**High School Requirements for St. Anthony Parish**

* A FORMED HABIT OF REGULAR WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE
* TOTAL OF 16 CREDITS
  + 7 required classes: Each 1 credit class is covered in 1 semester
    - ***Faith and Revelation: Knowing God Through Sacred Scripture*** (& *T3*)
    - ***The Blessed Trinity: and Our Christian Vocation.***
    - ***The Mystery of Redemption.***
    - ***The Church: Sacrament of Salvation***.
    - ***Our Moral Life in Christ*** (& TOB).
    - ***The Sacraments.***
    - 1 credit specifically for Confirmation preparation (need to complete all the previous required classes)
      * at least 15 hours of class time
      * Applications, two interviews with Fr. Matt, interviews with sponsor, Rite of Enrollment, Saint report,
      * One overnight retreat (all day retreat if necessary)
  + 9 additional credits from electives (some may be taken every year for multiple credits):
    - Week**day** Mass attendance (15 Wednesday Masses count as 1 credit). Regular week**end** Mass is expected.
    - The quilt project (1 credit).
    - 15-20 hours of approved stewardship hours – this includes Mass ministries like altar serving, lectoring, singing, or ushering. (1 credit)
    - Eucharistic Adoration (15 hours count as 1 credit) – available at chapel
    - Youth Group (15 meetings / 1 credit)
    - Steubenville Retreat (1 credit)
    - Youth Encounter Retreat (1 credit)
    - Understanding Scripture (15 hours / 1 credit).
    - The History of the Church (15 hours / 1 credit).
    - Apologetics (15 hours / 1 credit).
    - Other ideas to consider
      * Bible studies
      * Study lives of saints
      * other proposals from parents or students

Students (and Parents) of St. Anthony High School Religious Education program:

In our attempt to assist you in your faith formation, we are proposing a new High School Religious Education program. It is based off the requirements of the Green Bay Diocese and our own RE program experience. **Just as most High School students have options on the classes they take in public school, so too St. Anthony High School students will have options on their RE classes.**

There are 16 credits that must be earned in order to complete the High School RE program at St. Anthony Parish: six credits are part of the new curriculum required by the Diocese; one credit is earned after completing the Confirmation preparation requirements of the Diocese; and nine credits are electives that are based off of our own RE program.

We will still hold our usual Wednesday evening class and Mass time, which will achieve all 16 credits if one regularly attends. The new option will allow each student to choose the class they take rather than basing it on a specific grade level. We will also make classes available at other times (i.e. summer, weekends, etc.) if at least three students are willing to gather at that time. Classes outside the usual Wednesday school year will be coordinated if requested and there is a catechist willing to teach at that time. I need specific dates, times, and number of students before I can ask a catechist to teach. I will send out an e-mail notice to everyone if we are able to offer extra classes at St. Anthony Parish – please make sure I have your up-to-date e-mail address.

We hope this new system will allow those students in various extracurricular activities to organize their calendar in a way that will allow them to continue their activity while faithfully continuing their Religious Education. Feel free to call or e-mail me with questions or comments.

Attached is an accounting of what you (or your child) have already completed and what remains to be completed. We grandfathered in older students according to grade level in order to begin this new procedure.

Yours in the joy of Christ,

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