

July 8, 2026

Dear Parents,

We are preparing for the upcoming year of faith formation for the young people at St. Thomas More Church. **Registration opens July 13!** An email will be sent to all registered parishioners with children of school age or families that have previously been in one of our R.E. programs. All your children may be enrolled online. Check out the Information below on important updates for this year!

Information to Know

- Restored Order of the Sacraments of Initiation (ROSI)
 - o Implementation begins this year. Go to the link below for more information on what it is, why our diocese is doing it, and how we are implementing it at STM. <https://bit.ly/ROSI-STM>
-  Manhattan Catholic School Families: children that will receive any Sacrament (Reconciliation or Confirmation) year must enroll. There will be a Sacrament only option for you (no cost).
- Enrollment:
 - o Opens July 13. Deadline for the early bird discount is August 18 (see fee schedule below).
 - o All your children in the various programs may be enrolled on the online form available on <https://stmmanhattan.com> under Faith Formation → Enrollment 2026-27.
 - o You will be able to pay online or to pay by cash/check you will cancel the online payment form that pops up.
 - o Regardless of whether you pay online or not, your registration form will be submitted but will NOT be processed until payment is received. This means that the session time you would like will not be held until payment is received.
- **KSU basketball fans:** please enroll your child accordingly so that they do not miss their K-8 Religious Ed. This is an opportunity for you, as parents, to show your children that your faith is a priority.
- Registration is required for
 - o Preschool (ages 3 & 4)
 - o Kindergarten-Grade 6
 - o Junior Youth Ministry (Grades 7-8)
 - o Senior Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12)
- No enrollment is required for Children's Liturgy (Kindergarten-Grade 4) that occurs during the 10:30 a.m. Mass September through June.
- Registration deadline is **August 18**. Tuition is due with registration. Fee schedule:
 - o Before August 18: \$35 (1 child), \$70 (2 children), 3 or more children \$100 cap.
 - o August 18 and After: \$45 (1 child), \$80 (2 children), 3 or more children \$110 cap
 - o K-6 Home Study with Book: \$30/per book for grade K-6 except gr. 2; \$45 per 2nd grader.
 - o K-6 Home Study without Book: No cost.
 - o Sacrament Only option (for MCS families only): No cost.
 - o Scholarships are available. Contact the Parish Office at 785-776-5151.

Description of available classes:

PRE-SCHOOL (children ages 3 and 4) – Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Hake Education Wing

- Children must be **3 years old before Sept. 1st**.

Classes begin August 30.

KINDERGARTEN – GRADE SIX – Wednesday, Hake Education Wing

- There are three sessions: 4:00-5:15 p.m., 5:30-6:45 p.m., and 7:00-8:15 p.m.
- Classes limited to **15** students. Classes are filled on a first come first served basis.

Classes begin September 2.

SACRAMENTS – Implementation of Restored Order of the Sacraments of Initiation (ROSI)

- 2nd Grade children enrolled in the regular religious education class will make their First Reconciliation this school year. In 2027-28 they will receive Confirmation & First Communion at the same Mass. Formation and preparation for these sacraments will be in their R.E. classes.
- “Catch-up” Confirmation Masses are scheduled for students in grades 3-10 for those who have been baptized and have received First Communion but are not yet confirmed. Enrollment is required in your child’s grade level. Please indicate in the enrollment process which sacraments your child has received.
 - **Confirmation Masses** for Grades 3 & up: January 24 & 31, 2027 at 3:00 p.m. You will have the opportunity to choose which confirmation Mass after enrollment is completed.
- MCS families DO need to enroll in RE if you wish your child to receive any SACRAMENTS (Reconciliation or Confirmation) during this school year. MCS students will receive formation at school and are welcome to attend RE classes or do Sacrament only option (no cost).
- If your child is unbaptized or baptized in another Christian faith tradition and in grades 3 and up, contact the parish office to discuss options.
- Parents who wish to prepare their child for any sacraments via home study or are new to our program must meet with the Director of Religious Education.

JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 7 & 8)

- Meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 p.m. in STM Utopia Room.
- Confirmation Classes included as part of the regular classes.
- **Confirmation Mass** for Grades 7-8: January 17, 2027 at 3:00 p.m.

Classes begin September 2.

SENIOR YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 9-12)

- Meets on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in STM Parish Commons.
- Confirmation classes included.
- **Confirmation Mass** for Grades 9-10: November 22, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry kicks off on September 13. Enrollment is required.

CONFIRMATIONS

- You may choose how and when your child(ren) are confirmed. If you have multiple children you can choose to confirm them at separate Masses or all together. You also can choose to wait until they are older.

Once your child(ren) are enrolled, we will send you all the necessary calendars and information about the programs that apply to your particular family via email.