

Youth Education / Faith Formation Commission

Preschool/Kindergarten Sunday
School

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Sacred Heart's Sunday School is open to all children of the parish ages 4 through Kindergarten. They must be 4 years of age by September of the current school year. There are 3 classes with a limit of 10 children per class. The children participate in song, prayer, and Bible stories. The school is held during the 9:00 AM Mass on most Sundays of the school year. Volunteers are always welcome, especially those having a musical talent.

Religious Education Program (REP)
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Catholic Youth of Owatonna (CYO)

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REP

This is a program of faith formation for our children who attend public schools. Classes for students in grades 1-6 and 9-10 are held after school and in the evening on Wednesdays. 7th and 8th graders meet Tuesday mornings during a release time program.

CYO

All Catholic youth in grades 6-12 are members of CYO. This ministry encourages and offers opportunities for building community, appreciation of Scripture and prayer, participation in liturgy and service, with a goal of developing a Christian way of living. Information on events are published through the CYO Newsletter, calendar and through parish bulletins.

REP/CYO Board

The REP/CYO Board consults with the pastors of both parishes and the director to give guidance in the youth ministry/faith formation of both parishes. There are four members from each of the parishes along with the two pastors and the REP/CYO director. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Religious Education For Those With
Special Needs

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This service provides religious education to those with special education needs. The class meets once a month, usually on the fourth Monday, except Thanksgiving and Christmas week, from 3:45 to 4:45 PM at the Sacred Heart Parish Center and/or the Church. The classes rely on volunteer help. Volunteers are always needed.

St. Mary's School

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St. Mary's School has been a part of the Owatonna Catholic community since 1877. The school has strived to provide an excellent Catholic education in a Christian atmosphere. Our school and dedicated staff have the highest expectations for students in both behavior **and academic achievement.** **St. Mary's School** consists of licensed and professional teachers and support staff. Our teachers attend conferences and workshops to improve teaching methods and continue their education to best serve our students.

Dear Jesus,

I thank you for everything You have given me. My gifts of time and talents are precious gifts, enable me to use them to do Your will.

I offer you this day all my words, actions and good intentions to reflect my love for You and my neighbor.

Please help me realize that I need to share these gifts and all my gifts with the Church and others, help me to be generous, patient, forgiving and holy. **Amen**

The school has many opportunities for parishioners of Sacred Heart to help the students **and school. In addition, St. Mary's students** participate in concerts, drama productions and athletic contests. Opportunities to volunteer for SMS are as follows:

SCRIP Sales - this program provides gift certificates to school families or anyone else interested in purchasing them, where a percentage of shopping dollars help St. Mary's school earn funds for various budget operating costs. Volunteers help in selling SCRIP one weekend at Sacred Heart after all three Sunday Masses; 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Lunchroom/Playground Volunteers - volunteers assist students in the lunchroom; monitor playground activities. Lunchroom volunteers help from 10:55 AM to 12:15 PM. Playground volunteers assist any day of the week from 11:25 AM to 12:30 PM

Sports/Music Boosters - these boosters help raise money for the school's Sports and Music programs and provide other types of support. A Spaghetti Supper is a fundraising event for the Sports Boosters and a Pancake Breakfast is one for the Music Boosters.

Homeroom Parents - assist teachers with class parties, activities, paper work, field trips. Times are flexible and vary depending upon your availability and the teacher's schedule.

Computer Lab - volunteers assist in the computer lab any day of the week throughout the school year for thirty minutes.

Library - volunteers assist student's needs.

Home and School Board - this group is in charge of setting agendas and running the Home and School Association. It provides input from parents to the school administration and heads up projects and fundraisers. They meet on the second Monday of each month & Board members serve for two years.

School Board - this is the main advisory group to the administration and priests regarding school budget, policies, improvements, and overall governance. The Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month and members serve for three years.

Night of Knights Auction - this is a highlight of the school year and is a way for adults to financially support St. Mary's School and also have an evening of great entertainment.

St. Mary's School Pre-school - volunteers help with the activities and needs of our young.