

**2023/2024 Religious Education**

**St. Elizabeth Education Center - 3051 Fourth St., Wyandotte, MI**

**734-285-9840 x102 Office / 734-225-4010 School (Tues. Only) / email: dre@stvpp.org**

**OPENING DAY:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 5:30pm. All families join together in St. Joseph Church.

**TUESDAY SESSIONS:** 4pm-5:30pm or 6pm-7:30pm (*students may switch within the year if class size allows*)

**ABSENCES:** If a child is absent, the lesson will be done at home and emailed to [homework@stvpp.org](mailto:homework@stvpp.org)

**FAMILY CATECHESIS - MONTHLY PROGRAM:**

- Parent/adult **agrees** to do chapters at home **WITH their child(ren)** (child is not to be on their own)
- All families (child/adult) **join together on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month** in St Joseph Hall, 4pm-6pm (includes 4pm Mass) – light meal served – bring completed chapters – includes a topic & discussion

**FAMILY MASS & SPECIAL SERVICES:** The year schedule will include four Family Masses and may have special services where everyone joins together at 5:30pm **INSTEAD** of a class day.

**SACRAMENTS:**

- **PARENTS seeking First Eucharist or Confirmation for their child MUST attend a Sacrament Readiness Workshop for their child to proceed (dates will be posted in bulletin & website)**
- **A Baptism Certificate is required for every child seeking sacraments unless the baptism can be verified on site at St Vincent Pallotti Parish or Our Lady of the Scapular Parish.**

**\*First Reconciliation/Eucharist:** 2-year level process. *Please contact the Religious Formation Office to discuss your individual situation if your child is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above without previous faith formation.*

**\*Confirmation:** Confirmation is a 2-year level process. *Please contact the Religious Formation Office to discuss your individual situation if your child is in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above without previous faith formation.*

**NOTE!** In addition to attending regular formation classes, students will also be required to attend retreats, additional sessions, complete sacrament workbooks, etc. as noted in the Sacrament Schedule.

**TUITION: must be paid in full by January 31, 2024 (including sacrament fees).**

**Tuition Fee: Tuesday & Family Catechesis**

1 Child	\$ 80.00
2 Children	\$110.00
3 or more children	\$140.00

**Sacrament Fee: Additional sacrament materials, retreats, etc.**

Level 1 - First Reconciliation/Eucharist	\$25.00
Level 2 - First Reconciliation/Eucharist	\$35.00
Level 1 – Confirmation	\$25.00
Level 2 – Confirmation	\$35.00

**PAYMENTS:** Payments of cash or checks (*payable to St. Vincent Pallotti Parish*) are accepted at the St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Office, 334 Elm St, Wyandotte, or pay on the parish website: [stvpp.org](http://stvpp.org) - Online Giving - “Religious Education Tuition” (*make sure to note family name*).

**NOTE:** No child will be refused faith formation due to the inability to pay full cost.  
If there is an issue, **PLEASE CALL** the Director of Faith Formation or the pastor. We will help you!

# 2023/2024 Religious Education Registration Form for the parishes of St. Vincent Pallotti & Our Lady of the Scapular

**Tuesday evenings Kindergarten thru Confirmation or a Family Catechesis program**  
(see back for program details before making your selection)

**Select program:** Tuesday: 4pm-5:30pm\_\_\_ 6pm-7:30pm\_\_\_ Family Catechesis\_\_\_ Rec'd Parent Handbook\_\_\_  
*Please print!* *(initial here)*

**Family Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parish currently registered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*We use the "Remind" system to send important and/or urgent messages. Indicate below the best cell and email for our alerts. Cell:**( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell/Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Religion:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Address if different from above* \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell/Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Religion:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Address if different from above* \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relation to Child:** \_\_\_\_\_

**List all children registering and indicate what sacraments they HAVE ALREADY received and where!**

Child's Name First & Last	Birth Date M/D/Y	School Grade	Rel. Ed. grade last attended	Baptism Name of Church	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Name of Church	First Eucharist Name of Church

**Any special challenges or considerations** we should be aware of? (Asthma, Epilepsy, reading difficulties, ADD, food allergies, etc.) Information is kept private and confidential! It helps the catechist to best serve your child. We welcome ALL students. \_\_\_\_\_

If you **DO NOT** want **PHOTOGRAPHS** (*full names are never published with a photo*) of your child in our parish media (*bulletin, website, etc.*) you must Sign/Date here! Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate how you can share your time/talents in the Religious Education Program:**

Hall Monitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Catechist: \_\_\_\_\_ Catechist Aide: \_\_\_\_\_ Substitute: \_\_\_\_\_ Bake Goods: \_\_\_\_\_

Do Good Dollar Store Helper: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer to hear memorized prayers \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use!**

**Tuition Fee:**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (*deduct \$10 if paid by 8/1*) **Sacrament Fee (if applicable):**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT PAID:** \_\_\_\_\_ **√ CASH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **or CHECK #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **REC#** \_\_\_\_\_ **BALANCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**2023/2024 Religious Education Calendar for the parishes of:  
St Vincent Pallotti & Our Lady of the Scapular**  
*(see back for sacrament schedules)*

## September

**First Day**

+19<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm-7:00pm,  
ALL students (w/parents)  
join in St Joseph Ch. for an  
opening prayer service -  
students dismissed with  
catechists - **parents remain  
for a mandatory mtg.**

26<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

## October

3<sup>rd</sup> - Regular class day

+10<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm Family Mass,  
@ St Joseph Church

17<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

\*21<sup>st</sup> - Family Catechesis mtg

24<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

31<sup>st</sup> - No class- Halloween

## November

7<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

+14<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm Family Mass  
@ Our Lady of the Scapular

\*18<sup>th</sup> - Family Catechesis mtg

21<sup>st</sup> - No class- Thanksgiving

28<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

## December

5<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

12<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day-  
Feast Our Lady of Guadalupe

\*16<sup>th</sup> - Family Catechesis mtg

+19<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm Christmas  
Pageant- St Joseph Ch

26<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Break

## January

2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Break

9<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

16<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

\*20<sup>th</sup> - Family Catechesis mtg

23<sup>rd</sup> - Regular class day

30<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

## February

6<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

+13<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm Family Mass  
@ St Joseph Church

\*17<sup>th</sup> - Family Catechesis mtg

20<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

27<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

## March

5<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

+12<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm Family Mass  
@ St Joseph Church

\*16<sup>th</sup> - Family Catechesis mtg

19<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

26<sup>th</sup> - Spring Break

## April

2<sup>nd</sup> - Regular class day

+9<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm Family Mass @  
St Joseph Church

16<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

\*20<sup>th</sup> - Family Catechesis mtg

23<sup>rd</sup> - Regular class day

30<sup>th</sup> - Regular class day

## May

+7<sup>th</sup> - 5:30pm End of Year  
event - St Joseph Church

**June 17-21**

**VBS**

*(watch for flyer)*

**Symbol Key:** + Family Mass/Special Events: ALL sessions join together 5:30pm-attendance taken-no regular class this day  
\* Family Catechesis: parents/children attend 4pm Mass – mtg after in St Joseph Hall 5pm-6pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.)

**2023/2024 Sacrament Calendar for the parishes of:  
St Vincent Pallotti & Our Lady of the Scapular**

## September

## October

## November

### CONFIRMATION

**\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> - L1 & L2 meeting 6pm-8pm, St. Joseph Church Hall (parents & student must attend)**

### FIRST EUCHARIST

**\*\* 10<sup>th</sup> - L2 (only)**  
parent meeting 6:30pm in St Joseph Church Hall  
*(immediately follows Family Mass)*

### CONFIRMATION

**5<sup>th</sup> - L1 & L2 Session 6pm-8pm, St Joseph Hall**

### FIRST EUCHARIST

**11<sup>th</sup>-L2 (only) Reconciliation Retreat, 10am-12pm ("You Are Forgiven" books due) Ed. Ctr.**  
**27<sup>th</sup> - Sac. of Reconciliation 6pm St Patrick Church**

## December

### CONFIRMATION

**3<sup>rd</sup> - L1 & L2 Session 6pm-8pm, St Joseph Hall**

## January

### CONFIRMATION

**7<sup>th</sup> - L1 & L2 Session 6pm-8pm, St Joseph Hall**

## February

### CONFIRMATION

**4<sup>th</sup> - L1 & L2 Session 6pm-8pm, St Joseph Hall**

### FIRST EUCHARIST

**10<sup>th</sup> - L2 (only) Eucharist Retreat, 10am-12pm, Ed. Ctr.**  
**\*\* 13<sup>th</sup> - L1 (only)**  
parent mtg 6:30pm *(following Family Mass)*

## March

### CONFIRMATION

**3<sup>rd</sup> - L1 & L2 Special session: Seder Meal 6pm-8pm, St Joseph Hall (details to follow)**

### FIRST EUCHARIST

**21<sup>st</sup> - L2 (only) 5:30-7:30pm, Blessing Cup Meal ("You Are Loved" books due)**

## April

### CONFIRMATION

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Interviews during class 4pm-7:30pm (student w/parent-SignUp Genius available in March)**  
**7<sup>th</sup> - L1 (only) Session 6pm-8pm, St Joseph Hall**  
**13<sup>th</sup> - L2 (only) 11am-6pm Day of Reflection retreat (sponsor joins at 4pm Mass)**  
**28<sup>th</sup>-Confirmation Mass, 2pm**

## May

### FIRST EUCHARIST

**2<sup>nd</sup> - SVP practice, 6pm @ St Joseph Church**  
**4<sup>th</sup> - OLS practice, 12pm @ Mt Carmel Church**  
**5<sup>th</sup> - OLS 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Mass 11am @ Mt Carmel Church**  
**5<sup>th</sup> - SVP 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Mass 2pm @ St Joseph Church**

### Symbol Key:

**\*\* Mandatory meeting for parents seeking First Eucharist or Confirmation. Parent must attend in order for their child to be in the sacrament preparation program.**

### Family Catechesis Program:

Registering for this program you agree to the following:

- Parent takes the primary role as the child's catechist
- Chapters are completed at home following the syllabus
- Attend a monthly meeting (parents & children) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month in St Joseph Hall 4pm-6pm (begins w/4pm Mass)
- A light meal will be served

### Policies for Health & Safety

- **If a child is sick, please stay home!!!**
  - *chapter can be done at home (see At-Home instructions)*
- water bottles are allowed (water only! to help with sanitation)
- We are a NUT FREE facility

### Your Role as a Parent *(Important excerpts from the NCD and CCC)*

“Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children. They catechize informally but powerfully by example and instructions. They communicate values and attitudes by showing love for Christ and his Church and for each other, by reverently receiving the Eucharist and living in its spirit, by fostering justice and love in all their relationships. Their active involvement in the parish, their readiness to seek opportunities to serve others and their frequent prayer, all make meaningful their profession of belief. Parents nurture faith in their children by showing them the richness and beauty of lived faith.”

*Sharing the Light of Faith-*

*National Catechetical Directory for the United States (NCD)*

“The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute.”

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2221 (CCC)*

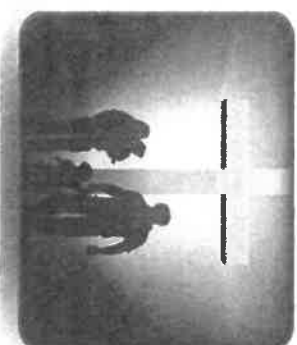
**Please make attending Mass every week a priority. Your family will benefit greatly! A family that prays together grows in faith together!**

### We Are Grateful for Our Catechists

Catechists are volunteers who receive no monetary payment. They share their time, talent, and faith-life with your children for the great love of Jesus and the Church! They are either certified or working towards certification under the Archdiocese instructed in areas of Theology, Scripture, Sacraments, Class Management and Teaching Techniques. Please keep them in your prayers.

*Catechists have a vocation...a calling from the Lord rooted in Baptism to carry out His mandate to teach the Gospel. The General Directory for Catechesis tells us that “The Church awakens and discerns divine vocation and confers the mission to catechize. The Lord Jesus invites men and women, in a special way, to follow him, teach and form disciples.” (GDC 231)*

## *Parishes of St. Vincent Pallotti & Our Lady of the Scapular Religious Education Handbook 2023/2024*



*Jesus said, “Let the Children come to me...” Then he took them in his arms and laying his hands on them, blessed them.*

*Mark 10:13-16*

### Religious Education Office-334 Elm St., Wyandotte

Monday – Thursday 9am-3:30pm

734-285-9840 ext. 102; Fax 734-285-9745

Tuesday Evenings ONLY School 734-225-4010

Website: [www.stvppp.org](http://www.stvppp.org); e-mail: [dre@stvppp.org](mailto:dre@stvppp.org)

### Children’s Religious Education Programs

#### Regular Formation Classes

St Elizabeth Education Center, 3051 4<sup>th</sup> St., Wyandotte

Tuesday 4:00-5:30pm or 6:00-7:30pm

Family Mass: Both sessions celebrate together at 5:30pm

#### Weekend Mass Schedule

**St Vincent Pallotti: Saturday:** St Joseph Church 4pm

**Sunday:** St. Joseph Church 8:00am & 11:30am; St Patrick Church: 9:30am

**Our Lady of the Scapular: Saturday:** 5pm

**Sunday:** 9am (*Polish*) & 11am

*\*Please read thoroughly and initial on your registration form that you received this handbook.*

## General Policies for all Grade Levels

Expectations of all enrolled in the religious ed program:

1. Attend class and participate to the best of their ability.
2. Show respectful behavior to the catechists and fellow classmates.
3. More than **6 absences** may require a grade to be repeated.
4. Complete any missed assignments.
5. Early release: a child must be signed out for their safety.
6. Attend and participate at all liturgical events and class functions.
7. Call the Religious Education office to report an absence or tardy.
8. We are a **NUT FREE** facility due to the danger of allergies.
9. **ALL ELECTRONICS** must be put in backpacks or will be taken away until the class-time is ended
10. Family Masses & special events: All sessions attend together

## Parents/Guardians are expected to:

1. Keep the Sabbath holy by attending weekend Mass with your child.
2. Review each week's lesson with your child.
3. Occasionally attend and/or help at special events.
4. Assure your child knows the following prayers (*by their grade*)

## Prayers- all children should know the following prayers by:

Kindergarten:	Sign of the Cross, Grace Before Meals
First Grade:	Glory Be, Hail Mary, Our Father
Second Grade:	Act of Contrition, Guardian Angel
Third Grade:	Apostle's Creed
Fourth Grade:	Nicene Creed
Fifth Grade:	How to pray the Rosary with Mysteries
Sixth Grade:	All the Mass Prayers
Conf. Level 1 & 2:	Prayer to the Holy Spirit & all the above ( <i>Repetition works! Using these prayers during family prayer time will help</i> )

## Drop off/Pick up procedures:

**Drop-off:** Earliest arrival time for each class-time is 3:50pm / 5:50pm

All children gather in the gym for songs before going to classrooms  
**Pick-up:** students dismissed 5:30pm/7:30pm from the gym door

K-2 must have a parent/guardian pick them up at the gym door

## Communication

**“REMIND” a free app** is used for important communication (*download is required*). Notate on your Registration Form the cell number & email. This communication is essential for emergency closings, meeting reminders, etc.

## Weather & Emergency Cancellation Policy

We do not use any school system as a guide! Notifications will come directly through **“REMIND”** and/or email or call 734-285-9840 ext. 102.

## “Empowering God’s Children”

This is a safe environment program, taught in each grade emphasizing every child should feel safe. The curriculum is available to view. You must notify the office by September 30, if you want to opt your child out.

## Program Fees:

Tuition is as follows:	One child - \$80
	Two children - \$110
	Three or more- \$140

## Sacrament Preparation Fee: (cover added materials and retreats)

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist (Level 1) -	\$25
First Reconciliation/First Eucharist (Level 2) -	\$35
Confirmation (Level 1) -	\$25
Confirmation (Level 2) -	\$35

Payments are accepted in the parish office or on our website: [styp.org](http://styp.org) (*under Online Giving-Other Payments*). Checks are made payable to **St. Vincent Pallotti Parish**. All accounts **MUST be paid in full by January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Financial hardship? Contact us to discuss other arrangements.

## Seeking a Sacrament for your child? You must:

1. Provide a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.
2. Attend **ALL** scheduled parent meetings and retreats.
3. Assure good weekly class attendance of your child.
4. Help with prayers and other spiritual guidance.
5. Attend Sunday Mass each week.

*An original Baptism Certificate must be presented unless we can verify the baptism at either St. Vincent Pallotti or Our Lady of the Scapular.*

## Sacrament Preparation—2-Year Program for Eucharist & Confirmation

Parents **MUST** attend a mandatory Sacrament Readiness meeting if you plan for your child to receive the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation (*see bulletin or website for dates*).

First Eucharist – Level 1 & Level 2 program (begins 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Confirmation – Level 1 & Level 2 program (begins 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

*Note: sacrament preparations require additional sessions, retreats, etc.*

**Family OCIA (Order for Christian Initiation of Adults)** - A program to specifically help prepare children who have not regularly attended religious formation classes and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Call the religious education office for more information.

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