

## CCD School Year 2022/2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to St. Thomas' CCD program! We are looking forward to a great year with you and your children!

Please fill out the CCD registration form, the media/imaging form and the non-custodial release form if applicable.

You will be given a CCD calendar for this school year, please look closely and let the office know if your child will be out on any of the days listed for classes.

There will be **no fees** for the **grade school children**, but donations of small bottles of water, juice boxes, supplies, crafts or cash will be welcomed. The grade school activity books are for the children to keep but will be kept in their classroom until the end of the school year.

Thank you and may God's Blessings be with you and your families!

**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

**STUDENT'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **GRADE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT SCHOOL AND SYSTEM** \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTHER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**FATHER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME/NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH YOUR CHILD WAS BAPTIZED IN** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY AND STATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THE SACRAMENTS THAT YOUR CHILD HAS RECEIVED: BAPTISM** \_\_\_\_\_

**PENANCE** \_\_\_\_\_ **COMMUNION** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONFIRMATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PROGRAM? YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**HAS YOUR CHILD RECEIVED CONTINUAL INSTRUCTION IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? YES** \_\_\_\_\_  
**NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ANSWERD NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN SO THAT WE CAN DETERMINE THE BEST WAY TO INSTRUCT YOUR CHILD.**

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**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, ILLNESS OR LEARNING DISABILITIES THAT WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF?**

**St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church**  
**Parental Consent for Media and Images**

- \*We would like to have your permission to photograph your child and use their images around the church, on our facebook page, on our website or send to the Catholic week when appropriate with names attached.
  - \*We will not include personal addresses, emails, telephone numbers, fax numbers on any video or image we use or publish them in our bulletins, on facebook or our website.
  - \*We may include pictures of children and staff that have been drawn by the children.
  - \*We may use group photographs or footage with general labels, such as 'making Christmas decorations' etc.
  - \*We will only use images of children who are suitably dressed.
  - \*This consent can be withdrawn by parent/guardian at any time by informing us in writing.
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**Please Circle as Appropriate:**

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| May we use your child's photograph/image in display around the church?                                                                                     | YES / NO |
| May we use your child's photograph/image on our facebook page?                                                                                             | YES / NO |
| May we use your child's photograph/image on our web site?                                                                                                  | YES / NO |
| May we record your child's image or use videos within these settings?<br>(These images or recordings will be church functions only)                        | YES / NO |
| May we use your child's photograph/image in our bulletins and other printed<br>material that we produce for educational and promotional purposes?          | YES / NO |
| Are you ok for your child to appear in the media, e.g., if a newspaper photographer<br>or a television film crew attends an event organized by the church? | YES / NO |
| Are you ok for the school/church to print images of your child electronically?                                                                             | YES / NO |
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I have read and understood the conditions of use and I am also aware of the following:

- \*Web-sites can be viewed throughout the world.
- \*The press are exempt from the Data Protection Act and may want to include the names and personal details of children and adults in the media.
- \*I/we will discuss the use of images with our child/children to obtain their views, if appropriate.
- \*As the child's parents/guardians, we/I agree that if we/I take photographs or video recordings of our child/children which include other children then we will only use these for personal use, and may share with the church.

Name/Names of Child/Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Signature (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION  
NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT RELEASE FORM**

Dear Parents,

For the safety and security of your child/children, please fill in this form if this should pertain to your family situation regarding the release of your child/children to a non-custodial parent.

\* If this form does not apply to your family then please write 'not applicable'.

Thank you!

Sincerely  
Director of Religious Education

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**THE RIGHT OF NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS**

**IF YOU ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED**

Do you consent to having your child/children released from our Children's Religious Education Program into the custody of the non-custodial parent?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_      Name of non-custodial parent \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of child \_\_\_\_\_      Name of non-custodial parent \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of custodial parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your child's registration form/information to the Director/Administrator



**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
251 NORTH CRAFT HWY  
CHICKASAW, AL 36611  
PARISH CENTER: 251-452-9837  
CHILDRENS'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
CCD INFORMATION  
2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

**CLASSES:**

1. Classes are held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings. The High School class times may vary, please check with the office.
2. Students are to meet at the front door of the Parish Center/Convent before and after classes, and will wait for teachers to proceed to the class rooms and/or for parents to pick them up after class.
3. Any student that is not picked up by 10:50 a.m. will be accompanied to church by a teacher or the PCL/Director/Administrator. No children will be allowed to run or roam the church ground unaccompanied.
4. Students are expected to be on time, courteous, respectful of themselves and others, and to participate and follow the teachers' directions in the class room. Modest attire is required.
5. If behavioral problems are encountered you will be notified and may be asked to pick up your child. No cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed in the classes. If a student is found playing with anything, we will take it away from them and return it to the parents when they are picked up.

**LESSONS:**

1. Student textbooks are used in the classroom are NOT taken home. Anyone who wishes to have a copy for home use must purchase it. The activity books are for the children to keep. The day's work that has been completed will be sent home with each student for you to see what your child is learning. Please ask your child about their day to help reinforce what they have learned.
2. Please inform the PCL/Director/ Administrator or your child's teacher of planned absences, this will help us prepare and plan for class. If your child will not be attending class due to illness, please call the office.

**WE ARE HERE TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

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**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
SACRAMENT INFORMATION  
FOR THE 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

St. Thomas' policy in regards to receiving of First Penance (Confession), First Eucharist (Holy Communion) and Confirmation are as follows. We receive our guidelines from the Archdiocese.

1. Preparation for First Penance and First Eucharist starts in the first grade and is completed in the second grade. This is a two-year required program. Weekly attendance is of utmost importance. Dates are announced in ample time for planning.
2. Preparation for Confirmation starts as soon as your child enters the ninth grade of high school, and is completed in the eleventh or twelfth grade. Children have to be in the eleventh grade or above before receiving this sacrament. Confirmation is a three-year required program. Weekly attendance, participation, and cooperation are vital in this preparation. Confirmation will be held at St. Thomas when the need arises. At that time, a date will be announced.
3. For any child who has not received a sacrament at these grade levels, please inform the PCL/Director/Administrator so we can see that each child receives the preparation they need.

The purpose of our Religious Education Program is to help those who wish to deepen their Christian faith and to support and enhance the efforts of parents and guardians who want to share their faith with their children. We are volunteers who feel that it is a part of our Christian faith to share our time and talents where we can and we thank you for the privilege and trust you have given us to teach your children.