



# Second Hour

**September 2022 – May 2023**

*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**

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Welcome Back! I hope you are as excited as I am for another faith filled year of Second Hour. After having my first year under my belt, I feel the experience will help make this year even more spiritually filling and help all of us grow into a closer relationship with Christ.

**Elementary Minister/ 1st Communion Coordinator- Mrs. Pam Lightle**

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Greetings Everyone!

My name is Pam Lightle. I am the Catholic Formation Coordinator for St. John and the Second Hour 1-5 Coordinator. I taught in the Defiance Public Schools, Holy Cross Catholic School and previously coordinated middle school catechesis and Confirmation preparation for Second Hour. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Defiance College, a Master of Science degree in Education from the University of Dayton, and a Master of Catechesis degree from the Catholic University of America. I am passionate about sharing the fullness of truth in Jesus Christ, protecting and growing holy families and promoting active discipleship. I look forward to journeying with you and your young disciple.

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

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Greetings everyone! I'm so excited to start my fourth year with Second Hour coordinating our Middle School program. It has been just a joy to walk through this faith journey with your students in both Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation prep. We have been so blessed to have been welcomed into the St. John's family and the St. Mary's family and love spending time in Defiance with our four children as we raise them in faith.

# Welcome Back!

***We are excited for your family to join us for another faith-filled year of Second Hour. As you read over the information in this newsletter, please note some locations and times have changed from last year's program. We hope these changes better serve the diversity of families and circumstances in our parish.***

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

1. Attend the Open Registration/Parent Meeting on Wed. Aug. 31 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 “@sjsm2223” to 81010.

## **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) & 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](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

2022–2023

*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

**Registration fee is \$40.00 per student in grades 1-7 and 9-12 per school year.**

**Confirmation (Grade 8) student 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.

Or type in the following url: <https://forms.gle/zTxmsLyu7xi8jfm87>



**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 2022-2023 Calendar

*Schedule is subject to change pending weather or other circumstance. Second Hour Staff will do their best to avoid changes.*

<b>Wednesday, August 31</b>	<b>Second Hour Parent Info Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, September 7</b>	<b>Second Hour Kick off @ K of C featuring Dave Staples</b>
Wednesday, September 14	Regular Classes Begin. See Locations for Each Group on Following Page
Wednesday, September 21	Regular Classes
<b>Wednesday, September 28</b>	<b>8th Grade Students Will Join with the High School Youth for the night.</b>
	<b>All other groups will have regular classes</b>
Wednesday, October 5	Regular Classes
Wednesday, October 12	Regular Classes
<b>Sunday, October 16</b>	<b>Net Retreat for 8th Grade Confirmation at St. John Defiance (Starts with 8:00am Mass)</b>
Wednesday, October 19	Regular Classes
<b>Wednesday, October 26</b>	<b>8th Grade Students Will Join with the High School Youth for the night.</b>
	<b>All other groups will have regular classes</b>
Wednesday, November 2	Regular Classes
Wednesday, November 9	Regular Classes
Wednesday, November 16	Regular Classes
<b>Wednesday, November 23</b>	<b>No Second Hour. Enjoy Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Wednesday, November 30</b>	<b>8th Grade Students Will Join with the High School Youth for the night.</b>
	<b>All other groups will have regular classes</b>
Wednesday, December 7	Regular Classes
<b>Wednesday, December 14</b>	<b>8th Grade Students Will Join with the High School Youth for the night.</b>
	<b>All other groups will have regular classes.</b>
<hr/> <b>Enjoy Winter Break Classes Begin again January 11th</b> <hr/>	
<b>Wednesday January 11</b>	<b>Welcome Back Regular Classes</b>
Wednesday January 18	Regular Classes
<b>Wednesday January 25</b>	<b>8th Grade Students Will Join with the High School Youth for the night.</b>
	<b>All other groups will have regular classes.</b>
Wednesday February 1	Regular Classes
Wednesday February 8	Regular Classes
Wednesday February 15	Regular Classes
<b>Wednesday February 22</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday, No Classes, See you at Mass</b>
Wednesday March 1	Regular Classes
Wednesday March 8	Regular Classes
Wednesday March 15	Regular Classes
<b>Wednesday March 22</b>	<b>Enjoy Spring Break, No Classes</b>
<b>Wednesday March 29</b>	<b>8th Grade Students Will Join with the High School Youth for the night.</b>
Wednesday April 5	<b>Holy Week, No Classes, See you at Mass</b>
Wednesday April 12	Regular Classes
<b>Wednesday April 19</b>	<b>Confirmation Rehearsal @ St. John for 8th Grade Confirmation . All other Groups Have Regular Classes</b>
<b>Sunday April 23</b>	<b>Confirmation @ Rosary Cathedral</b>
<b>Wednesday April 26</b>	<b>First Communion Rehearsal for 2nd Grade St. Mary Students (No Class for St. John 2nd Grade)</b>
	<b>All other Groups Have Regular Classes</b>
<b>Sunday April 30</b>	<b>St. Mary First Communion @ 10:30 Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday May 3</b>	<b>First Communion Rehearsal for 2nd Grade St. John Students (No Class for St. Mary 2nd Grade)</b>
	<b>8th Grade will Join High School Youth Group for the rest of the year. All other groups Regular Classes.</b>
<b>Sunday May 7</b>	<b>St. John First Communion @ 12:00pm</b>
Wednesday May 10	Regular Classes
<b>Wednesday May 17</b>	<b>Last Second Hour Class for the School Year</b>
<b>Sunday May 21</b>	<b>Graduation Mass for St. John Seniors</b>
<b>Sunday May 28</b>	<b>Graduation Mass for St. Mary Seniors</b>

## Where do I go for classes?

*Doors open at 6:00PM for any participants to arrive early.*

### Holy Cross Catholic School (6:30—7:30 PM)

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

#### **Grades 1-3**

### St. Mary Parish Ministry Center (6:30—7:30 PM)

#### **Grades 4-5**

*Students will be in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center*

### St John Parish Life Center (6:30—7:45 PM)

#### **Grades 6-8**

### Youth Ministry Building (Old St John School) (6:30—8:00PM)

#### **Grades 9—12**

### 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 that catechesis.
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 that catechesis.
3. 3 excused absences are allowed for all Sacramental prep 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

SECOND  
HOUR KICK  
OFF  
— **WEDNESDAY**

*September 7th, 2022*

Doors open  
at 6:00PM Enjoy  
Hamburgers &  
Hot Dogs!  
Compliments of  
the K of C!

Join us at 7PM FOR THE MAN OF THE  
SHROUD Presented by Dave Staples

Knights of Columbus Hall



A rare viewing of  
a life-size  
photographic  
reproduction of the  
Shroud of Turin, & an  
exploration of  
modern research  
you won't forget.

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