



HOLY CROSS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome to Holy Cross GIFT!!
We are so happy that you are interested in our program!



G.I.F.T.
Growing in Faith Together

Our 2022-2023 Religious Education year will begin soon! Thank you for showing an interest in our program in your child's faith formation! Our goal in GIFT Religious Education is to supplement the Catholic teaching that your children receive from Mass and in your home. GIFT stands for Growing In Faith Together!

This year, we have a range of programming to help support your family in our celebration of faith!

- GIFT Religious Education classes (Kindergarten through 6th grades)
- Sacramental Preparation (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion for children)
- GIFT TWEEN
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-7), at 10 am Mass
- Vacation Bible School in the summer
- Jr. High Youth Group (7th and 8th grades)
- High School Youth Group
- Confirmation Classes (high school Sacrament Preparation)

What do we do in our classes?

Games

Prayer

Peer Connections

Performances

Bible Study

Family Events

We will have a welcome meeting for parents and family members in late September in the Parish Hall. This is a great night to find out about Religious Education at Holy Cross, to connect with other families, and to ask questions. If you are a Sacramental Preparation family, this meeting is required. The date is TBA.

Come join us!

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Swanson, the Director of Religious Education, at [503-206-8069](tel:503-206-8069) or email at aswanson@archdpdx.com.

Thank you for your support and for encouraging your child's faith formation! May God bless you!

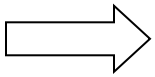
Expectations of Families in Religious Education and Confirmation Preparation:

Thank you for registering your children and teens for their classes! We look forward to working with your family to build faith and an increasing understanding of our Catholic heritage!

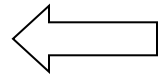
To be successful with your children and to ensure that they become faithful, joyful Catholic adults, we need YOU! We encourage you and your families to:

- Attend weekly Mass **each** Sunday. (This is vital to your family's faith development!)
- Attend Religious Education classes and parish events regularly.
- Pray together each night and before meals (and any time!!). Good prayers to be familiar with: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.
- Encourage your children to ask questions. If you don't know answers, find the answers together.
- Celebrate the faith! Read stories about the saints, about Mary, about Jesus.
- Celebrate the holy days and feast days with your family. (Children LOVE tradition!)

But, the most important thing that you can do...



- **Continue to actively strengthen your own faith life!**



Your children will follow your example. If they see you pray, they will be more likely to pray. If they see you reading books about saints, holy people, faith, etc., they will be more likely to learn, too. You are the foundation of your family's faith journey!

We very much look forward to building our community of faith together! God bless you!



Celebrating All Saints Day!



Lenten Stations of the Cross

May Crowning





Holy Cross Catholic Church GIFT
 Religious Education Program
 2022-2023 Registration Form
 (please fill out as fully as possible – this information is for church records
 and will not be shared with others)



Child's full legal name _____

Name child goes by (if different than above) _____

Male or Female School attending Holy Cross School Grade _____

Birth date and city: _____ Which Mass does your family attend?

Parents/Guardians responsible for student:

Email Address _____

Mailing address (w/ zip code):

main phone number _____ other phone # _____

Mother's full name _____

maiden name (if different) _____

Father's full name _____

Check, if any, the sacraments for which your child needs preparation:

_____ Baptism _____ First Reconciliation _____ First Holy Communion

Fill out the following if your child is baptized*:

Place (church and city) of Baptism _____

Date of Baptism (month/day/year) _____

**Please note: If your child is preparing for First Communion, you will need to give us a copy of your child's Baptism certificate if she/he was baptized at a parish other than Holy Cross.*

Please include registration fee with checks payable to Holy Cross Church.

For religious education classes only: \$40.00.

For sacramental preparation with religious education classes: \$50.00.

(if this fee is a hardship please inform us and we can work with you)

Holy Cross Religious Education
THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL NEW AND RETURNING FAMILIES:
2021-2022

My signature below authorizes Religious Education to give such attention as may be thought necessary by the physician/medical advisor in charge in case of emergency, and I cannot be reached. I also realize that local police or paramedics may be called, in certain circumstances in order to assure emergency treatment. I also authorize the taking of photographs and/or video tapes of my child(ren) attending Religious Education events.*

Name of Student(s): _____ Date: _____

Doctor: _____ Allergies? _____

Doctor's Address: _____ Doctor's Phone: _____

Parent's names: _____
Mother Father Signature of Mother or Father

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

Out of state contact in case of a disaster: Name _____ Phone _____

ONE FORM PER FAMILY

*Periodically photographs and/or videotapes are taken of Religious Education events to be displayed as posters on the church property or to update the parish webpage.

Transportation Plan for my Child:

When teen attends youth group, their main form of transportation is:

- Our family car
- Carpool
- Bike
- Walking
- Bus

I give _____ permission to drive my teen home.

- I give my child/teen permission to walk or bike home without a parent present.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____