

St. Joseph Parish - Coatesville, PA.
Parish Religious Education Program: 2023-2024

Welcome to the PREP program of St. Joseph Parish. PREP is designed to assist parents as they educate their children in the faith. Students on levels 1, 2, and 7 will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:30 am starting September 24th. Levels SP, 3, 4, 5, and 6 will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. starting September 26th. Level 8 must attend the 4:15 pm Saturday mass every other week and stay after mass until 6:15 pm for their catechesis starting September 23rd. R1 & R2 must attend the 12:00 pm mass every other Sunday and stay until 2:00 pm for their catechesis starting September 24th.

You will receive a text message to the phone number on file indicating your children's level this coming week. Make sure you save the information as you will need it for drop off and pick up. Please also remember for Tuesday classes, if the Coatesville School District closes due to inclement weather, PREP will NOT meet. For Saturday and Sunday classes, the PREP coordinator or catechist will send email and/or text notification for any closures.

Level	Number of Students	Level	Number of Students	Level	Number of Students	Level	Number of Students
1	33	3	15	6	19	R1	11
2	29	4	15	7	23	R2	3
SP	11	5	16	8	25		
TOTAL	200						

Attendance/Calendar

Regular attendance in the PREP program is necessary for students to be promoted to the next level. Students may not miss more than 3 classes, other than for medical reasons or family emergencies. Parents should report their children's absences by informing their teacher, or the PREP Coordinator. Any work missed should be made up by the student. We will once again use mass cards to track attendance to Sunday Mass.

Expectations

All catechists and aides are unpaid volunteers who share their time to help the children grow in their Catholic faith. Students are expected to show respect by appropriate behavior during class and by participating in all class activities. If a child is disruptive during class, parents will be contacted. If the disruptive behavior continues, parents will be called in for a meeting with the teacher and the priests.

Health and Safety

If a child comes ill during class time, a teacher, aide, or coordinator will contact the parent by telephone. It is extremely important to have an emergency contact person on your registration form in case the parent is unavailable. No child will be allowed to leave the building until they are picked up by their parent or the person stated as the emergency contact. Please provide us with pertinent medical information of which the teacher or coordinator should be aware, such as food allergies, asthma, allergic reactions to bees, any learning disabilities, etc. All such information is confidential.

Parish Contact Information

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