



Second Hour

September 2020 – May 2021

*Catechesis program and faith formation for the youth of
St. John's & St. Mary's Catholic church in grades Preschool - 12th*

What is Second Hour? Second Hour is our catechesis program for all youth from Preschool through High School to: become catechized in the Catholic faith; to prepare for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation; to know, grow, and live their faith; and strengthen their relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Second Hour Re-opening/Pandemic Plan

Please know that the health and safety of our students, coaches, and staff are very important to us all. We continue to seek the guidelines put out by the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Health, the Diocese of Toledo, and the Defiance City & County School Systems and will continue to do so as the pandemic evolves and changes. Please note that the plans below are just that "plans" and are subject to change as needed—we hope to announce which of these plans of classes we will do before/by the September 9th meeting. You can follow the Second Hour Facebook page and enroll in the Remind text alerts (text @jwestsh to 81010) for up to date info.

1. Blended Option

A. All grades will follow the Home Learning Options with in-person classes twice a month for those in 2nd grade (preparing for 1st Communion); 8th grade (preparing for Confirmation); and HS Youth Group.

2. Home Learning Options for the vulnerable / if in person classes not permitted:

A. Preschool/Kindergarten: Book will be sent home/picked up. We will provide handout packets or online lessons also.

B. Grades 1-4: Book will be sent home with the calendar of lessons. Online classroom will offer additional resources to be utilized, such as additional lesson resources, quizzes to check progress, and videos to enhance lessons.

C. Grades 5-8: Lessons will be emailed out and/or posted to an online classrooms weekly with additional resources of quizzes, videos, and, if needed, video conferences.

D. Grades 9—12: Youth Group will be done via video conference with any addition resources sent via email or online classroom.

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3. In-Person Classes:

A. Health Assessment: Any student/coach/staff member with a fever of 100+ is to stay home until fever free for 72 hours without fever reducing medication. Anyone with symptoms of COVID19 is to stay home until recovered/asymptomatic. If you are exposed to COVID19 or experiencing symptoms, please consult a healthcare provider and follow their instructions. Any students who are vulnerable or have vulnerable family members, may seek permission to enroll via home learning.

B. Sanitization of Hands & Surfaces: Hand sanitizer will be available at entrances to buildings and in each classroom. Classrooms will be cleaned with disinfectant spray/wipes before and after classes.

C. Social Distancing & Face Masking: We will social distance as often as possible to keep all students and staff safe. We will eliminate all family classes to cut down on class size for this year. Face masks are strongly encouraged for all coaches and students, especially when working in a group setting or unable to stay within 6 feet or more from others. We will follow the ODH, Defiance County Health Department, and Defiance City Schools guidelines for face coverings.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Second Hour is offering multiple options for registration and payment of the program. See below for options for both.

To register— Each student must register each school year for Second Hour. Registration can be done via paper form (included in this newsletter) which can be mailed in or completed in each parish office. Online registration forms can be found at either parish website under the Religious Education and Second Hour tabs and on the Second Hour Facebook page - just click on the link and complete the Google Form.

To pay the registration fee— Registration fees for students (as well as any additional sacramental fees that come with that preparation) are to be paid each school year, promptly. Fees are - \$30 for each Preschool/Kindergarten student; \$40 for each student in grades 1-12; \$70 for Confirmation students (for purchase of books and retreat). Payment plans are available upon request made via the registration form or email to DRE.

St Mary's Website directions: Go to stmarydefiance.weconnect.com & scroll to the bottom of the home page. Click on "Online Giving", which will open in a new window. If you are not an online giver, please sign up for a new account, complete the New User Account Registration. Fill in all required information and hit the submit button. You will receive a verification email and after validating your account, you can login and **choose the "Second Hour option, enter the amount you are paying, and note which student name(s) and grade(s) the fees are being paid.** If you are currently an online giver, please login and follow the bold directions above. Please contact Ann Flory, Business Manager with any questions regarding online payment.

St John's Website directions: Go to stjohndefiance.org Click on "Online Giving" at the top of the page. At the bottom right, see "Quick Give" and click, next click "Continue Quick Give", then complete Personal Information and Address Information. In Gift Information, select Fund "Second Hour Registration", enter the total amount due, select payment method & add your info, and write "Second Hour Registration Fee for (student name(s) & grade(s))" in the Special Instructions. Click Next. Finally, verify your info and submit your payment. Please contact Bonnie Nally, Office Manager with any questions regarding online payments.



Second Hour Registration Form

2020–2021

to register and pay online, visit your parish website *Second Hour* page; *Second Hour Facebook* page, or the previous page in the newsletter for online registration instructions.

Parents Name(s) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Numbers: Mom (C) _____ Dad(C) _____
Email: _____
Home Parish: St John St Mary Other: _____
Emergency Contact Name(s) _____
Phone Number(s) (C) _____ (Other) _____
Email: _____

STUDENT REGISTRATION

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Age _____
School Name _____ Grade _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Sacraments Completed: Baptism First Communion Confirmation

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(Additional student's registration slots can be placed on the back of this page.)

Please check those areas in which you would be willing to help:

- ☐ I can donate for those who cannot afford Second Hour
☐ I can help coach Preschool/Kindergarten
☐ I can help coach Second Hour Grades 1 - 4
☐ I can help coach Second Hour Grades 5 or 6/7
☐ I can help coach Second Hour Confirmation
☐ I can help coach High School Youth Group
☐ I can donate snacks or drinks for Second Hour classes

Please attend the Parent Meeting on Wednesday, Sept 9th from 6-7PM at Holy Cross Catholic School—Chapel. You may turn your registration form & fee in before this date at St. Johns or St. Mary's office. Make checks out to St Mary Catholic Church with "Second Hour" in the memo line. THANK YOU!

Registration fee is \$40.00 per student in grades 1 - 12 per school year.

Preschool/Kindergarten fee is \$30 per student per school year.

Registration fees per family are not to exceed \$200 for the school year.

*Make checks payable to St Mary Catholic Church with Second Hour in the memo line

No one is ever denied participation because of the inability to pay. Please see Jessica West if you need a payment plan.

All fees cover every Second Hour class offered on Wednesday nights throughout the year

Confirmation class has additional requirements and fee of \$70 for books & retreat.

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School Name _____ Grade _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
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Additional information you would like the Second Hour staff to Know: (Food Allergies/ Medical conditions/Request for Payment plan, etc)

Make checks out to: St. Mary's Catholic Church with Second Hour in the memo line

OFFICE USE ONLY: Paid in full _____ Partial Payment _____ (Amount paid: _____)
Method of payment: Cash _____ Check # _____ Date Received: _____
Additional Payment information: _____



Second Hour 2020-21 Calendar

Wednesday, September 9

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Wednesday, September 16

Wednesday, September 23

Wednesday, September 30

Sunday, October 4

Wednesday, October 7

Sunday, October 11

Wednesday, October 14

Sunday, October 18

Wednesday, October 21

Wednesday, October 28

Wednesday, November 4

Wednesday, November 11

Wednesday, November 18

Wednesday, November 25

Wednesday, December 2

1st Reconciliation Retreat in St Mary PMC w/ 1 parent

Wednesday, December 9

to St John Church for 1st Reconciliation w/ 1 parent

Wednesday, December 16

Wednesday, December 23

Wednesday, December 30

Wednesday, January 6

Wednesday, January 13

Wednesday, January 20

Wednesday, January 27

Wednesday, February 3

Wednesday, February 10

Wednesday, February 17

February 21 -24

Wednesday, March 3

Wednesday, March 10

Wednesday, March 17

Wednesday, March 24

Wednesday, March 31

Wednesday, April 7

Wednesday, April 14

Saturday, April 17

Wednesday, April 21

Sunday, April 25

Wednesday, April 28

Sunday, May 2

Wed, May 5

Sunday, May 16

Sunday, May 23

June 17-19

Class Supplies and Schedule Pick up @ St John's Atrium from 6-8pm /

Confirmation meeting (1 parent per student) in St John Basement from 7-7:30pm

Regular Class all grades / In-person classes for grades 2, 8, HS Youth Group

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Confirmation Retreat 8:00am—3:30pm at St John Church/PLC

Regular Class all grades

St John Confirmation Students—Confirmation Enrollment Mass at 10 am

Regular Class all grades / In-person classes for grades 2, 8, HS Youth Group

St Mary Confirmation Students—Confirmation Enrollment Mass at 10:30am

Regular Class all grades

Regular Class all grades/ In-person classes for grades 2, 8, HS Youth Group

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NO CLASS – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Regular Class all grades / In-person classes for grades 2, 8, HS Youth Group / 2nd Grade

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Regular Class all grades

NO CLASS—MERRY CHRISTMAS

NO CLASS—MERRY CHRISTMAS

NO CLASS - HAPPY NEW YEAR

Regular Class all grades

Regular Class all grades

Regular Class all grades

Regular Class all grades

Regular Class all grades

Attend Ash Wednesday Mass

Co Parish Mission at St Mary Church

Regular Class all grades

Regular Class all grades

Regular Class all grades/Confirmation Reconciliation at St Mary's @ 7pm

NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK

HOLY WEEK- Have a blessed Easter

Regular Class all grades

Regular Class all grades/1st Communion Retreat for 2nd grade

Confirmation at Rosary Cathedral at 10am

Grades 6—12 Class /St Mary's 2nd graders practice at St. Mary

St. Mary's 1st Communion @ 10:30am Mass

St John's 2nd graders practice at St John

St. John's 1st Communion at 12pm

Confirmation Enrollment Meeting for current 7th graders

St John Graduation Mass @ 10am

St Mary's Graduation Mass @ 10:30am

YES Project (St Mary)

Where do I go for classes? *Doors open at 6:30PM for any participants to arrive early.*

Holy Cross Catholic School (7:00—8:00 PM)

Classrooms for each grade will be announced/posted on the first night of classes - Sept.16

Preschool (3 – 5 years old), Kindergarten,
First Graders, Second Graders, Third Graders,

St. Mary Parish Ministry Center (7:00—8:05 PM)

Fourth Graders: St. Mary Fireside Lounge

Fifth Graders: St. Mary Social Hall

St. John Parish Life Center & Basement (7:00—8:15 PM)

Sixth & Seventh Graders (Pre-Confirmation) - Basement

8th grade Confirmation - Matthew/Mark Room

Youth Ministry Building (Old St John School) (7:00—8:15PM)

Grades 9—12 Youth Group

***Catechesis is just like school - our youth attend each consecutive year
to continue to grow and know their faith.***

REMINDERS

1. The Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion are to be received during the student's 2nd grade year. Any student in 2nd grade (or above) seeking these sacraments should be enrolled in Second Hour and have completed grade 1 catechesis or will need to make up the catechesis prior.
2. The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be received during a student's 8th grade year. Any student in 8th grade (or above) seeking the sacrament of Confirmation should be enrolled in Second Hour and have completed the Pre-Confirmation classes in grades 6 & 7 or will need to make up the catechesis prior.
3. 3 excused absences are allowed for all catechesis classes. After 3 absences, additional work or classes may be needed to achieve full faith formation. Remember, please do not attend classes if ill or symptomatic.

Where can I learn more about Second Hour?

1. Attend the Open Registration/Parent Meeting on Wed Sept 9 at 6pm at Holy Cross Catholic School—Chapel. You can register your youth and ask any question you may have of the staff.
2. For more information, please:
 - follow the Second Hour Defiance Religious Education Facebook page
 - Sign up for the Remind text alerts for updates or cancellations by texting “@jwestsh” to 81010.
 - visit the parish websites
 - contact your parish office or the Second Hour Staff

Second Hour Prayer: Dear Lord, we the parishioners of St. John and St. Mary surrender the Second Hour Catholic Education Program into your hands. We ask for Your blessing, Your wisdom, Your truth, and Your love to guide us as we work to nurture, educate, and inspire. Help us to know our faith, grow our faith, and go our faith! In your name, we pray these things with confidence and gratitude that You will hear us and respond. AMEN

Second Hour Staff

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