

St. Pius X Catholic Church
K-5 Elementary Religious Education
2022-2023

August 8, 2022

Dear Families,

It is time to register for the 2022-2023 K-5 Elementary Religious Education Programs. We know & affirm that the primary responsibility for sharing faith rests with the family. We will have both in-person & online options for families with children in K-5 again this year.

- **In-person, twice a month K-5 Religious Education** sessions meet Wednesdays from 5:45-7:15 pm. The sessions are from October through April & provide children with opportunities to learn & share their faith by participating in multi-age/large group activities & grade level/small group work.
- **In-person, once a month Family Catechesis (Grades K-5 ONLY)** meets Sundays from 10:00-11:30 am. This program meets October through March & is designed for the whole family to participate in prayer & faith-sharing activities. There are additional work assignments to be completed at home between sessions. *This is an excellent opportunity for children & their parents to focus on faith-building together.*
- **Online, twice a month K-5 Religious Education** sessions meet Sundays from 8:15-9:00 am. Families will log in during the designated time to participate in the sessions. Families will receive log in information and materials to use during the sessions.

We hope that one of these options will fit into your family's schedule. Whichever one you choose, please know that it is extremely important to continue your child's religious formation year after year. Religious education is not strictly for preparing for sacraments! As a parent myself, I have found that as children mature, it is even more crucial to keep them involved in their parish so that their Catholic faith grows with them. As the years go on, our religious formation classes move from learning the basics of the Catholic faith, to applying our beliefs in day to day life.

Dates & Times for the Parent Meetings/Orientation

- FOR **Online K-5**, Sunday, September 11th, 8:15 am (online)
- FOR **In-person, Family Catechesis (K-5 ONLY)**, Sunday, September 18th, 10:00 am in AZ Room
- FOR **In-person, Grades K-5**, Wednesday, September 28th, 5:45 pm in Teen Center

As you are completing your registration, please consider completing the Catechist Volunteer Form to volunteer. **Our programs rely entirely on volunteers...we can not do it without you!** We know you are busy, but we hope you will share your talents with our children! All lesson plans & supplies are provided, so once you review the lesson, you can enjoy spending more time with the students. Being an active participant in religious education sessions as a catechist or catechist assistant sends a powerful message to your child that religious education is important.

Please return your registration forms **as soon as possible!** This is a tremendous help in planning for supplies & scheduling resources. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me in the R.E. office. I look forward to working with you & your children.

Blessings,

Deanne Lialios

Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry
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Do any of your children need to be Baptized? Yes No

Sacrament Information

| STUDENT'S NAME | Date of Baptism | Church of Baptism City & State | 1st Eucharist | Reconciliation |
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PLEASE LIST FOOD & INSECT BITE ALLERGIES & EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS

(Include other medical/behavioral notes that you feel would be beneficial for us to know.)

| STUDENT'S NAME | FOOD or INSECT BITE ALLERGIES And Other Medical Notes | EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS (Inhaler, Epi-pen, etc.) | BEHAVIORAL or other notes |
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2022-2023 Photo Release

I hereby grant St. Pius X Catholic Church permission to use my child's photograph in any St. Pius X Religious Education or Youth Ministry Newsletters or on the St. Pius X Religious Education & Youth Ministry website <https://www.stpiusxtucsonyouth.com> or the St. Pius X website <https://www.stpiusxtucson.org> or related social media pages.

Parent or Guardian's Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Safety Curriculum for Children and Youth

Each year we are required by the Diocese of Tucson to present the Personal Safety/Safe Environment curriculum program to all children in our religious education programs. This program is approved by the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at the Diocese of Tucson. Parents can preview the safe environment DVD at the Parent Meeting or by contacting the parish office for the direct link. The DVD will be presented to children during one of the scheduled Religious Education Sessions (either in person or online—see the calendar for dates and times).

My child(ren) may attend the personal safety education program: Yes No (Please check one & sign.)

Parent or Guardian's Name (printed)

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date



St. Pius X Catholic Church
2022-2023 Elementary Religious Education Calendar
(Grades K-5)



K-5 WEDNESDAYS, IN-PERSON SESSIONS

5:45-7:15 pm (in AZ Room/Gym)

PARENT MEETING/ORIENTATION – Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 5:45 pm, Teen Center

- October 5 & 19, 2022
- November 2, 2022
- November 16, 2022 (Personal Safety DVD)
- December 7 & 21, 2022
- January 11 & 25, 2023
- February 8, 2023
- March 1, 2023
- March 15, 2023 (Possible Reconciliation)
- April 5, 2023

K-5 FAMILY CATECHESIS, IN-PERSON SESSIONS, SUNDAYS

10:00-11:30 am (in AZ Room/Gym)

A parent or adult must attend with child/children.

PARENT MEETING/ORIENTATION – Sunday, September 18, 2022, 10 am, AZ Room/Gym

(Students are welcome, but not required.)

- October 2, 2022
- November 6, 2022 (Personal Safety DVD)
- December 18, 2022
- January 22, 2023
- February 19, 2023
- March 5, 2023

K-5 ONLINE SESSIONS, SUNDAYS

8:15-9:00 am

PARENT MEETING/ORIENTATION – Sunday, September 11, 2022, 8:15 am, Online

- October 2 & 16, 2022
- November 6, 2022
- November 20, 2022 (Personal Safety DVD)
- December 4, 2022
- January 8 & 22, 2023
- February 5 & 19, 2023
- March 5 & 19, 2023
- April 2, 2023



First Eucharist (First Communion)

Requirements: For baptized Catholic children who are at least in 2nd Grade, have 2 years of religious education and are currently enrolled in St. Pius X RE classes. Prior to participating in this program, students must have participated in the preparation for and celebration of First Reconciliation (see below).

Preparation begins in the Spring with **Parent Meeting** on

Sunday, **March 5, 2023**, 12:00 pm (in the Teen Center)

REQUIRED retreat on Sunday, **April 23, 2023**
2:00 pm—5:00 pm

Celebration: Dates for First Communion Masses to be determined.

Information will be mailed in end of January for eligible children.

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First Reconciliation (First Confession)

Requirements: For baptized Catholic children who are at least in 2nd Grade, have 2 years of religious education and are currently enrolled in St. Pius X RE classes. 1st Reconciliation is required to participate in 1st Eucharist.

Preparation begins in the Spring with a **Parent Meeting** on

Sunday, **January 22, 2023**, 12:00 pm (in the Teen Center)
to receive materials for home study.

Celebration: *Reconciliation is usually held in March. Dates to be determined.*

Information will be mailed in the end of December for eligible children.

NOTE: Please only fill out if your children are participating in Online K-5 instruction.

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Elementary Religious Education

Permission Form for Online and/or Live-Streaming Instruction

2022-2023 School Year

St. Pius X Catholic Church (St. Pius X Elementary Religious Education) will be providing online & live-streaming instruction to child(ren). **To protect the privacy of all students participating in St. Pius X Elementary Religious Education online programs, students and all others are strictly forbidden from taking screen shots or recordings of the class, the instructor, or individual students during synchronous instruction.**

I acknowledge my child(children) listed below may participate in online & live-streaming classes that may result in my child(children)'s name and/or face being identified online. I also agree to partner with St. Pius X Elementary Religious Education in enforcing the forbiddance of screen shots, recordings of the class, the instructor, or individual students by my child(children) or any others within my family or household (or under my supervision) during synchronous instruction.

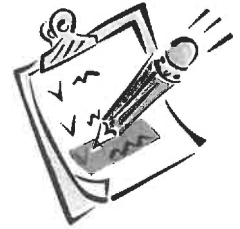
Please list any child's name that will be viewing or participating in the online instruction.

| Name of Child(ren) | Grade |
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Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

**St. Pius X Catholic Church
Elementary Religious Education
2022-2023 Attendance Policy**



Please read through the attendance policy, sign that you have read it, and return the bottom portion of the sheet to the Religious Education office with your registration form.

- Due to the limited amount of class sessions, students are expected to attend every class. This applies to both twice a month classes and monthly Family Catechesis.
- If a student cannot be in attendance due to illness or a family commitment, please contact our office (520-885-3573, ext. 39).
- Student's attendance will be tracked and in the event of multiple absences, plans will be made for providing makeup work.



Please sign, detach, and return:

At my child's Baptism, I promised to raise my child in the ways of the faith. I do this by taking them to Mass on Sunday, teaching them to pray, providing them with the opportunity for religious formation, and bringing them into the sacramental life of the Church.

I understand my responsibility and support the St. Pius X Elementary Religious Education's ministry's policies. I have read the attendance policy and will assist my child(ren) in completing the necessary requirements.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

____/____/____
Date

Please Print Name



**St. Pius X Catholic Church
Elementary Religious Education
2022-2023 Catechist Volunteer Form**
(For K-5 Wednesday Sessions)

**We  our
Volunteers!**

Catechists: The catechist's role is to teach our Catholic faith by facilitating grade level activities during sessions.

Time Commitment

- ◆ Attend the catechist enrichment session listed below.

FOR RE K-5, Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 5:45-7:15 pm in the Teen Center

- Assist with Religious Education sessions held twice per month and review lesson objectives prior to session. **Lesson plans will be provided for you.**

In addition to catechists & assistants, we welcome volunteers who would be able to substitute when needed.

PLEASE NOTE: A background check is required for all religious education volunteers.

Volunteer's Name _____

Phones: (h) _____ (c) _____ (w) _____

Email _____

Please check how you would be interested in volunteering your time.

Catechist Catechist Assistant Substitute

Volunteers needed for RE K-5 Wednesday, 5:45-7:15 pm

Grade Preference (Please choose one.)

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