



A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH

THE CHURCH OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

Children's Faith Formation

Registration Packet

Mother Church of the Paulist Fathers

This is an application packet for families who are already registered parishioners at the St. Paul the Apostle and are registering their children for the first time in our Religious Education ministry.

Programs Offered

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program of spiritual development of the young child, which follows the principles of Montessori education. **Only level I is offered at St. Paul the Apostle.** It is for children from 3 to 5 years of age. Registration is limited to 12 children per class. The Good Shepherd session is two hours long and is held on Sundays from 9:30-11:30am. Parents are asked to attend an orientation session before their child enters the Good Shepherd Program for the first time.

First Communion Preparation: Two years of attendance are required before receiving First Communion. A certificate of attendance in Catholic School will count for one year toward First Communion preparation in our parish. Regular classes are held on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm. Children are placed in classes according to their age and grade in school.

Preparations for Confirmation: A child must be in seventh grade or older, and have attended two consecutive years of religious education before Confirmation. If a child attends Catholic school and wishes to be confirmed in our parish program, a certificate of attendance will count for one year toward preparation for Confirmation. Confirmation classes are held on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

Religious Education Classes are offered for children in Grades 1 through 6, independently of sacramental preparation. These classes center on the themes of the Scriptures for mass and teach catechism, prayer, Church history, and living the Catholic faith. Grade-level classes are offered on Sundays from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm.

Requirements for Registration

- ❖ **Be an active registered parishioner of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle.** If you are new in our community or worship with us regularly and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please fill out our registration form.
- ❖ **For families registering for Religious Education at St. Paul the Apostle for the first time, the religious Education Registration Form** is available at the parish receptionist's desk and Welcoming Center.
- ❖ **Returning families** will receive all registration information by email after August 15th.
If your children attended Religious Education at St. Paul the Apostle last year,

PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT THE REGISTRATION FORM AGAIN. The duplication causes much extra work. Payment of your Religious Education fee will complete your registration.

- ❖ **A copy of the baptismal record of each child registering for Religious Education.** (Please call the religious Education Office to check if you believe that we already have your baptismal record on file.)
- ❖ **Payment of Religious Education Fee by check or money orders to Church of Saint Paul the Apostle.**

Religious Education Fees per school year 2026-2027

Family with one child in the program **\$135**

Family with two in the program **\$200**

Family with three or more children in the program **\$250**

*** Additional fees for First Communion and Confirmation \$50**

Register by mail or by returning the form, baptismal record and Religious Education fee to the parish receptionist on or before August 15th. Address your envelope to Kimberly M. Itskov “Religious Education”. Your registration will be confirmed by the last week of August.

Registration deadline is August 15th, 2026

Classes will meet for the first time on Sunday, September 20th, 2026 when students will receive their classroom assignment if we’re meeting in person and on the academic calendar for the year.