



St. Louis Catholic Church

Continuing Catholic Education

1 -8th Grade ~ Special Sacrament Classes ~ RCIA (Adapted for Children)

High School CCE/Confirmation (SLY) ~ St. Louis Adolescent Ministry (SLAM)

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Mission Statement

for the Continuing Catholic Education Program at St. Louis Church

The Mission of the CCE program is to assist the parents of St. Louis Catholic Church in teaching the Catholic Faith to their children and inspiring the children to continue to develop a deeper relationship with God through the Eucharist, the Word of God and the doctrine of the Church throughout their lives.

Welcome to St. Louis Catholic Church! We are so happy you are considering registering your child(ren) or have made the decision to register or re-enroll your children(ren) into our CCE program. Our mission is to offer ongoing faith formation to all generations, to teach the scriptures and prayers in a comprehensive religious educational program.

Children enrolled in our 1 -8th grade CCE classes meet on Wednesday's beginning in September from 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m. Classes are held at St. Louis Catholic School.

High School CCE (SLY) -Gather every Sunday from 5 p.m. -8 p.m. for Mass and Dinner, followed by Life Night.

St. Louis Adolescent Ministry (SLAM) meet each Sunday from 3:30 pm -4:45 pm beginning in the fall. SLAM will conclude with the Youth Mass at 5 pm. It is a dynamic program that includes fun, fellowship, and evangelization.



The CCE program offers -

- 1st -8th grade
- Special Sacrament Classes
 - SS I -A (normally consists of 3rd graders)
 - SS I -B (normally consists of 4th graders)
 - SS I -C (normally consist of 5/6th graders)

**Dividing different age group will depend on the number of registrants that are enrolled each year. Each registered student will be placed in the most appropriate class based on information from the registration forms, so please complete forms carefully and completely.*

- Special Sacrament II -consists of junior high/high school aged student's
- RCIA (Adapted for Children) -mixed age group of children
- High School CCE/Confirmation is known as "St. Louis Youth" also referred to as SLY.

SLY is a four -year catechism program with 8 semesters based on a curriculum designed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The dynamic program includes catechism, evangelization, service, and fellowship. Please visit www.slywaco.org to learn more about all the opportunities for your teen.

SLAM is a middle school faith formation program designed to give 7th and 8th grade students a complete Jesus Experience. SLAM incorporates the Edge program to provide a balance of fun activities, fellowship, music, and evangelization.

Registration fee(s):

St. Louis CCE Registration fee is \$70 per family.

Registration fee helps cover the cost of text-books and supplies.

Registration is done by downloading registration forms at www.stlouiswaco.org. Or by calling Antonia Duran, Director of Religious Education at 254-754-2041 x218, or by emailing aduran@stlouiswaco.org.

St. Louis Youth (SLY) High School CCE/Confirmation Registration fee is \$60 per family.

Registration is done by visiting www.slywaco.org or by calling the St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Minister Tracy Gomez at 254-754-1221.

Registration fee helps to cover the cost of materials, food, and a T-shirt.

St. Louis Youth Ministry (SLAM) Registration fee is \$20 per family.

Registration is done by visiting www.slywaco.org/SLAM or by emailing John Connor, the Junior High Youth Coordinator at stlouiswaco@gmail.com.

Registration helps cover the cost of materials and a T-shirt.

If you are new to St. Louis, please print out this entire document. It contains registration information and the necessary forms that need to be filled out and returned to the office of the Director of Religious Education to complete the registration process.

Thank you for choosing the St. Louis CCE program!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Adapted for Children)

Classes are held Wednesday's 6 -7:15 pm at St. Louis Catholic School

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children is a spiritual journey of conversion in which children become full members of the Catholic Church. It follows the stages of RCIA, but in a manner adapted for the understanding and maturation of children ages 7 through 17.

RCIA -Adapted for Children is for children 7 years of age or older who:

- have not been baptized, OR**
- were baptized as infants but never catechized, OR**
- were validly baptized, but into a non-Catholic faith community.**

The Rites of Christian Initiation establish that catechetical -aged children are to be baptized, confirmed and brought into full communion with the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. This program allows one catechist to teach a mixed -age group of children.

It is our hope that your child will not only learn about God and the church, but will deepen his or her relationship with Jesus and feel at home in the Catholic Church. RCIA for children is a yearlong process.

We ask that the parent/guardian of the student, in order to help your child through the journey,

***Assist your child in arriving for classes on time and ready to learn.**

Classes will be offered every Wednesday 6 -7:15 pm. We ask that the student be here by 5:50 PM, classes start promptly at 6 PM.

***Pray with your child.** You can begin by simply reading or reciting some of the basic Catholic prayers like the Our Father, Hail Mary, The Sign of the Cross or the Glory Be.

***Attend Mass with your child.** One of the best ways for your child to get to know the Catholic Christian Community is by attending church on Sunday. It is the time to check out who we are and what we believe. In every pew, you will find missalettes that you can use to follow along with prayers of the Mass. Take time to acquaint yourself with these books and use them during the Mass so you and your child can pray the responses together and read as well as listen to all of the readings from the Bible.

***Talk about what is happening with your child.** This is an important transition for your child and you need to be present for him/her. Ask questions about what they are learning in RCIC. Mark these moments by your undivided attention, quality time, and, if possible special gifts.

Your child will need a sponsor this year, so please start thinking about who would be a good candidate to take on this role. The sooner this is done, the better. Please do not wait until the last minute to find one. Students will also be asked to pick a Saint Name. More information will be given in class.

During the year we will ask that 2 Forms be filled out completely and turned back into the teacher by the due date given.

The forms that will need to be filled out are:

- Sponsor Information Sheet**
- Confirmation Sponsor Covenant**

Please attach a copy of birth certificate.



Holy Eucharist

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, the Lord's own sacrifice. In the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church namely, Christ himself. It is communion in the divine life. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship offered to Christ. It is the sum and summary of our faith. Eucharist completes the Christian Initiation.

Liturgical action of Eucharist is also traditionally known as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is central to our Christian faith. Holy Communion has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both species of bread and wine.

Catholics are encouraged to receive the Holy Eucharist regularly.

First Holy Communion

Any baptized Catholic child who has reached the age of reason (seven years of age and attended religious education classes in the first grade and is now in the second grade) is eligible to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, usually referred to as First Communion.

Requirements

- Parents must provide proof that the child was baptized in the Catholic Church
- The child must attend a preparation program provided at the parish
- Parents are the primary educators of children in the Catholic faith and should take an active part in First Communion preparation
- Child will also be prepared to receive First Reconciliation

Penance & Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

“Those who approach the sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him, and are at the same time reconciled with the Church...” CCC 1422

The Sacrament consists of four parts:

1. The examination of conscience
2. The confessing of sins to the priest
3. The absolution and contrition
4. The completion of the penance given by the priest

Regular participation in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and the confession of venial sins helps us to form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit.” CCC 1458

Church law states, “After having attained the use of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.” CC 1457



CCE REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis Catholic School or the St. Louis Catholic Church websites:

www.stlouiswaco.org
www.stlouiswaco.com

Forms and Registration payment can be dropped off/or mailed to:

St. Louis Catholic School
2208 North 23rd Street
Waco, Texas 76708
Attn: Antonia Duran

Forms can also be faxed to 254-754-2091 or
emailed to aduran@stlouiswaco.org

Please fill out one registration form per student. Each family must sign a policy form and pay the CCE Registration fee of \$70 before the registration process is complete.

If you are registering a new student, please remember to bring your child's Baptismal Certificate (w/notations on the back) and a letter from your previous parish. Your Letter must state what grade your child was previously in and his/her attendance record.

Children that have not been baptized and are 7 years or older, please bring a copy of his/her Birth Certificate.

REGISTRATION DATES/TIMES:

This year Early Registration will begin May 4, 2016! If you want to register in person, I will be available on Wednesday's, beginning May 4, 2016, 8:30 am -3 pm (please call if you will be coming by during the day to assure I am in my office) and 6 pm -7 pm. You can also download registration forms and email them to me or fax forms to number listed above.

The month of June, Mon -Thurs. 9 a.m. -2 p.m. The school is closed on Friday's.

Open Enrollment dates/times will be posted in the church bulletin mid-July.