

St. Mary Catholic Church  
Department of Religious Education  
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**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (REP)  
HOME SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT**

Dear Home School Parents,

Peace be with you! The Catholic Church recognizes your right to home school your children as the primary educators of your children. We are excited you have taken up this responsibility and are choosing to teach your children the Catholic Faith. The Religious Education Office here at St. Mary Catholic Parish is here only to help you in this process, not to hinder.

Our Theme for this year is “Growing in the Light of God’s Word”. It is modeled after Pope John Paul II’s exhortation on catechesis in which he stated all catechesis is to be centered on Jesus Christ and soaked in the Sacred Scriptures. We will focus on growing in God’s “Word”, Sacred Scripture, and in intimacy with his “Word”, Jesus Christ. (John 1:1-4) I would encourage you to use this theme as well in your own catechesis as the year progresses.

We are going to keep you informed of upcoming events this year that you may want your child to participate in, outside of the regular Religious Education Program (REP) classes. You can see a schedule of upcoming events at the end of this packet of information.

Please review the home schooling guidelines enclosed as well. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 517-655-2520

Please complete a Registration Form if you have not yet done so and return it to the Parish Office.

In Christ,

Adam Janke  
Coordinator of Religious Education

Here are the guidelines for home schooling:

**Registration:** The student(s) need to be registered in the Religious Education Program as home schooled children and pay the required fees. If you do not choose to use our materials we will need to know what you are using to ensure the materials are approved by the diocese. The cost per child this year is \$40 or \$100 for three or more children.

**Evaluation:** If you have not been previously enrolled in the REP program at St. Mary you will need to meet with the DRE to ascertain the readiness of the student to enter a grade level or for preparation of a particular sacrament.

You will also need to meet with the DRE once each during November, January, and March to discuss the student's progress and assist with any questions. (Please phone to arrange a time.)

**Sacraments:** For confirmation, we do require that you work with your student(s) through our confirmation handbook and that they complete the required projects.

You will need to also complete any required paperwork for any of the sacraments your children are receiving.

We also will ask you to attend all parent meetings in preparation for sacraments as listed in the regular schedule.

We need you to furnish us with Baptismal Records if your child was not baptized at St. Mary, Williamston.

If your child will not be receiving the sacraments this year (if you do not feel they are ready) please let us know as soon as possible. Children normally receive first reconciliation and first Eucharist in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and confirmation in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Home School REP Registration Form (2007-2008)

Payment Information (If using our textbooks) Date Pd Check.No.                      Date of Check: Amount Pd. Cash:	Fee Schedule \$40 per child / \$100 for 3 or more children  Checks should be made payable to St. Mary Church if you choose to use our textbooks for the year.																																				
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Are you a registered member of St. Mary? Yes ___ No ___ If no, where are you registered? _____ Was your child enrolled in the REP Program last year? Yes ___ No ___ If no, how did your child receive previous formation? _____ Which sacraments have your children received at parishes other than St. Mary? _____																																					
Is your child preparing to receive a sacrament this year? Yes ___ No ___ If your child is beyond 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade and has not received 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist or 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation; or if your child is beyond 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade and has not received Confirmation please indicate what sacraments they have not received below _____ _____																																					

## Religious Education Parish Program Schedule (2007-2008)

Additional meetings may be scheduled in the future. Please check newsletters that are sent home.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Oct 14	12:15 PM	Confirmation Parent Meeting	St. Joseph Hall
Nov 11	12:15 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Confession/Eucharist Sacraments Meeting	
Nov 30- Dec 2		Confirmation Retreat	Bethany House
TBA		Confirmation Rehearsal	Church
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Jan 26	9:30AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	Church
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat - All Day	Church
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Mass	Church