

**St. Peter Church, Volo, IL**  
**Religious Education Program**

**About Our Program**

Religious Education classes are offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30–7:30 pm for grades 1st through High School running from September – April. Classes are taught in English by volunteers, both parents of children in our program and other adults as well as older teens. Our teachers are given ongoing support and materials that are needed in order to be successful in passing on the Faith.

Students in all classes will have the opportunity to attend other activities at the parish such as Adoration, participate in the Sacraments, learn stories from the Bible, Stations of the Cross, service projects, visits to the classrooms by our priests for question and answer sessions and more. Additionally, weekly classes will help your child learn about the Faith with other children of the parish.

**Parental involvement is a MUST!** We are partners in the religious education of your children, with key support and involvement beginning at home. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to attend a class, and there will be various activities throughout the year where we count on parent support and attendance to help engage their students in the Faith.

**Sacramental Classes:** Per the Archdiocesan requirements, each student must complete two (2) years of formation and preparation to be considered a candidate for the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion and Confirmation. All students must attend class at the parish.

St. Peter recognizes and respects the primary role of the parents in the education of their own children. The means used for this education fall within the prerogative of the parents. However, the administration of the sacraments is the responsibility of the pastor. The Archdiocesan policy states: “The pastor or his designate shall determine the readiness of children in light of their disposition and preparation prior to the first reception of the sacraments.” (canons 777 & 914). Therefore, it is not permissible to present your child for any of these sacraments unless and until the child has been determined ready by the pastor.

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## **Registration – Begins May 25, 2019 and ends June 30, 2019**

### **1. Registration for registered parishioners will begin on May 25, 2019.**

Registration forms are available in the vestibule after Mass. Registration forms are also available on our website at [www.stpetervolo.org](http://www.stpetervolo.org) under the Parish Life, Catechism folder. Registered families may print the forms, fill them out and bring them to or mail them to the parish office. Please register early as it is important to determine the number of Catechists, classroom setup, supplies, and class assignments needed to run a successful program.

### **2. Sacramental Requirements:** You must be a registered and an active member of the parish for 6 months to be able to register your child into one of our Sacramental programs. For those families who are new to the area and have been with us less than 6 months, you will need to provide a letter from your previous parish stating you were an active member and that your son/daughter was previously enrolled in the parish CCD program.

### **3. Registration will close on June 30, 2019**

## **Tuition Fees**

1st & 2nd child = \$100 per child

3rd & 4th child = \$75 per child

Additional children = \$20 per child

- ❖ Extra Sacramental fee for 1st Communion & Reconciliation - \$25.00 per student
- ❖ Extra Sacramental fee for Confirmation - \$50.00 per student (includes mandatory retreat, stipend to Bishop, gift and light reception after ceremony.)

For financial assistance please contact the parish business manager, the priests or the coordinator of religious education during office hours. All information will be held strictly confidential.

## Policy and Procedures

### Arrival & Departure:

1. **Arrival is 6:20 p.m.:** Please do not drop off your students as it will be dark during class hours. Parents or designated guardians must bring their child into the school. NOTE: students need to arrive 10 minutes early so class may begin on-time.
2. **Departure is 7:30 p.m.:** Parents or designated guardians must come into the school to pick up their students. Students will not otherwise be released. The church will remain open for parents and guardians who wish to stay during class.

### Attendance:

1. Students must attend all classes.
2. ABSENCE: An email notification to the class instructor or CRE is necessary for an absence to be considered excused. (NOTE: sporting activities or events, recitals and vacations are not acceptable reasons for absence and are considered unexcused.)
3. Parents will be notified if a student does not show up for class without prior notice.
4. Students who miss class will be expected to make up the materials covered in class.
5. **Two unexcused absences** will cause your child to be dismissed from the program.

### Classroom Rules:

1. Commit to the study of religion and arrive on-time.
2. Demonstrate courteous behavior to the teacher and classmates.
3. The use of cellphones or any other electronic devices is prohibited during class time and will be collected in a basket at the beginning of class.
4. Focus and attention on the teacher and group discussions during class.
5. Limit social conversation during class as not to distract from the teacher or fellow classmates.
6. No food and/or beverages are allowed in the classroom.
7. Each student will be asked to sign a Code of Conduct on classroom rules on the first day of class.

### Appropriate Behavior:

1. Attending religious education class is a privilege and an opportunity for faith development and students are expected to choose respectful and responsible behavior.

#### ***If behavior problems occur:***

**1st time** – student will be corrected and given a warning

**2nd time** – catechist will notify the parents

**3rd time** – the parents will be notified and the child may be dismissed from religious education classes until the following year.

2. We ask that parents take the time to explain appropriate behavior in the classroom as well as in the church setting.

### Dress Code:

Dress in a respectful and modest way (NO short skirts, shorts, broken or frayed pants, graphics on shirts or over revealing tops).

### Weather Cancellation:

If the weather results in having to cancel class, parents will be notified by email early in the day.