanding of God's active presence in our lives while attempting to elicit a free and loving response of that faith from each child, young adult and adult.

Weekly classes are offered for students in Kindergarten through 9th grade beginning mid-September and continuing for 26 weeks. These sessions are available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and are held in the Christian Formation Center. A child must be pre-registered with a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate. Registration for classes is held primarily during the month of August. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Religious Education Office.