

St. Cornelius Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) 2019-2020 Class Information

For the 2019-2020 school year, we are making some changes to the PREP classes. The results of the recent survey suggest that the Tuesday and Wednesday classes are not ideal for a majority of our families. Many parents are homeschooling their children for scheduling reasons and others find weeknight classes a difficult burden on already busy schedules. Over half of the survey respondents indicated that a summer class would be their preference, and another quarter preferred Sunday morning classes. Our current Tuesday and Wednesday classes were a distant third and fourth. Due to these results, the following classes will be offered next year:

Wednesdays 6:00-7:15 Grades 1-7

This session will stay the same for those who do enjoy a weekday class

Sundays 10:15-11:30 Grades 1-7

This session will run right after the 9:00 am mass. There will also be a few changes to the 9:00 mass to try to make it more family-friendly. We will begin a Children's Liturgy of the Word for ages 3-8 and involve older students as readers and gift presenters once a month.

Summer+ Grades 2-7

This session will run primarily during the week of June 17-21 from 8:30-3:00. There will be 4 additional Sunday morning sessions after the 9:00 am mass during the school year to reinforce what they learned in the summer. 2nd graders may have additional sacrament practices, and 7th graders will have additional requirements to prepare for Confirmation.

All specific class dates and sacrament dates will be determined this spring after local school district calendars are released.

St. Cornelius Church Summer PREP grades 2-7

We will offer a new summer PREP option to children who will be in 2nd through 7th grades during the 2019-2020 school year. We will have two 7th grade classes and one class for each other grade. If enrollment and space permit more classes, we will add them. If there are too many students for one class and not enough for two in a particular grade, or if additional teachers and classrooms are unavailable, the earlier registrations will be enrolled in the summer program, and registrations after the class size cut-off will need to choose another option.

Requirements:

5 day summer course

June 17-21, 2019 8:30-3:00

4 additional classes during the school year on Sundays 10:15-11:30, exact dates TBD this spring

***All sessions are mandatory. In the event of illness, make-up instruction will be assigned

Students enrolled in the 7th grade program (current 6th graders) will receive instruction for Confirmation. Their confirmation will take place in the fall of their 8th grade year in 2020. There will be several additional commitments for those students such as a retreat and practices. 2nd graders receiving First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist will have additional practice date requirements.

Specific instructions for the summer PREP course:

Since the bulk of students' instruction will occur during just one week, weekly mass attendance must be a family priority. Attending mass regularly, along with the 4 school year sessions, will help the students absorb and apply the summer lessons.

The week-long session will take place Monday through Friday, June 17-21 in St. Cornelius School. Classes will be taught by Catholic school teachers assisted by volunteers. Each day will include:

30 minute lunch; all students must pack a lunch every day

30 minute outdoor recess

Active and outdoor activities to augment lessons

Each class will have an opportunity for Confessions and will have several music classes. The program will culminate in a mass on Friday afternoon. Families are invited to attend.

There will be a nurse at the school during the week. If your child requires medications or IEP instruction modifications, contact Mrs. Swetland prior to the start of the summer session.

After-program care:

We will share optional after-care with Camp Cornelius, the school's summer camp program, from 3:00-5:00 each afternoon. This additional care will cost \$50 per child for the entire week. Activities during this time will include outdoor play and games.