

ST. JAMES' RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

*Please return to the Parish Office, P.O. Box 1500, Douglas, WY 82633

Family Name _____ Mother _____ Father _____

Mother Catholic _____ Father Catholic _____ Married _____ **Single _____ **Divorced _____

Home Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

**Second Parent Address: _____

Mother's Cell Phone: _____ Father's Cell Phone: _____

Teen's Cell Phone: _____

Parent E-mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name (non-parent): _____

Telephone: _____ Relationship to Child: _____

Please check here if you would like your information also used for parish registration

Registration Fee: 1st and 2nd child in same family - \$25.00/child

3rd child (and beyond) in same family - \$15.00/child

Number of children per family:

1st &/or 2nd child enrolled: _____ x \$25.00 per child = _____

3rd &/or more children enrolled: _____ x \$15.00 per child = _____

Total Registration Fee _____

Please check the box if you are in need of a scholarship.

Please check the box if you are in need of a payment plan.

STUDENT NAME _____ Date of Birth _____

Grade _____ Any Allergies: _____

Learning Styles/Special Needs: _____

Sacraments already received: (circle all that apply) Baptismal Church: _____

Baptism 1st Reconciliation 1st Communion Confirmation

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Grade _____ Any Allergies: _____

Learning Styles/Special Needs: _____

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Please provide a copy of your child's sacramental records if planning to receive a sacrament this year.

Religious Education Dismissal

All youth in grades Preschool-5 will need a parent or approved adult to come into the Parish Center to sign them out when Religious Education class is dismissed. All youth in grades 6-12 will only be able to receive rides from the list of names you have provided below. If you have a youth who drives, please include that they are allowed to drive themselves to and from Religious Education. In the event there is a last-minute change and someone else needs to pick them up, please notify the Parish Office at 307-358-2338. Thanks!

Approved list of drivers for your child

Cell phone number

Walking or Riding Bikes

If you give permission for your student to walk home or ride a bike home, please indicate below. Your signature is required stating that you understand St. James Catholic Church is released of all liability following dismissal from Religious Education.

Photo Release Form

From time to time, pictures and video may be taken of youth ministry, religious education and/or parish events and gatherings. We would like to be able to use these photographs and videos for flyers, parish and diocesan publications, and the ministry websites or social networking sites. Written consent of the parent/guardian is required. Names will not be posted unless written authorization is given by the parent/guardian. If there are concerns about pictures or videos posted on the website or social networking site, please contact the ministry coordinator or webmaster, and they will promptly be removed.

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of this youth (name) _____, authorize and give full consent, without limitation or reservation, to (parish/school) _____, to publish any photograph or video in which the above named student appears while participating in any program associated with (parish/school) _____ ministry. There will be no compensation for use of any photograph or video at the time of publication or in the future.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date: _____



Novel Coronavirus Acknowledgement & Waiver

I agree, represent and warrant that neither the undersigned, nor any registered participant child(ren) shall visit or participate in the activities of the Diocese of Cheyenne at any parish within 14 days after (1) returning from outside the United States, (2) exposure to any person returning from outside the United States, or (3) exposure to any person who has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19; OR if he or she (1) experiences symptoms of COVID-19, including without limitation, fever, cough or shortness of breath, or (2) has a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19. The undersigned agrees to notify the Program Administrator (or their immediate assistant) immediately if any of the foregoing access/use restrictions may apply.

The Diocese of Cheyenne and the participating diocesan parishes have or may put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 before and during all faith formation, religious education, catechetical activities and events, youth ministry, and young adult ministry ("faith formation"). I agree to comply with measures that may be required to best protect against the introduction of viruses at the parishes, including, but not limited to hygiene practices and temperature screening, completion of a daily screening form, social distancing, and the use of personal protective equipment such as masks and/or gloves. However, the Diocese of Cheyenne or its participating parishes cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending faith formation may or may not increase your risk and your child(ren)'s risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I could possibly be exposed to or infected by COVID-19, by participating in faith formation, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at faith formation at parishes may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including but not limited to, employees and volunteers of the Diocese of Cheyenne or participating parishes, in addition to other program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself, including but not limited to, personal injury, disability, death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at faith formation. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge and hold harmless Bishop Steven Biegler, the Diocese of Cheyenne, all participating Catholic diocesan parishes and their employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives of and from any and all claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of any of the foregoing persons or entities, its employees, volunteers, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during or after participation in any faith formation activity.

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Name Printed

Child(ren) Name(s)

Dear Parents,

August 17, 2021

Out of concern for all God's people and in response to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, we have a program for the safe environment education of children and young people supported and mandated by our diocese.

“Diocese/eparchies will establish ‘safe environment’ programs. They will cooperate with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children. Dioceses/eparchies will make clear to clergy and members of the community the standards of conduct for clergy and other persons in positions of trust with regard to sexual abuse.”
(Article 12 – *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*)

St. James Parish is excited to offer the Circle of Grace Program to all our youth attending religious education classes. The Circle of Grace program will be assisting our young people with education and guidance on appropriate boundaries, self-respect and respect for others. This program encourages healthy relationships and teaches our children that God is always present with us. The Circle of Grace Program is grounded in the richness of our faith.

What is Circle of Grace?

The Catholic Church teaches that God has created each of us as unique and special. Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created “male and female in God’s image” and that God saw this as “very good.” In that goodness, we are meant to respect ourselves and everyone else as persons created and loved by God.

Adults assist children and young people to recognize God’s love by helping them to understand that each of us lives and moves in a circle of grace. You can imagine your own circle of grace by putting your arms above your head then circle down in front of your body including side to side. This circle, front to back, holds who you are in your body and through your senses. It holds your very essence in mind, heart, and soul.

Why is it important to help our children understand the Circle of Grace?

God intends our relationships in life to be experiences of divine love. Respectful, nurturing, loving relationships increase our understanding of our own value and help us to love others. It is never too early to help children and young people understand how very special they are and how relationships in life are called to be sacred. Understanding this can help them to protect the special person they are and to be respectful of others.

Adults, especially parents, as they strive to provide a safe and protective environment, hold the responsibility to help children and young people understand and respect their own dignity and that of others. A truly safe and protective environment is one where children and young people recognize when they are safe or unsafe and know how to bring their concerns, fears, and uncertainties to the trusted adults in their lives.

How is the Circle of Grace Program different from other protection programs?

According to research, one in four girls and one in seven boys will be sexually abused by age eighteen. Many protection programs focus on “stranger danger”; however, up to ninety percent of the time the perpetrator of abuse is known to the child or young person such as a relative or family friend. Circle of Grace goes beyond just protection by helping children and young people understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help through their relationships with trusted adults.

We will present the Circle of Grace lessons on October 27. The Circle of Grace curriculum and lesson plans are available for parents to review in the parish office, or we can mail a copy to your home upon request. If your child misses the Circle of Grace class, we will mail you a lesson plan to teach your child at home. **If you wish to sign an opt-out form to keep on record, please contact me in the office and one will be provided.** If you have any questions regarding the Circle of Grace Program, please contact the parish office.

God bless you and your family,

Jennifer Halquist
DRE, St. James Parish

St. James Catholic Church
2021-22 Religious Education Calendar

- September 22—**Class begins**
- September 29—Class
- October 6—Class
- October 13—Class
- October 20—Class
- October 27—Class
- November 3—Class
- November 10—Class
- November 17—Class
- November 24—**No class** Happy Thanksgiving!
- December 1—Class
- December 8—Class
- December 15—Class Advent Penance Service 7 pm
- December 22—**No class** Merry Christmas!
- December 29—**No class** Merry Christmas!
- January 5—Class
- January 12—Class
- January 19—Class
- January 26—Class
- February 2—Class
- February 9—Class
- February 16—Class
- February 23—Class
- March 2—Class
- March 9—Class
- March 16—**No Class** Spring Break!
- March 23—Class
- March 30—Class
- April 6—Class Lenten Penance Service 7 pm
- April 13—Class
- April 20—Class
- April 27—Class
- May 4—**Last Class** May Crowning
at 5:45 Mass



Wednesday Religious Ed Schedule

4:30-5:30 Preschool—5th Grade
 5:45 Mass
 6:15 Dinner
 7:00-8:00 6th Grade—High School

Dates to Remember:

November 28—Advent begins
 December 8—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Holyday of Obligation**
 December 25—Christmas, **Holyday of Obligation**
 March 2—Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
 April 17—Easter
 April 23—Sacrament of Confirmation during 5:30 pm Mass
 April 27—1st Reconciliation during 4:30 class time
 April 30—First Holy Communion during 5:30 pm Mass
 May 11—Baccalaureate Mass, during 5:45 pm Mass