



# Second Hour

## September 2021 – May 2022

*Catechesis program and faith formation for our youth.*

**What is Second Hour?** Second Hour is our catechesis program for all youth from 1st grade 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.

### Meet the Staff

#### **Religious Education Coordinator/Highschool Youth Minister– Mr. Brandon Bryant**

Friends in Christ, it is my honor to serve you and Christ as part of the St. John & St. Mary parish staffs. I have been a member of the St. John Parish as long as I can remember and am overjoyed to be able to give back to the community that has already given so much to me. I am a 2021 graduate of BGSU where I majored in criminal justice. This year, I was married to the love of my life, Danielle (Vance). I look forward to getting to know the Defiance Catholic community better as we all grow in faith together through the following seasons.

#### **Elementary Minister/ 1st Communion Coordinator- Mrs. Janice Elliott**

Janice Elliott has been involved in Catholic education since 1980. She has been a CCD Confirmation teacher, Catholic school religion teacher and principal, youth minister, First Communion and Confirmation coordinator, Second Hour Pre-K to grade 6 coordinator, RCIA director, and Vacation Bible School director. She has been married to Ron since 1980 and has 3 sons and 4 grandchildren.

#### **Grades 6/7 & Confirmation Coordinator – Mrs. Ariel Rhodes**

Greetings everyone! I'm so excited to start my third year with Second Hour coordinating our Middle School program. I have been so blessed to work with your students for Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation. We are also about to welcome our third and fourth children: Isaiah and Abigail, to join John and Jeremiah. We have been so blessed to have been welcomed into the St. John's family and the St. Mary's family and look forward to our future here in Defiance.



## Second Hour 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. Currently, all classes will be held in person. Should this be changed, announcements will be made as soon as possible informing parents and students of the changes being made. You can follow the Second Hour Facebook page and enroll in the Remind text alerts (text @sjsm2122 to 81010) for up to date info.*

*Please continue to watch over your own family's health and remain home should you or your student feel ill.*

### 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 or by scanning the QR code on the back of the 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 \$40 for each student in grades 1-7 and 9-12; \$100 for grade 8 Confirmation students (for purchase of books and retreat). Payment plans are available upon request made via the registration form or email to DRE. No child is ever denied participation based on an inability to pay.

**St Mary's Website directions:** Go to [stmarydefiance.weconnect.com](http://stmarydefiance.weconnect.com) & Click on Online Giving icon, 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](http://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

2021–2022

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

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

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

(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 volunteer Second Hour Grades 1 - 5  
☐ I can help volunteer Second Hour Grades 6/7  
☐ I can help volunteer Second Hour Confirmation  
☐ I can help volunteer High School Youth Group  
☐ I can donate snacks or drinks for Second Hour classes

**Please attend the Parent Meeting on Wednesday, Sept 2nd from 6:30-7:30PM 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 1-7 and 9-12 per school year.

Confirmation (Grade 8) students registration fee is \$100.00.

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 Brandon Bryant if you need a payment plan.  
All fees cover every Second Hour class offered on Wednesday nights throughout the year

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

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

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



Scan the QR phone with a smart phone camera to be directed to the online registration.

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 2021-22 Calendar

Wednesday, September 22  
Wednesday, September 29

Parent Meeting/Registration @ HCCS at 6:30pm  
Regular Class all grades

Sunday, October 3  
Wednesday, October 6  
Wednesday, October 13  
Wednesday, October 20  
Wednesday, October 27

Confirmation Retreat 8:00am – 3:30pm at St. Augustine Church  
Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades

Wednesday, November 3  
Wednesday, November 10  
Wednesday, November 17  
Wednesday, November 24

Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades  
NO CLASS – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, December 1  
Wednesday, December 8  
Wednesday, December 15  
Wednesday, December 22  
Wednesday, December 29

Regular Class all grades/1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Retreat @ HCCS  
Attend Mass for the Holy Day - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Regular Class all grades/1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation @HCCS?  
NO CLASS—MERRY CHRISTMAS  
NO CLASS—MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, January 5  
Wednesday, January 12  
Wednesday, January 19  
Wednesday, January 26

NO CLASS - HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades

Wednesday, February 2  
Wednesday, February 9  
Wednesday, February 16  
Wednesday, February 23

Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades

Wednesday, March 2  
Wednesday, March 9  
Wednesday, March 16  
Wednesday, March 23  
Wednesday, March 30

Attend Ash Wednesday Mass  
Regular Class all grades  
Regular Class all grades  
NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK  
Regular Class all grades

Wednesday, April 6  
Wednesday, April 13  
Wednesday, April 20  
Sunday, April 24  
Wednesday, April 27

Regular Class all grades/1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat @ HCCS  
NO CLASS – HOLY WEEK  
Grades 6—12 Class /St John 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal @ St John  
St. John's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
Grades 8 – 12 Youth Group/ St Mary 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Rehearsal @ St Mary/  
Confirmation Enrollment Meeting for current 7<sup>th</sup> graders

Sunday, May 1  
Sunday, May 15  
Sunday, May 22

St. Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
St John Graduation Mass @10am  
St Mary Graduation Mass @10:30am

June 16-18

YES Project (St Mary)



## Where do I go for classes?

*Doors open at 6:30PM for any participants to arrive early.*

### **Grades 1-5**

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

*Classrooms for each grade will be announced/posted on the first night of classes - Sept.29*

### **Grades 6 and 7— Social Hall (St. Mary Basement )**

**Grade 8—New Gathering Space connected to St. Mary Church**

**St. Mary (7:00—8:05 PM)**

### **Grades 9—12**

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

### **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.

**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**

### Where can I learn more about Second Hour?

1. Attend the Open Registration/Parent Meeting on Wed Sept 22 at 6:30 pm 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 “@sjsm2122” to 81010.
  - visit the parish websites
  - contact your parish office or the Second Hour Staff

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

### Second Hour Staff

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