

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

Regulations for the Catechism Program

2022 — 2023

Class Times:

Classes start promptly at **9:30 a.m.** and end at **10:30 a.m.** Students are not permitted upstairs until 9:25 a.m. Parents should make sure that their children are in the classrooms by 9:30 a.m., with their books and completed assignments.

Attendance:

Remember that the teachers graciously donate their time and efforts in preparing for each class, so regular attendance is strongly encouraged. If a parent is aware in advance that a student will be absent from a particular class, the parent should notify the teacher as soon as possible, so that assignments can be given in advance.

Attendance is noted on the student's permanent record. As a general rule, students who do not attend at least 90% of their classes will not be eligible to receive the next sacrament. For extenuating circumstance, please contact the program administrator (Bill Redic, 412-443-7858 or catechism@mpboj.com). In addition, children must attend the program for at least two full years prior to the sacraments of Penance and First Communion, and at least one full year prior to the reception of Confirmation.

The initial decision of whether a child is eligible to receive a sacrament will be made by the teacher. If parents question the teacher's decision, they should contact the program administrator, who will refer the matter for a final decision by the Pastor. **Parents must be registered members of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish in order for their children to receive sacraments in the parish.**

Class Level:

All students must follow an orderly progression through the Catechism program, which begins at the Kindergarten level. If a student enters the program at an upper level, the teacher may place the student at a lower level, or keep the student back one year, until the student demonstrates a level of understanding equivalent to that grade level. If parents question the teacher's decision, they should contact the program administrator, who will refer the matter for a final decision by the Pastor.

Emergency Class Cancellations:

Classes will be held in accordance with the schedule issued by the program administrator. In the event of inclement weather, parents should check the parish website (MPBOJ.com or mostpreciousbloodparish.org) to determine if classes are cancelled.

Parental Responsibilities:

Parents are expected to assist with cleanup of the common areas in the school facility, at the conclusion of each class session. Parents are also assigned to act as Hall Monitors on the second and third floors of the school. Families will be assigned these duties on a rotating basis, and a schedule will be posted in the building. Please be sure to note which date(s) your family is assigned.

For students in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade, at least one parent must remain in the school building while class is in session.

Cost of Program:

In order to offset the cost of student materials, each family is expected to pay a \$25 fee each year, at the time of registration. If this is a financial burden, please contact the Pastor or program administrator.