

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

JUNE 19 - JUNE 23, 2023

PREP



Parish Religious
Education Program



I have received the guideline and agree to abide by the requirements for completion of the Nativity PREP Summer program.

Family Name (print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

The following guideline is to assist Nativity Parish families in the selection of the Summer PREP program for their child(ren)'s method of Religious Education.

What is the Summer PREP Program?

The Summer PREP program is an intensive one week Religious Education program that is an alternative to the traditional weekly program. Total class hours are similar to the traditional program. There will be 30 hours of onsite learning, with an additional requirement of 5 Faith based activities throughout the year.

Dates and Times of the Program

Summer PREP will be offered the week of June 19 through June 23, 2023 from 9:00AM to 3:30PM, Monday through Friday.

Requirements for Successful Completion

- **Must be present for all five days of onsite class time.** Due to the intensity of the program, and the amount of material covered, child(ren) will not be permitted to arrive late and/or leave early. Illness or emergency absence will invalidate attendance in Summer PREP, and the child(ren) will need to be enrolled in the traditional Wednesday evening program to complete the PREP level. There will not be any makeup sessions or work to substitute for attendance.
- Attendance at Lenten PREP Confessions on Wednesday evening-**Levels 3 through 7** (date TBD).
- Sacramental preparation levels (**Levels 3 & 7**) will be required to attend a certain number of Wednesday evening classes, as the reception of the Sacrament draws near. Therefore, Level 3 will have a Wednesday evening class requirement leading up to the reception of First Reconciliation in November, and the reception of First Holy Communion in May. Level 7 will have Wednesday evening class requirement leading up to reception of Confirmation in March, dates to be determined. The Confirmation Saint project will be required for all Confirmation candidates. Families will know well in advance which Wednesday evenings are required for Sacramental attendance.
Attendance at all Sacrament retreats and practices is mandatory.
- In addition to the one week intensive, 5 Faith based activities must be completed throughout the year and before the start of the subsequent Summer program. Failure to complete these requirements will prohibit registration in the Summer program going forward. In order to track these activities, a short reflection will need to be submitted to the PREP office. Families will be provided with a standardized form; one form per activity. **There is an expectation that PREP families attend Mass weekly, and on Holy**

Days of Obligation, so these are not eligible for the Faith based activities. Attendance at family events such as a funeral or wedding Mass, a Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation Mass are not eligible as well. A list of suggested activities is contained at the end of this guideline. Faith based activities should be reflective of prayer and worship, as well as a family's participation in the life of Nativity Parish.

Eligibility Requirements

To participate in the Summer program, families must be registered Nativity parishioners. Current child(ren) enrolled in Nativity PREP, and who are in good standing, are eligible for registration. Class sizes will be limited, so acceptance will be on a first come, first serve basis. There will be only one class of each Level, 1 through 7. Once a class is filled, registration for that level will be closed. *Children who are out of sequence and have not had any previous Religious Education are not candidates for the Summer program.*

Program Staffing

The Nativity Summer PREP program will be staffed by professional teachers, and parent/guardian volunteers. Professional teachers will serve as Catechists, and parent/guardian volunteers will be in an assistant capacity only.

Fee Structure

The Summer PREP fee reflects an increase over the traditional program. Summer PREP is staffed by professional teachers, and the fee charged reflects this increased cost. There is no hardship allowance for the Summer PREP fee. The traditional Wednesday evening program is available in the event of financial hardship.

1 Student- \$250

2 Students- \$500

3 Students- \$600

As with the traditional program, registration will be electronic through Parish Giving. Registration for the Summer program will be opened in February, date TBD, and families will be notified via email and the Parish bulletin.

There is a fee discount for those parents/guardians volunteering their time in the Summer program. It will be prorated based on the hours of service.

Additional Considerations:

- There are no food services in the program. Families will need to provide a peanut free lunch, snack, and water bottle daily.
- All policies contained in the NOOLP PREP Family Handbook will apply to the Summer program, such as student code of conduct, arrival/dismissal procedures, dress code, parental custody agreements, cell/technology policy, etc.
- Child(ren) may dress comfortably but appropriately during the Summer PREP week, with the exception of the following: no tank tops, midriff tops, extremely short shorts, and flip flops. Dress should be appropriate for participation in Church activities such as Mass, Adoration, Church tour, etc.
- Safe Environment lessons (KidTalk) will be presented to all levels during one of the class days. This is an Archdiocesan requirement. Families will be given the opportunity to opt-out of this small portion of class time, just as in the traditional program.

Faith Based Activity Suggestions for Families:

Attendance at Tuesday Adoration, including Benediction

Parish 40 Hours Celebration

Mass of Remembrance (All Soul's Day)

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Aid for Friends Group Cook

Volunteering for the Nativity Outreach Thanksgiving Dinner (**not food donations**)

Nativity Advent/Christmas Concert Evening of Reflection

Participation in the Christmas Eve Tableau or Children's Choir, 4:00 PM Liturgy in the Gym

Giving Tree Sunday Donation

Participation in the Drive Thru Nativity- (**volunteer only- not simple driving through the event**)

Ash Wednesday Service

Stations of the Cross during Lent/ Living Stations of the Cross Attendance/or Participation

Last Supper Mass on Holy Thursday at Nativity/ or Chrism Mass Attendance at the Cathedral

Good Friday Service

Divine Mercy devotions and Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday

May Procession

St. Gianna Mass (if not on a Sunday)

40 Days for Life signup at Planned Parenthood

Local Run for Life in Tyler Park or March for Life in Washington, DC

Virtual Nativity Rosary (Monday through Friday) at 4:00PM – participate/ or lead

Altar Server Training

Donut Sunday volunteers

Any additional activity that the DRE sends as a suggestion throughout the year.

