

**St. Margaret Mary Religious Education/Youth Ministry
2010-2011**

Guidelines For Registration For All Families

St. Margaret Mary Religious Education/Youth Ministry Program strives to meet the many needs your children/teens have through a variety of programs and class offerings. The following is a brief description of our total program. A handbook will be issued in the Fall with a fuller description of the programs as well as the calendar for 2010-2011. **Classes begin on Saturday, September 11, 2010.**

Tuition is \$140.00 for one child, \$195.00 for two children, and \$250.00 for three or more children. **There is also a sacrament fee of \$25.00 per each sacrament that is received during the 2010-2011 school year. Tuition and sacrament fee is due at time of registration unless prior arrangements are made with Director(s).** However, no child is refused placement because of inability to pay. Write or call the Religious Education Office (369-0833) if there is a financial difficulty.

The enclosed form needs to be completed and returned by: Wednesday, May 5th!

Fill out complete information for each child on both sides of form--do not leave blank lines.

Placement is determined on a first come, first placed basis. Therefore, PLEASE get your registration form in as soon as possible if class day/time is important to you. It is important that we know our student numbers BEFORE the Fall in order to recruit and prepare enough Catechists/Leaders and schedule adequate classes for specific grades.

In order to be effective, Religious Education/Journey Program/Youth Ministry need to be strengthened by family participation in the total liturgical, social, and educational life of the parish. For this reason, we ask that families **MUST** be registered in the parish **BEFORE** you can enroll in Religious Education/Journey Program/Youth Ministry.

We ask you also to take some extra time to pray and reflect on your calling to be an R. E. Catechist, Junior High Leader or High School QUEST Leader for our children. Please mark the appropriate line on the registration form if you are able to help. If you are offering to be a Substitute, please indicate for which grade you would like to teach. Parish policy provides for tuition waiver for Catechists and Leaders (with the exception of the sacrament preparation fee). We are also offering \$50.00 off tuition to those ADULTS willing to babysit during class time.

If your child is carpooling with another family, please make sure the registration forms come in clipped together. If one family registers early and the other family registers later, it is highly unlikely your children will be placed on the same day.

PRE SCHOOL - GRADE 5; DIRECTOR: Sue Davey

Pre-School/Kindergarten: Children are eligible for the 3 year old Pre-School Program if they are age 3 by September 1, 2010; the 4 year old Program if they are age 4 by September 1, 2010 . The 3 year old and 4 year old programs are offered **only** on Sunday morning during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Kindergarten is offered on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., as well as weekday afternoons.

Our **Pre-School/Kindergarten** program is designed to initiate the children into Religious Education through story, prayer, and art. We try to give the children a positive experience of the Church Community and a sense of belonging. If children are already attending a Catholic Pre-School, this program may be repetitive.

1st Grade - 5th Grade: Religious Education is the primary responsibility of parents. The Program is designed to assist parents in this task through the study of Scripture, doctrine, prayer and involvement in service.

Sacrament Preparation: Holy Eucharist is usually received in Grade 2; Reconciliation in Grades 2/3. A parental participation component is required. Older children who have not received the Sacraments will be provided with special preparation sessions. Confirmation--see High School Youth Ministry.

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR R.E. (3 years old - 5th grade)

Pre-School (Age 3 by September 1, 2010 or Age 4 by September 1, 2010):

Sunday: 9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Kindergarten:

Sunday: 9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Kindergarten through Grade 5:

Monday: 3:15 - 4:15 P.M.

Tuesday: 3:15 - 4:15 P.M. or 4:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday: 3:15 - 4:15 P.M. or 4:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Grade 1 through Grade 5:

Saturday 9:00-10:00 A.M.

Please note that registration is done on a first come, first served basis! If you need to carpool with another family, you both must register at the same time.

Classes for Grade 1 through Grade 5 begin on Saturday, September 11, 2010. Kindergarten and Pre-School classes begin on Sunday, September 12th. Class schedules for Pre-School through Grade 5 will be mailed out in **August**. Parent handbooks will be given to students on the first day of class.

Baptismal Certificates are required for ALL children receiving sacraments who were NOT baptized at St. Margaret Mary.

**JOURNEY PROGRAM (6th, 7th & 8th Grade YOUTH MINISTRY);
DIRECTOR: PATTI GUARE**

The goal of the Journey Program is to help young teens grow in a positive sense of their identity as a unique individual created and loved by God. The program is designed to help teens engage in healthy relationships with others. We want teens to gain a fuller understanding and sense of what it means to be a participating and contributing member of the Catholic Christian community while trying to help them integrate the gospel message and values of Jesus into their personal lives. The Journey Program incorporates four different components in an attempt to meet the developmental needs of early adolescence. These components are Scripture, Community, Service and Prayer.

A three-year track is offered for Junior High teens, with mini-courses related to the faith themes of: Church, Jesus or the gospel message, morality and moral decision-making, personal growth, relationships, and social justice. Interwoven with these are retreats, service and social events which provide a holistic and balanced approach of knowledge and action. Leaders conduct four mini-courses throughout the year in a small group setting. Classes are held in accordance with District 203's school schedule. A modest and appropriate dress code is expected during all Journey programs and events. By the end of the three-year track, all teens will have participated in at least three service projects coordinated in the classroom.

All Junior High youth, whether attending parochial or public school, are encouraged to attend the JOURNEY PROGRAM as a means of living our Christianity and becoming involved in the St. Margaret Mary Parish family. We believe that faith development begins in the home and extends into the Journey Program. Parental involvement is highly encouraged, and parents are required to participate in some of the scheduled youth ministry events with their teen.

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 6TH - 8TH GRADES

Grade 6, 7 & 8 grade - Journey Program

Monday:	4:30 - 5:30 P.M. 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Thursday:	4:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Classes begin on September 13, 2010. Please note that registration is done on a first come, first served basis! If you are requesting to be placed in a class with one other teen, you both must register at the same time. If you would like to continue with the same Leader, please indicate this on your registration form. Parent handbooks will be given to students on the first day of class.

QUEST/CONFIRMATION (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY); DIRECTOR: CANDY RICE
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A natural community for today's teens is usually built around their school experience. This means that a parish such as St. Margaret Mary which serves teens from many different schools will be forever fragmented unless it has a community of its own that welcomes all teens and invites their participation. Thus the Youth Ministry community of St. Margaret Mary strives to provide service, social and spiritual activities where teens may feel accepted by their peers and by friendly adults.

All High School registrations **must make the deadline this year in order to have the best chance of picking their Quest group and/or a friend.**

However, **after the deadline of May 5th**, we will not make room for a teen in a group if the registration is late. In other words, you will **not be able** to pick your Quest group or a friend after the deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS, PLEASE!**

SCHEDULE FOR FRESHMEN - SOPHOMORES

Sunday: Evenings in QUEST Leaders' homes, twice a month

Because of other commitments (sports, etc.), if there is a Leader willing to meet during the week, a QUEST group may be formed to accommodate this situation. You must indicate this on the registration form. **A weekday class will only be offered if we have a Leader willing to take the group.**

FRESHMEN - Class schedules will be available as soon as Freshmen QUEST Leaders are in place.

SOPHOMORES - QUEST groups remain the same; **HOWEVER, ALL SOPHOMORES MUST RE-REGISTER!**

Parent Handbooks and calendars will be handed out to the parents at the first home meeting for both Freshmen and Sophomores. Parents MUST attend the first home meeting to sign up for volunteer events and receive handbooks.

A Baptismal Certificate is required for all those teens entering 9th and 10th Grade who did not make their First Communion at St. Margaret Mary.