2022-2023
Religious Education (R.E.) Program
at
St. Mary
Roman Catholic Church
Kingman
Mission - Our goals for your children and your families:

- to help children foster a deep, personal connection with God and their Catholic faith
- to educate children on the history, standards, and practices of their Catholic faith
- to prepare children to receive their sacraments in the Church
- to prepare children for a lifetime of engagement and service in the Church
- to reinforce and supplement the child’s home faith formation
- to connect with, and serve, the families of our Parish, and to encourage and support them as they grow in faith alongside their children

About Us

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church was formally established in Kingman in 1906. The original stone church still stands, and is currently used as an adoration chapel.

The St. Mary’s School was opened on September 5th, 1944, led by the Adrian Dominican nuns from Michigan. The school was a large stone building with fifteen rooms, and a large dining room and kitchen, and was located at the corner of 3rd and Spring Streets.

In 1966, ground was broken for the Parish Center building, and the old stone school was demolished to make way for a new, larger church, to accommodate the needs of our growing parish. The full-time St. Mary’s School was closed in July of 1985, and was replaced by weekly Catechism classes, which continue today.
Your St. Mary Religious Education Contacts

Parish Manager
Donna Wicker
donna.mariew@yahoo.com
- Registration for Religious Education (R.E.) classes
- Paperwork for sacraments
- Assists families in meeting sacramental requirements

Religious Ed. Coordinator
Crystal Palmer
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- Coordinates scheduling, sacramental retreats, and special events for R.E.
- Provides communication to parents regarding updates and information about the R.E. program.

Atrium I
Ages 3-6, Rm.

Atrium I Catechist
Ms. Mary

Atrium I Aide
Name

Atrium II
Ages 7-10, Rm.

Atrium II Catechist
Ms. Berg

Atrium II Aide
Ms. Isabel

Atrium I (Catechesis of The Good Shepherd)
This level focuses on the scripture of The Good Shepherd, and introduces the child to God’s love for them through Jesus. The child learns about the Last Supper, Christ’s Death, and His resurrection, and learns to recognize the gestures of the Mass.

Atrium II (Catechesis of The Good Shepherd)
This level focuses on the scripture of The True Vine and other moral parables, as well as learning the parts of the Mass. Children in their first year of Atrium II prepare for First Reconciliation, while children in their second year prepare for Confirmation and their First Holy Communion.

RCIC
Ages 7-14, Rm.

RCIC Catechist
Ms. Lupe

RCIC I Aide
Ms. Andrea

RCIC
(Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)
This program is for children who have reached the age of reason (7+ years old), but have either not been baptized in the Catholic faith, OR have not had any formal catechesis.
Guidelines and Expectations

• Classes will be held on Thursdays, from 5:30-7pm, at the St. Mary Parish Center (see calendar for dates, breaks, and special events).

• Parents/Caregivers will sign in each child when they arrive, and sign them out when they leave. The sign-in sheets are located on the table in the hall, and are organized by class. Children will only be released to their parents or a specified guardian.

• Students are expected to dress appropriately for catechism classes (shoulders covered, shorts and skirts at fingertip length or longer, nothing with foul language, or inappropriate images).

• Students are expected to keep their phones/devices put away and on “silent/do-not-disturb” mode, unless otherwise instructed by their catechist. If their phone becomes a distraction, the student will give it to the catechist, who will set it aside until class is over.

• Students are expected to behave in a respectful manner to everyone around them, including catechists, aides, church staff, and other students. Students will keep their hands and feet to themselves, will speak respectfully to adults and each other, and will follow directions given to them by catechists, aides, and church staff.

• Students are expected to be respectful of church property. Parents will be expected to pay for any damage caused by their child.

• Parents are considered by the Church to be the primary example and catechist to their children, and are expected to continue the child’s religious education in the home. This includes making sure they are meeting the requirements for their classes and sacraments, and bringing them to Mass regularly.

faith - love - respect - service
Become an active member in the St. Mary Kingman parish community!

In order to make the St. Mary Kingman parish and Religious Education program a success, we need parent/adult volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to get more involved with your church, and is an opportunity model the joy of service for, and with, your children. Whether you can volunteer on a recurring basis or just once, there are many ways you can help out, and all are appreciated. Come share your gifts with us!

Here are some of the ways you can help:

- Become a Catechist’s Aide
- Help with Special Events/Retreats
- Lead a Teen Service Program
- Join the Choir
- Help with Cleaning
- Help with Groundwork
- Become a Food Handler/Server
- and many more...

To become a volunteer, please contact Parish Manager Donna Wicker at donna.mariew@yahoo.com or (928) 377-3453.

Children also have the opportunity to serve!

Each of these opportunities is flexible, and doesn’t require the child to serve at every mass, or even every week.

**Choir**

Open to: Children of any age, who like to sing or play an instrument*  
(*Child should be able to read, or be able to memorize songs)  

Practices are Wednesdays at 4:30pm, in the church. Please feel free to drop in and join us!

**Altar Servers**

Open to: Children who have completed the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Please contact Parish Manager Donna Wicker to sign up for training at donna.mariew@yahoo.com or (928) 377-3453.
Month of The Seven Sorrows of Mary

- Say The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary by Our Lady of Kibeho
- Read the Seven Sorrows of Mary in the Bible, with your child eating something sour for each sorrow (Bonus if they can do it without making a sour face!)
- Focus on the virtues of Faith, Love, and Charity

September
09/08 - First Class of 2022-2023 year
09/15 - Class / Parent Welcome Meeting
09/22 - Class
09/29 - No Class, Fall Break

October
10/06 - No Class, Fall Break
10/13 - Class
10/20 - Class
10/27 - Class

November
11/03 - Class
11/10 - Class
11/17 - Class
11/24 - No Class, Thanksgiving Break

December
12/01 - Class
12/08 - Class
12/15 - Class
12/22 - No Class, Winter Break

Month of The Holy Rosary

- Make a Rosary prayer booklet
- Practice the prayers of the Rosary as a family
- Pick a regular time to say the Rosary together
- Take a nature walk and pray St. Francis of Assisi’s Canticles of the Creatures
- Focus on the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity

Month of The Holy Souls in Purgatory

- Create a Purgatory Box, draw a name from the box each day, and pray the St. Gertrude prayer for that person
- Make an All Souls’ candle, and add the names of friends and family who have died. Light the candle during family prayer time, and include a prayer for the dead
- Visit a cemetery between Nov.1st-8th, to pray for the dead
  - Light a candle for the dead after Mass

Month of The Immaculate Conception

- Create a family Marian shrine, with a Mary statue, and a Mary candle to light when you say Marian prayers
  - Read a book about Mary’s life
- Read the story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe
  - Celebrate St. Lucy with candles on braided bread
- Learn about Las Posadas: Read a book, listen to a song, pray the novena
  - Pray a Christmas novena
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Winter/Spring 2023 - January - May 2023

January
- Practice reverence toward Jesus and His name, wherever they appear
- Pray the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus together as a family

February
- Pray the Act of Consecration of the Holy Family together
- Follow the example of the Holy Family, and rededicate your family to your faith

March
- Create a shrine to St. Joseph, with a candle, a statue, and a prayer card to St. Joseph
- Build something from wood
- Share stories and favorite memories of the dads in your life
- Pray a novena to St. Joseph
- Spend some extra Father/Son or Father/Daughter time together

April
- Make a Monstrance from gold doilies
- Volunteer for Eucharistic adoration in the chapel
- Practice being reverant of the Eucharist: Bow or genuflect before the tabernacle in church, say a prayer when you pass a Catholic church
- Read the Eucharistic Scripture passages as a family

May
- Make a Mary garden outdoors, with a Mary statue, and planted flowers
- Make a Mary garden terrarium indoors, with a small Mary figure, and live or artificial plants
- Create a Marian shrine, with a Mary candle, Mary statue with a flower crown, and fresh flowers
- Pray Marian prayers, including the Rosary
Sacramental Requirements

First Reconciliation
Atrium II, Year 1: 1st-2nd Grade/7-8 years old

- Child must have received the sacrament of Baptism, and the child’s baptismal certificate must be provided to Donna Wicker (Parish Manager).

- Child must attend retreats and rehearsals, and complete catechism work to Catechist’s satisfaction

- Parents are to make a simple white garment for the child to wear for their ceremony (a red cross will be added to this garment for the child’s First Holy Communion and Confirmation, so please make it with a little room to grow!)

- See photo

Retreat, Rehearsal, and Ceremony dates will be announced once they are set.

White Garment for First Reconciliation
- Child must have received the sacraments of **Baptism** and **First Reconciliation**, and the child’s certificate for each must be provided to Donna Wicker (Parish Manager).

- Child is to choose a saint’s name to take for Confirmation. They should select a saint that has personal meaning to them, and should be able to explain a little about the saint’s life and why they chose them.

- Child must have a Confirmation Sponsor who meets the sponsor requirements. These requirements are detailed in the Confirmation forms. If a suitable sponsor cannot be found by the family, please contact Donna Wicker (Parish Manager), and one can be provided by the church.

- Child must attend retreats and rehearsals, and complete catechism work to Catechist’s satisfaction

- A white garment (from the child’s First Reconciliation), with a red cross embroidered on it. The child is expected to do the embroidery, as a type of meditative work. It does not have to be perfect! The personal pride and connection to the work is more important than perfection. - **See photo**

(* due to Restored Order, Confirmation and First Holy Communion are done together)
Office Hours / Horas de Oficina

| Monday - Thursday  
| Lunes - Jueves  |
| 8:30AM-5:30PM |
| (closed for lunch / cerrado para comer 12:00-1:00pm) |
| Friday / Viernes  |
| 8:30AM-12:00PM |

Confessions / Confesiones

| Saturday / Sábado | 8:30-9:30AM |

Mass Schedule / El Horario de Misas

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1st Saturday Devotion / Devocion del Primer Sábado

| Every 1st Saturday of the Month / Cada Primer Sábado del Mes |
| 11:00-12:00PM in the chapel / en la capilla |
Catholic Resources to Support Faith Formation at Home

**Websites**

StMaryKingman.com
Vatican.va
Sadlier.com
BayardFaithResources.com
Formed.org
IntegratedCatholicLife.org
CatholicMom.com
PrayMoreNovenas.com
BlessedisShe.net
HolyHeroes.com
Youcat.com
TheKidsBulletin.com
SaintsAlivePodcast.com

**Apps**

EWTN
Hallow
iPieta
Amen
Laudate
Catholic Mega
Click To Pray

**Books and Publishers**

The Chime Travelers Series

Listening for God: Silence Practice for Little Ones

A Saint a Day

The Catholic Mom’s Prayer Companion

TAN Books

Loyola Press

Ascension Press

Ignatius Press

Ave Maria Press

Sophia Institute Press

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Beaheart.com
Catholicpapergoods.com
HouseofJoppa.com
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