

Religious Education at Our Lady of the Atonement

We offer programs on Sunday mornings for ages 3 through Adult, particularly in the areas of Sacramental Preparation.

Our Sunday Morning offerings are:

- **PreK-1st Grade—Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**, a Montessori-style of teaching that prepares young ones for the discipline of being in class and in Church using hands-on materials and teaches children good social skills.
- **2nd Grade—“Sacraments Class”**—Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion in the fall, and Confirmation in the Spring semester, with anticipation of Confirmation within the first few weeks after Easter. Our parish utilizes the “Sacraments of First Communion” and “The Sacrament of Confirmation” textbook from the Didache Series, published by the Midwest Theological Forum. We anticipate a shift in the Confirmation book as it is aimed pedagogically at 9th-12th grade students. We are currently screening “Restored Order” Confirmation texts from Sophia Press and the Archdiocese of Denver.
- **3rd/4th Grade**—Education for 3rd and 4th grade students, alternating each year between a 3rd and 4th grade curriculum so that there is no overlap. Our parish utilizes the “Faith and Life Series from Ignatius Press. The subjects in these grades are: 3rd Grade Text, “Our Life with Jesus”; and 4th Grade, “Jesus our Guide.”
- **5th/6th Grade**— Education for 5th and 6th grade students, alternating each year between a 5th and 6th grade curriculum so that there is no overlap. Our parish utilizes the “Faith and Life Series from Ignatius Press. The subjects in these grades are: 5th grade text, “Credo: I believe”; and 6th Grade, “Following Christ.”
- **7th/8th Grade**—Education for 7th and 8th grade students, alternating each year between a 7th and 8th grade curriculum so that there is no overlap. Our parish utilizes the “Faith and Life Series from Ignatius Press. The subjects in these grades are: 7th Grade, “The Life of Grace”; and 8th Grade, “Our Life in the Church.”
- **9th-12th Grade**—Education for 9th through grade students, alternating each year among a 8-unit series (one book each semester) so that the students experience no overlap, but receive the same subjects over the 4 years. Our parish utilizes the “Faith and Life” Series from Ignatius Press. The subjects in these grades are: Faith and Revelation, Understanding the Scriptures, The Sacraments: Source of our Life in Christ, **The Church: Sacrament of Salvation; The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship**; The Blessed Trinity and our Christian Vocation; The History of the Church; and Our Moral Life in Christ. The bolded texts are the subjects for this year.
- Teens needing Confirmation are directed to the Adult Inquiry Class
- **Adult Inquiry Class**—a program for non-Catholics coming into the Church, or for those members in need of Confirmation at a teen or adult age. This class is supervised by Mr. Alan Becker and Deacon David Delaney using a textbook they have developed over the years particular to Our Lady of the Atonement. This is a comprehensive class aimed at bringing all new members into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Religious Education is currently directed by The Rev. Jon C. Jenkins

The Sunday morning Youth Program is supervised by Joyce Knapick, who serves as a liaison to Fr. Jenkins.