

Sacred Heart Fleming Island Religious Education Policies

Please keep this form for your records

2026-2027 Starting Dates

<u>Session & Grade</u>	<u>Starting Date & Time</u>
Sundays Kindergarten- Grade 8	August 16, 2026, 9:05 AM
Wednesdays Grades 1-5	September 2, 4:30 PM
Wednesdays Grades 6-8	September 2, 6:00 PM
Wednesdays Grades 9-12	September 2, 7:15 PM

CLASS/GRADE PLACEMENT

Each class has a set maximum number of students, and therefore filled on a “first come, first served” basis. Class assignments are emailed to the address you provide on the Registration Form. Once a class is full, I will put your child on a waiting list, but there is no guarantee they will be assigned that class. Class assignments are emailed to the address you provide on the Registration Form.

Your child will be placed in a class based on the grade entering, previous religious education (last grade attended) and Sacraments received. Like secular school, Religious Education is an ongoing process. It is not acceptable for students to attend only during sacramental years or to skip grades.

ATTENDANCE & TARDINESS

To comply with diocesan guidelines, and for your child to move on to the next grade, he/she must not miss more than four classes. During a sacramental year only two classes may be missed. Make-up opportunities will be provided. Students who miss more than six classes will be dropped from the class unless other arrangements have been made with Director of Religious Education, Kristin Michler-Belleza to fulfill missed classes. During a Sacrament year (typically 2nd or 8th grade) your child will be dropped from the program if they miss more than four classes.

It is very important that your child arrives on time for Religious Education every week so that they get the most of the one hour and ten-minute class and so they are not disrupting the entire class. Students who arrive 5 or more minutes late are marked “tardy.” Students who are tardy (5 to 20 minutes late) more than three times will incur an absence. Students who arrive 20 minutes or more after class begins (or leave 20 minutes early) will be marked absent.

SACRAMENTS

Sacred Heart begins immediate preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2nd grade and immediate preparation Confirmation in 8th grade. Your child will not be placed in a Sacramental Prep class if he/she has not attended Religious Education the previous year. Immediate preparation for all Sacraments occurs in conjunction with the weekly Religious Education class. Immediate Sacramental Preparation includes several meet times along with a retreat for the Sacrament.

If your child attends Annunciation Catholic School (or a Catholic School) they will attend Religious Education at their school and attend Immediate Sacramental Prep here at Sacred Heart.