



2016-2017
Holy Family Parish
Religious Education Handbook
Grades K-8
Wednesdays 6:15-7:30pm

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Parent – Student Handbook

Holy Family Religious Education Program

Attendance at Class

A parent or guardian of a student who will be absent needs to call the teacher before class and provide the reason for the absence. Parents or guardians of students who are absent for more than two classes must meet with the teacher and discuss the situation.

Attendance at Mass and Devotions

Students are expected to attend Mass every weekend and on Holy Days of Obligation.

Attendance at devotional exercises is also encouraged. Participation in a program of Christian education makes no sense if the worship of God within the parish community is not a regular and consistent part of the student's experience.

Change of Address or Phone Number

If an address or phone number should change during the year, please inform the catechist immediately.

Classroom Expectations & Conduct

1. It is important that students are ready for class on time.
2. Students should have their necessary materials with them for each class period.
3. Students “make-up” missed class work by completing assignments from their teacher.
4. Students should BE RESPECTFUL in all situations.
 - a. maintain a clean classroom setting
 - b. proper care of all books, supplies, furniture, and equipment
 - i. Any damage to property or equipment will require payment for replacement or repair
 - c. respect the space and property of the parish and school
5. Students may not chew gum, eat candy, or other food during class.
6. Students are expected to be kind, follow the instructions of their catechists, and act in a safe and respectful manner. Students who are disrespectful and/or disturb the class will be removed from class and their parents will be notified.
 - a. The catechist will contact the parent or guardian as soon as possible after the class and discuss the situation. Parents or guardians and the catechist will work out an acceptable plan for improvement. If a student consistently chooses not to follow the rules, he/she may be required to follow an individualized home program. Tests will be given to ensure mastery of the curriculum.

Electronic Devices

All electronic devices, including **cell phones**, are to be shut off, out of use, and out of sight during class time. If a student violates this rule, the teacher will confiscate the device for the remainder of the class period. The device will be returned to the student or the parent(s) of the student after the class has ended.

Early Dismissals and CCD Closings

Your child's teacher will notify you prior to class of any cancellation. If school has been cancelled or dismissed early due to inclement weather, there will be **no** religious education classes. If the school has a scheduled early dismissal of classes, we **will** have our regular class as scheduled also. If you have any questions, feel free to call the DRE.

Parent Involvement

Parents/Guardians are asked to take an active part in the education of their student. Parents/Guardians can sign up to assist the catechists and participate in class sessions during the course of the year. Your presence at our sessions indicates to your student that what they are doing is important. Some other suggestions include ensuring that prayers are learned, engaging your student in conversation about that evening's class, briefly discussing the Mass readings and homily with your student, etc.

Prayer

Classes begin and end with prayer or song. Included in this handbook are **Prayers to Know** for each grade level that are recommended through the Diocese of La Crosse. Students will be tested on these prayers periodically, and a progress report will be sent home at the end of the semesters. Families are encouraged to pray together often, even daily, and to share in a variety of experiences: traditional, spontaneous, reflective, and other forms of prayer.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Students may be dropped off in the school driveway. **Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the school drive-through in front of the school's main entrance.** The cooperation of parents is greatly appreciated. Parents who do not want to drive home and back again are encouraged and welcome to attend and participate in the class sessions.

*To ensure safety, a parent or older sibling must physically escort students from the K/1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classrooms. We will also have adult supervision as students enter and leave the school building.

Notes:

PRAYERS TO KNOW....

The Sign of the Cross (Kindergarten)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Our Father (Kindergarten)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Prayer To The Guardian Angel/Angel of God (Kindergarten)

Angel of God, my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. *Amen.*

Hail Mary (Grade 1)

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. *Amen.*

Glory Be (Grade 1)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Prayer Before Meals (Grade 1)

Bless us O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Act of Contrition & Be able to explain how to go to Confession (Grade 2)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You. I detest all my sins because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend You, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace to sin no more and avoid the near occasion of sin. *Amen.*

Rosary-basic understanding (Grade 3) what prayers are said on what beads and how it goes

The Apostles' Creed (Grade 3)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

Ten Commandments (Grade 3)

1. There is only one God. You shall not have other gods besides Me.
2. God's name is Holy. You shall not use God's name in vain.
3. Remember to keep God's day holy.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor (lying).
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Seven Sacraments (Grade 4)

1. Baptism
2. Reconciliation/Penance/Confession
3. Eucharist/Holy Communion
4. Confirmation
5. Marriage/Holy Matrimony
6. Holy Orders
7. Anointing of the Sick

Joyful Mysteries (Grade 4)

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries (Grade 6)

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

Corporal Works of Mercy (Grade 8)

1. To feed the hungry
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To shelter the homeless
5. To visit the sick
6. To ransom the captive
7. To bury the dead

Hail Holy Queen (Grade 8)

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; after this our exile, show onto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen.

Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Confirmation)

1. Wisdom
2. Understanding
3. Right Judgment
4. Courage
5. Knowledge
6. Reverence
7. Wonder & Awe

Luminous Mysteries (Grade 5)

1. The Baptism of the Lord
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

Glorious Mysteries (Grade 7)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption
5. The Coronation

Spiritual Works of Mercy (Grade 8)

1. To instruct the ignorant
2. To counsel the doubtful
3. To admonish sinners
4. To bear wrongs patiently
5. To forgive offenses willingly
6. To comfort the afflicted
7. To pray for the living and the dead

Parents/Guardians and Student's Learning and Behavior Agreement

I have reviewed the CCD handbook and its contents with my student. Furthermore, I will support the efforts of my student's catechist by ensuring his/her regular class attendance, taking an active interest in my student's progress, and by ensuring that Sunday Mass is a regular part of our family's experience.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Student Signature

Date _____

Please return this to your child/ren's teacher for the first class.