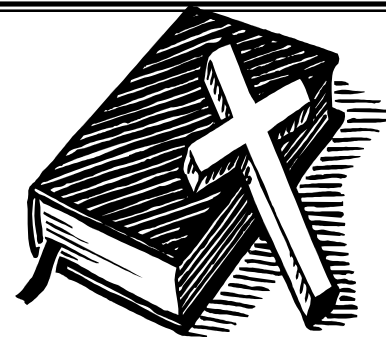


St. Mark Catholic Church

Registration Information 2010-2011 Religious Education School Year



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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the St. Mark Religious Education program to strive for conversion of head and heart toward Jesus Christ through innovative programming that provides the child and their family a fuller understanding and appreciation of our Catholic Faith.

Religious Education Class Schedule 2010-2011 School Year Elementary Grades (1st—5th Grade)

Formal religious education for your child begins in 1st grade. Incorporating the themes of *Learn, Love and Live* into our weekly classes our elementary religious education program provides our students an age appropriate understanding of our Catholic teachings based on the four pillars of our faith: *Profession of Faith, Liturgy and Sacraments, Christian Living and Prayer*. During the weekly classes the students will have opportunities to incorporate their learning and understanding through hands-on activities, games, skits and discussions. There is at times homework and testing (3-5th grade). In addition to learning, our program incorporates service both within the classroom and grades throughout the year.

We are no longer offering kindergarten classes due to lack of interest

Monday	4:15—5:30 pm	(grades 1st thru 5th)
Monday	6:00—7:15 pm	(grades 1st thru 5th)
Tuesday	3:15—4:30 pm	(grades 1st thru 5th)
Tuesday	4:15—5:30 pm	(grades 1st thru 5th)
Tuesday	6:00—7:15 pm	(grades 1st thru 5th)

Successful completion of our elementary program (1st—5th grade) is foundational for our young students allowing them to build upon their Faith in our middle-school program which is a prerequisite for Confirmation within our Parish.

Faith Rocks 6th and 7th Grade:

A Time to Learn, Celebrate and Serve

The St. Mark Faith Rocks program interweaves three important aspects of spiritual development for our youth: *catechetical instruction, service and fellowship*. Catechetical instruction is focused on the four pillars of our Catholic Faith: Profession of Faith (Creed), Liturgy and Sacraments, Morality and Prayer. In addition to the weekly classes, students have monthly opportunities for service and fellowship throughout the program year. Classes are offered:



Sunday 6:15—8:00 pm **

****Students have the option of attending the 5:00 pm Mass with their families. A light meal will be provided for students in the St. Mark School cafeteria at 6:15 pm, with students attending their class after the meal. The total fee for Sunday is \$80.00, which includes the class fee \$45 and \$35 meal fee per student. (All students must pay meal fee who attend on Sunday.)**

In addition to Sunday nights, our Faith Rocks 6th & 7th Grade program is also offered: (there is no meal offered on Monday or Tuesday night and the price for these classes is \$45 per student)

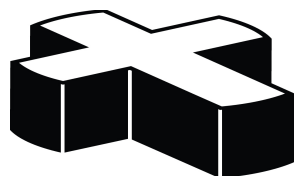
Monday 6-7:15 pm

Tuesday 6-7:15 pm

Successful completion of our Faith Rocks program is a prerequisite for our EDGE program

Questions regarding Faith Rocks are welcome and should be directed to:

Katie.Herzing@gmail.com/704-948-1306



EDGE[®]
Catholic Middle School Ministry

8th Grade Program:

Faith in Action (Discipleship and Morality)

An integral part of our preparation experience for our students is our 8th grade Life Teen EDGE program. The theme of this year-long program is *Faith in Action (Discipleship and Morality)*. Using the successful Life Teen model, students are removed from behind the desk and brought into a large-group environment for gathering activities, teachings and prayer. In small groups, they break open the teachings and build solid, Christ-centered relationships that allow them to comfortably explore their Catholic Faith and make it relevant to their everyday lives. Social activities, service opportunities, teaching and issue nights are integrated throughout the curriculum calendar. EDGE is offered:

Sunday 5:00—8:00 pm

**** Students are asked to attend the 5 pm Life Teen Mass sitting with the EDGE students or with their families. A light meal will be provided for students in the St. Mark School cafeteria at 6:15 pm with students attending the EDGE program immediately afterwards.**

The total fee for this program is \$80.00 which includes the program fee of \$45 and \$35 for meal.

Completion of this program is a prerequisite for our 9th grade immediate Confirmation preparation experience

Questions regarding EDGE are welcome and should be directed to
Katie.Herzing@gmail.com /704-948-1306 ext 117

First Reconciliation and First Communion

Sacramental Preparation

Parents with children who are preparing for the celebration of a Sacrament are entering a special time in the life of your family. It is a time to reflect on the meaning of the Sacrament in your life and the ways in which your family life reflects its importance.

Children in the Diocese of Charlotte are able to celebrate their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion during second grade, provided that it is also their second consecutive year of religious education. Celebration of Reconciliation proceeds the reception of First Communion and preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation shall be distinct from preparation for First Communion.

*There is an **additional fee of \$30.00 per child** for children making their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion to cover expenses of the additional material. This is payable with class tuition and is due with registration.*

All registration forms for First Communion students must have a copy of the child's baptismal certificate regardless if it was previously provided.

Questions regarding Sacrament Preparation for First Reconciliation and Communion should be directed to Faye Nye (faye.nye@stmarknc.org)

RCIA for Children

Our Parent/Child RCIA class for Children (3-8th grade) is for children who have not been enrolled in religious education previously and are either not baptized or have not received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. This is a parent/child interactive class that includes weekly classes and experiences that both educate and inspire the family in their Catholic Faith.

Class Time is Tuesday 6-7:15 pm (Room 200)

Families interested in this class must first talk to Donna Smith 704-948-1306/dsmith18@bellsouth.net to be admitted into this program

Home-School Program (3rd—7th Grade students only)

We offer parents an opportunity to formally catechize their children through our home-school program. This opportunity requires a unique level of commitment from parents and children, with us providing parents and students interactive and informative home-school material. There is testing within the home-school program, and students will be asked to complete a competency test at the end of the year to assure their understanding of the material. Attending the parent orientation meeting in the fall is vital to parents home-schooling. Children will not be able to register for this program if they have not successfully completed the previous year of religious instruction. *(Please indicate home-school on the registration form under class time) Questions concerning home-school can be directed to Faye Nye (faye.nye@stmarknc.org (3-5th grade) and Katie Herzing (6-7th grade) Katie.herzing@gmail.com*

Confirmation Preparation...

Confirmation preparation at St. Mark consists of both remote preparation (successful completion of 6-8th grade religious education) and immediate preparation in 9th grade. The immediate preparation is offered the fall of 2009 and consists of the 9th grade Confirmandee attending 3 parent/student classes, 1 student class and 4 High School Youth Ministry Life Nights. Through the attendance of both the parent/student classes and Life Nights, the student will gain a fuller understanding of the elements of the Sacrament of Confirmation and just as important, the responsibilities for them as a Confirmed Catholic in today's world. High school students who have not met the prerequisites for the immediate preparation for Confirmation should contact Katie Herzing directly for further information. Details about the parent/student class schedules, as well as Life Nights can be found directly at our website www.stmarknc.org or contact Katie Herzing, Middle School Youth Minister by phone (704-948-1306, x117) or email (katie.herzing@gmail.com).



Tuition by Program

Class tuition fee (1st-8th grade)—\$45.00 per child

Home-school tuition fee (3rd—7th grade only) - \$45.00 per child

Sacrament Fee (additional fee to class tuition fee)

Reconciliation and Communion - \$30.00 per child
(Applicable to all students who are preparing for these Sacraments)

Faith Rocks 6th & 7th Grade tuition fee—\$45.00 per child
(plus \$35.00 meal fee for Sunday pm classes only)

EDGE 8th Grade Program—\$80.00 (includes \$45.00 program fee and \$35.00 meal fee)

**NOTE: Registration forms are due June 15th. All forms received after June 15th of students currently enrolled in our program will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee per family.
Thank you for your consideration.**

(The tuition fee of \$45.00 is reduced by \$20.00 for each child whose parents volunteer as a catechist in our elementary or middle-school programs, however all meal, sacrament and balance of registration fee are with registration)



Attendance Policy

It is the mission of the St. Mark Religious Education program to provide each child a better understanding and appreciation of their Faith. It is important that all children attend religious education classes weekly. **Each child is allowed up to three excused absences during the school year.** Absences exceeding this bench mark will be reviewed accordingly by the director of the program, especially for Sacramental years. Regardless of the type of absence, all missed class work 1st thru 8th grade must be completed.

Calendar of Religious Education School Year for 2010-2011 School Year

Week of Sept 12th	First Week of Classes (1-8th grade)
Oct 31st	No Class
Nov 1st	No Class
Nov 22nd	No Class—Thanksgiving
Nov 28th	No Class—Thanksgiving
Dec 20-21st	No Class
Week of Dec 26th	Classes Cancelled—Christmas
Sun, Jan 2nd only	No Class—New Years (classes resume Jan 3rd)
Jan 17-18th	No Classes MLK
Sun, Feb 6 only	No Class—Superbowl
Week of April 17th	No Classes—CMS Spring Break
Week of April 24th	No Classes—Easter
Week of May 8th	Last Week of Classes

