

The Basilica of Saint Mary | 2019-2020 Children and Youth Ministry

General Information

Sunday Morning:

9:15-10:45am

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd I
- Pre-School
- Kindergarten

9:15-11:00am

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd II
- 2nd – 5th Grades Faith Formation

11:15am-12:30pm

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd III

Sunday Evening:

5:30-7:00pm

- Grades 6 - 10 and Basilica YES

Wednesday Evening:

7:00-8:15pm

- Grades 1 - 5

FEBRUARY 2020

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- 9 1st Euch Parent/Child Mtg, 11am
- 16 No Classes -President's Day Weekend
- 26 No Classes – Ash Wednesday
- 29 Confirmation Session (9am – 11am)

SEPTEMBER 2019

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All classes are held in The Basilica School
Red – classes will be held

Blue – No classes

Gold – special service/activity

- 14 Catechist Meeting 9am-12pm
- 22 Sunday AM first day of class; Sunday PM first day of class for Youth held in Basilica School/Parent Meeting
- 25 First Day of Class-Wed Program/Parent Meeting
- 29 1st Reconciliation Parent Mtg,9:30am

MARCH 2020

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- 8 1st Euch Parent/Child Mtg, 11am
- 14 Confirmation Session (9am-11am)
- 25 1st Euch Parent/Child Mtg, 7pm

OCTOBER 2019

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- 2 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting 7pm
- 6 Christmas Musical Auditions & sign-up information session (11am-12pm)
- 12 Confirmation Session (9am-11am)
- 13 1st Recon Parent/Child Mtg, 11am (MEA) No Class
- 16 (MEA) No Class
- 20 (MEA) No Class

APRIL 2020

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- 5 No classes – Palm Sunday
- 8 No classes – Holy Week
- 12 No classes – Easter
- 15 First Communion Rehearsal in Church
- 19 First Communion Mass, 1:30pm
- 26 Rite of Sending Confirmation

NOVEMBER 2019

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- 3 1st Recon Parent/Child Mtg, 11am
- 11 Veterans Day
- 16 Confirmation Session (9am-11am)
- 23 1st Reconciliation, 10:30am
- 27 Break – No Class
- 28 Thanksgiving Day

MAY 2020

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- 2 Confirmation (10am)
- 3 Last Day of Classes – For Youth in PM classes
- 17 Last Day of Classes – For Children in AM classes
- 17 Confirmation Rite of Sending – 4:30PM Mass

DECEMBER 2019

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- 1 Break – No Class
- 7 Confirmation Session (9am-11am)
- 11 Musical Rehearsal (5:00-7:30)
- 14 Musical Rehearsal (12-4pm)
- 15 Christmas Musical performances (no classes)
- 25 Christmas Day
- 29 No Classes – Christmas Break

Staff Resources

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JANUARY 2020

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- 1 No Classes – Christmas Break
- 11 1st Reconciliation, 10:30am
- 19 No Classes – MLK Weekend
- 20 M.L. King Day
- 25 Confirmation Retreat
- 26 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting, 9:30am
- 29 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting, 7pm

Program Details

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist: These dates and sessions apply only to those children (and parents) who have registered for this preparation. A detailed schedule will be made available.

Christmas Musical

- Auditions and (most) rehearsal times follow the regular class times.
- A detailed schedule for this program will be made available to all involved families.
- Performances follow the 9:30AM and 11:30AM liturgies.

Confirmation Sessions: These sessions apply to all youth registered for & seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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Attendance

For consistency in the classroom, we ask that there be no more than two (2) absences per year. Please let your child(ren)'s catechist know if they will be absent. Catechists plan the lessons and activities based on a progression, so your child(ren)'s attendance is very important.

Drop-Off / Pick-Up of Children

Parents of children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 (including Good Shepherd) are asked to walk their child(ren) directly to the classroom or gathering space.

At the end of class, children will be released only at the door of the classroom, and only to a parent or other authorized adult. Permission information as specified by parents at the time of registration is on file. Please note that the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through Grade 2 classes dismiss at 10:30AM.

Due to Archdiocesan guidelines, and for the protection of children and catechists, there is never a time where a single child and a single adult are alone. For this reason, the second-to-the-last parent picking up his or her child after class will need to stay in the classroom until the last child is picked up.

Communication with Families

The Basilica of Saint Mary's Learning Office will communicate regularly with families registered for the Learning programs via email. Messages will be sent to the email addresses parents listed on the registration form, or the email address on file in the parish database.

Inclement Weather

Should this be the case, or if classes are cancelled due to other circumstances, the Learning team will contact all families via email. The Basilica's website and phone messages will be updated with any relevant cancellation announcements.

Due to the number of liturgical celebrations on weekends, The Basilica does not typically close on weekends. If weekend classes are cancelled, the Learning team will contact all families via email. The Basilica website and phone messages also will be updated.

In any case, we encourage families to use their best judgment when choosing whether or not to travel to classes in inclement weather.

Behavior

Should a situation arise where a child demonstrates unacceptable behavior, the parent(s) will be called and asked to pick up the child immediately. Situations considered unacceptable include the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol or other illegal substances, the possession of any device that could cause harm to people or property, the demonstration of abusive, violent, interruptive, inappropriate or disrespectful behavior, or any other behavior deemed unacceptable by program coordinators. The Basilica of Saint Mary reserves the right to suspend and/or expel any child found to be in violation of this behavior policy.