

July 16, 2026

Hello St. Mary and St. Augustine families!

We are gearing up for a new year of religious education for all grade levels as well as for Sacramental preparation. Each year we update our files, and so it is important to complete a new registration form even if you attended classes last year.

As some of you know, Laura Reiter was the temporary Director of Youth Religious Education last year since St. Mary's did not have the full-time position filled. We are happy to announce that Judith Roche has been hired as the Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry! Some of you may know Ms. Roche, as she taught in our Catholic school for two years before relocating to Florida. She is back at St. Mary's, and we know she will be wonderful for our youth programs. She is highly qualified for this position, having majored in Religion at Catholic Universities, taught all age levels, and worked as a Youth Ministry Coordinator.

A calendar of classes is included with the Registration Forms. A summary of programs is:

- **K-8th grade classes**
Wednesdays after school until 5PM. A bus from the public school transports the children to St. Mary's for class. A light meal is served before classes begins at 4PM. Parents pick up their child(ren) at 5PM.
- **Confirmation classes (grades 9 and up)**
Confirmation is a two-year program starting in September, 2026 and ending with the Sacrament of Confirmation in April, 2028. Classes are one Sunday a month, beginning with Family Mass at 9:30AM, followed by brunch and class, ending at 1:30PM. Participation in High School Youth Group is also part of the program.
- **High School Youth Group**
High School Youth Group is held once a month on a Wednesday from 6PM-8PM. A meal is served and is followed by a faith-building activity (i.e. service projects, games, prayer, etc). This is for all high school students, those participating in Confirmation classes, students already confirmed, and students who are still learning and discerning their Catholic faith.

There will be a brief informational meeting concerning the next Religious Education year on **Sunday, August 30 after the 9:30AM Mass in the Corpus Christi Center (CCC)**. Ms. Roche will review all the classes and activities and respond to your questions and concerns for the program. We hope everyone can attend!

Blessings,

St. Mary's Church Religious Education Program