



July 15, 2021

Dear Parents and Students,

We truly look forward to gather with you and your family as we start up our Religious Education Program this fall. It may seem a bit early to register, but with the new curriculum and an earlier start date, it is necessary to get your registrations back sooner than in past years. I am thankful at this time to offer in-person classes with masks being optional. Should the safety guidelines change, we will follow the recommendations of the Diocese of Green Bay, Oconto Falls School District, and federal, state, county, and local health authorities.

### **SCHEDULE**

1. Grades 1-5 will follow the same schedule as last year. Classes are 5:00-6:15 PM on Wednesdays.
2. As informed last spring, classes for Grades 6-11 will gather on **Sundays**.
  - Grades 6-8 will be held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 9:30AM-noon. Starting date is September 12.
  - Grades 9-11 will be held primarily on the first and third Sunday of each month from 9:30 AM-noon. Starting date is September 19. On April 24, which is the fourth Sunday, will be a combined class for all middle and high school youth.
  - The fifth Sundays (2) will be designated for the Confirmation class. Please mark January 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the mandatory full-day Confirmation retreat run by the Spiritus Team.

### **REGISTRATION, TUITION & SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS** - Enclosed

Please register **no later than August 18<sup>th</sup>** by returning forms with payment to the parish office or registering and paying online at [www.holy3.org](http://www.holy3.org).

1. **Registration Form** - Carefully review the form to ensure we have accurate information. Clearly write in any corrections or additions when returning the form or note any changes when registering online. **Your email and primary phone for texting will be our main source of communication to families.**
2. **Tuition, Fee and Permission Form**
  - **Tuition Fee** - First and second enrolled is \$55 each. Third enrolled is \$45 with a max of \$155 per family.
  - **Confirmation Fee** – The retreat fee is \$50. It can be paid now or prior to January 30.
  - **Permission Release** – By signing the Tuition & Permission Form or registering online through our website, you are agreeing to the tuition cost and are giving us permission for Emergency Procedure, Media Release, the Safe Environment Program and Free Time as described on the form unless noted as non-approval.
3. **Communications Policy (On the back side of the registration form for grades 6-11)** - Signing the social communication policy will allow St. Anthony/St. Patrick the right to communicate directly to your child. This will help with communication in case we have to transition from in-person classes to virtual or zoom meetings.

## **INVOLVEMENT**

1. Consider being a catechist or assist in a class. We are still in need of catechists for both the Sunday and Wednesday classes. The Wednesday classes consist of one or two teachers per individual class. The Sunday classes will consist of a team of catechists with possible individual breakout sessions.
2. Consider helping in the office during the Wednesday classes. Help is needed to monitor the doors should a guest need assistance, sell scrip and answer phones.
3. Assist with snack set up and clean up before and after Sunday Mass. Our youth will be provided a 15-minute break before their lesson with Fr. Greg.
4. Join the Total Board of Education. This Board helps guide St. Anthony School as well as the Religious Education program of St. Anthony and St. Patrick parishes. Evening meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month.

## **SCRIP PROGRAM TO HELP WITH TUITION AND YOUTH EVENTS – More information to come.**

As we grow our youth ministry program, we hope to offer more opportunities that will feed and nourish our youth to desire and yearn for more knowledge and zeal for their faith. As we work towards this goal, and new opportunities and events arise, it may be necessary to ask families to help with expenses through registration fees or fundraising. To assist families, you can start earning money through the school Scrip program, which is being offered to all families in the Religious Ed and Youth Ministry Programs.

**How does it work?** - The concept is simple, St. Anthony receives discounts from retailers, then families buy gift cards at face value. You will earn money instantly when purchasing face value retail gift cards for your everyday purchases. Cards can be ordered, paid and picked up/received in several ways:

- Physically coming into the office (Summer hours are Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM)
- Order online. You will need to create an account on the RaiseRight app or at [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com) and enter the code: B8F24A481L26. The online option allows you the choice of:
  - Physical cards, eCards (to print or redeem instantly from your phone) or Reloads (add funds to your existing card).
  - Payment type - check, credit card (2.5% fee) or ACH (\$.15 fee per transaction).
  - Delivery - Choice to have physical cards delivered to the parish office or to your mailbox.

**How does this help your family earn funds for tuition and registration fees?** - For every card you purchase through St. Anthony, you earn half the profit. For example:

- Kwik Trip offers a 4% rebate – When a \$100 card is purchased, St. Anthony pays \$96.00 and sells the card at face value. The rebate/profit is \$4.00. That profit is then split. Your family earns \$2.00 credit toward tuition or fees and the school earns \$2.00 towards their fundraising efforts.
- Shell offers a 10% rebate. When purchasing a \$100 card, you earn \$5.00 credit and school earns \$5.00.

### **Please Note:**

- Earnings can only be used for tuition or youth registration fees. Any earnings exceeding cost or if the family becomes inactive for more than one year, earnings will be considered a donation to the RE/Youth Ministry program.
- For greater earnings, you can invite friends and family to purchase scrip and have them designate their earnings to your family.
- Rebate credits are distributed in April. At that time, your earnings will be available for use. However, if you are struggling to make tuition payments and would like to use this fundraiser to apply to this year's payments, please call me to work out the details.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Blessings,

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