

2010 FastTrack FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q. I would like to register my child in FastTrack this summer, but we were not registered in Saint Luke or the Saint Luke Religious Formation program last year. Can we still register in FastTrack?

A. No, this special program is offered only to young people of our parishioners who were involved in our program last year. The program costs of this program are borne in part by the weekly contributions made by Saint Luke parishioners.

Q. My son/daughter was home schooled this past year. Can I register him/her for FastTrack this August?

A. Yes. We will check the file of your son/daughter. If they **completed** all the grade level work required and you received a letter from the DRE, your son/daughter can participate in **FastTrack**.

Q. My son/daughter would like to participate in FastTrack, but will have to leave early on some days to attend a practice, game, etc. Will this be a problem?

A. **Yes. FastTrack** is designed to be a full morning program each day. Much of the material cannot be made up in a homework assignment when missed as it does not relate to any specific student manual. People arriving late or leaving early are not only disruptive to the rest of the class, but also are missing key or critical portions of daily lessons. If other activities provide conflict with the hours of our program each day, please do not register for **FastTrack**.

Q. What will happen if my son/daughter is sick and misses a class?

A. Illness and unexpected emergencies (death in the family) sometimes do occur. If the emergency causes the young person to miss one day, we will provide a make- up work assignment. If more than one day is missed, we will consider the reason, talk with the catechist about the level of participation and behavior in previous classes and make a decision as to whether or not the young person should continue in **FastTrack**. The DRE will make the final decision.

Q. Is the \$250.00 for FastTrack included in the normal fee structure for Religious Formation?

A. **No.** The fee for every young person enrolled in **FastTrack** is \$250.00. Expenses for **FastTrack** are considerably higher than our normal program. Those who pay by credit card are asked to pay a \$7.50 processing fee for each tuition, that is, \$257.50 for each child.

Q. How are poor behavior issues or other disciplinary problems handled?

A. This has not been an issue in the past. However, time is too short and too many subjects need be presented to also deal with disciplinary problems. Normally one warning would be sufficient. The second time the young person creates a problem or is involved in a disruptive action, they will be removed from the program. As mentioned at the time of registration, **FastTrack** is not for everyone.

Q. What is the Saint Luke policy regarding cell phones?

A. No cell phone use is permitted during FastTrack hours.. This includes text messaging. If the policy is violated, the phone will be confiscated. A parent can then retrieve the phone from the DRE after explaining why it was necessary for their son or daughter to disrupt the class and the catechist by violating the policy in the first place.

Q. Is there a dress code?

A. Casual clothes are permitted. Remember, these classes take place in August. However, common sense should prevail. Swim suits, pajamas and sports uniforms are not permitted.

Q. Is there any homework assigned?

A. Normally homework is not assigned. However, periodically, a catechist might ask class members to talk with parents or find/read a Church or subject related article in preparation for the next class. Normally the assignment will be completed in 30 minutes or less.

Q. Are there any obligations beyond the two week FastTrack program?

A. **Yes.** It is important to realize that **FastTrack** does not replace weekly Mass attendance. In addition, **FastTrackers** are expected to contribute some time to Saint Luke functions. Opportunities exist for Family and Youth Mass readers, Altar Servers as well as working as volunteers during Christmas and Easter activities. Periodically, the DRE may send out a short assignment to be completed.

Q. Will there be a dinner at the close of the program this year?

A. **Yes.** The dinner will be held on Friday August 20th for participants and their parents. Please mark this date on your calendar.