

2019 – 2020 Fair Share Program Information

Fair Share Program (Parent Volunteer Program)

The St. Tarcissus Religious Education Program relies on adult volunteers. We require our parents to volunteer at three events (per family) throughout the year. Parents that are unable to fulfill their service can “buyout” from the requirement (see buyout information).

Parish Stewardship

We all have an obligation to support the mission of the Church. God calls us to be stewards of our community. We are grateful for the gifts we have received; we are also called to share our gifts. It is our gifts of time, talent, and treasure that help us provide quality programs for children in our parish community.

Event Sign Up

Adults may sign up using the Parent Fair Share Form at the time of registration. Parents can also sign up using “Sign Up Genius.” Sign Up Genius is a website that helps us track volunteer events. Emails will be sent to parents about events throughout the year.

Major Volunteer Opportunities

Major volunteer opportunities are opportunities that can save you 100% or 50% of your RE tuition. The major volunteer opportunities are ongoing commitments. Those major opportunities are Catechists (who will receive a 100% tuition discount), and Catechist Aides, Religious Education Security Leader, Children’s Liturgy of the Word Leaders, and Confirmation Group Facilitators, each opportunity receiving a 50% discount.

Buyout

Parents that are unable to volunteer on the dates or times needed can choose to pay \$20 for each event. For example, a parent that cannot do any volunteer activities would pay \$60 (\$20 for each of the required three events).

Financial Need

St. Tarcissus religious education does not turn away any children due to financial hardship. We encourage parents with extenuating circumstances (of a financial nature) to pay as much as they can and to do extra volunteer activities (Fair Share). Please contact the Faith Formation Director for additional information.

Volunteer Requirements – Child Safety

We all are responsible for the safety and well-being of our children. We require one parent from each family be VIRTUS certified. All volunteers are screened and attend VIRTUS safety training.

Major Volunteer Opportunities

Religious Education Security Leader

The RE Security Leader will coordinate security for all Saturday Religious Education classes and certain events. The RE Security Leader works directly with the RE office. The RE Security Leader must be available for most Saturday RE sessions.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Leader

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLW) is done during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass during the school year. CLW is part of the Mass, which is geared toward children in grades 1 through 5. CLW is not religious education. CLW leaders work in teams of two and take one Sunday per month (7 times a year). The CLW leaders dismiss from Mass with the children and lead prayer, proclaim the readings (Mass Readings) in language that is understandable for kids, and do a short Gospel reflection for the kids. CLW leaders should work together to make CLW and Mass meaningful for the children in attendance.

Confirmation Small Group Facilitators

We are hoping to have our Confirmation students broken down into groups of 8 to 10 students. We would like the groups to get together about four times per year for about an hour to discuss Confirmation topics. The Confirmation Small Group Facilitators can work in teams of 2 or individually. Facilitators need to be a fully confirmed adult age 18 or older.

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RE Session Door Parent / RE Office Help

Each RE session we need at least one (or two) parents to help. The "RE Parent Door Parent Help" will help with security and door control. RE Office Help will help with the RE office during the RE session.

FIRST SUNDAY Hospitality Parents

We need two adults to coordinate the after-Mass Hospitality (food) table in the church vestibule. The adults should arrive 15 minutes before Mass to do the basic set-up. After Communion, they should come to the vestibule to prepare for the end of Mass. You should allow 30 minutes after the Mass for hospitality and simple cleanup. We need Hospitality Parents only on the five RE FIRST SUNDAY MASS dates.

FIRST SUNDAY Greeter Family

We need two families to greet each FIRST SUNDAY RE MASS. Greeter families should arrive at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass. We encourage the entire family to help greet. We need Greeter families only on the five RE FIRST SUNDAY MASS dates.

FIRST SUNDAY Sign-in Parent

We need one parent each FIRST SUNDAY to help students

Catechetical Sunday Help

We need two (or more) parents that are willing to help set up, serve, and clean-up on Catechetical Sunday (breakfast for the Catechists). The time would be 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon (or 10:00 am until 11:30 am).

Confirmation Reception Help

Our 8th-grade students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 7, 2020. We need 3 adult volunteers to help coordinate the after-Mass reception for students and families. Volunteers would help (along with student volunteers) set-up, serve, and clean-up the reception in the school auditorium.

First Reconciliation Reception Help

We need two (2) First Grade Parents to coordinate the First Reconciliation Reception. The reception is for 2nd-grade students and their families after First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 11, 2020. A simple reception with cake, cookies, coffee, and juice is served. Start time is 10:00 a.m. and all should be completed by 12 noon or 12:30 p.m.

Ashes and Pizza

We will need 8 adults to assist with this popular start to Lent. Tasks include collecting money, serving pizza, salad, and drinks, and clean-up. There will also be a crew of Confirmation students to assist. We start right after the 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service on February 26, 2020 and should conclude by 8:30 p.m.

First Communion Parent Help

We need four adults to assist with First Communion Reception in the Auditorium on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Duties include decorating the auditorium, preparing drinks, cutting cake, serving, and clean-up. Start time 11:00 a.m. should be concluded by 3:00 p.m. (No First Communion Parents)

Other Volunteer Opportunities

There are other opportunities that will come up during the year. We ask that you consider helping when you can.

Parish Service

Parents that are active in other parish ministries may receive credit for the Religious Education Fair Share Program. Please talk to the Faith Formation Director (Larry Cubalchini) to see if your volunteer activities can count toward your Fair Share Program Requirements.