Saint Mary Religious Education Program
2019-2020

Saint Mary Religious Education allows parents and students to encounter God and learn more about Him together. The following document provides a basic overview of the new program, which should be engaging, fulfilling, and fun for all!

**What is St. Mary Religious Education?**
The St. Mary Religious Education program places parents as the primary catechist by having them work with their children 30 minutes a week for three weeks in a row. Parents and children use the provided lesson plan and their child’s textbook to help guide them through their lessons. At the end of three weeks, the entire family meets at church for food, fellowship, and a group lesson taught by catechists to review what they have learned and be renewed for the upcoming month. The program also offers an optional session between the masses on the 4th Sunday of each month for parents to ask questions, students to meet Father Dan in the classrooms, and grade-level meetings to occur.

**When is St. Mary Religious Education?**
St. Mary Religious Education runs from September through April on the second Sunday of the month. Families arrive at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast, break for class at 9:45 a.m., and then attend the 11:30 a.m. mass together as a community.

**Where is St. Mary Religious Education?**
The breakfast and adult catechism classes are held in the parish multi-use room. The children will break into grade level classes at 9:45 a.m. and go to the school’s grade level classrooms until meeting their parents at 11:15 a.m. to prepare for Mass.

**Does St. Mary Religious Education have Catechists?**
Yes! Each student is separated into a grade level class. Your child will have a catechist who follows his or her progress and see your child in the face-to-face classroom once a month at class. As a parent, you will have a catechist, who is primarily Father Dan and Sarah Salow, work with you on your class, as well.

**How do I join St. Mary Religious Education?**
Register just like you have registered for our RE program in the past. All families with students in the catechists’ classrooms must register.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

God bless you and your family this summer!

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