



St. Theresa Parish

~ Children's Faith Formation (R.E) ~

Elementary Home-School Program
Special Needs/Special Circumstances
Pre-School - 5th grade
2016 - 2017

Program Objective:

As parents, you are the primary educators of your child and you will play a vital role in teaching your child their faith. The Religious Education Program is here to support you in addressing any special needs/special circumstances that you may have. The Special Needs/Special Circumstances Home-School Program is set up so that as the parent you are the teacher. The child will complete the assignments under your guidance and then the child, the parent and the coordinator will meet once a month to review the assignments and progression of your child's knowledge of their faith. The Religious Education Program will provide all material needed to help the parents.

Special Needs/Special Circumstances Curriculum:

Pre-School (3yr. old – 5th grade): is based on the curriculum we are using in the Sunday Religious Education Program and is then adapted to each student's learning needs as needed. Parents will be given the age/grade-level appropriate book with the chapters to work on and specialized packets based on the chapters will be sent home to enhance the book-work.

Sacramental Preparation:

Sacramental Preparation for your child in this program can also be arranged. We will provide the necessary lesson packet for your child (adapted to their learning style). The reception of the Sacraments will be determined based on the child's understanding of the Sacrament they will be receiving.

Religious Education Mission Statement:

St. Theresa Parish feels every child has the right to learn about Jesus and grow in their faith as well as receive the sacraments. Each child's capacity to learn and understand the concepts of their faith vary greatly and we want to embrace that and help them learn.

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Welcome:

This “Home-School Program” was developed for those families who have child with special health/learning needs, emotional needs or any other medical condition that prohibits their child from attending a regular Religious Education classroom format or for families whose work schedule is not conducive to regular Religious Education Program sessions.

You, as parents are the primary educators of your child/ren in the Catholic Faith and the Religious Education Program Staff is here to help and to enhance the faith development process of your child.

The following expectations have been established to help ensure that your child is receiving the full benefit of religious education/formation:

1. You and your child will meet with the Coordinator of Religious Education to explain the requirements of the program.
2. The family should be registered at St. Theresa Parish and the child must be registered in the Religious Education Program.
3. The family must attend weekly Mass and Holy Days of Obligation.
4. The books being used are: Pre-School/Kindergarten ‘Allelu!’ Grades 1st, 2nd, & 3rd ‘Alive in Christ’; Grades 4th & 5th ‘Faith Fusion’.
5. Lessons will be turned in on a monthly basis. The child, the parent, and the Coordinator will meet on a monthly to discuss the lessons done and go over the material.
6. The child and parent must participate in the Religious Education All-Family Gathering & Special Events on the Religious Education Calendar.
7. If your child is in 2nd or 3rd grades, you **must** register your child in and attend the Sacramental Preparation Program to receive the appropriate sacraments. (Contact Gina Keating @ 602-840-0850 x 111 or email gkeating@sttheresaphx.org).
8. Parents are encouraged to call or e-mail with any questions or difficulties they are having with the lessons in order for the family to achieve the best experience possible.

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