

G-E-T CATHOLIC COMMUNITY Religious Education Program

Parent-Student Guidelines, Rev. 08/06/19



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

URGENT! Due to our Diocese's **SAFE ENVIRONMENT requirements**, we need **two adults in each classroom**. Each week all **RE parents** will have to take turns as the second adult. Parents also need to **complete all SAFE ENVIRONMENT requirements**, including a Basic Background check prior to September 5th, class start. We have very few resources - we need everyone's help to survive. Thank you in advance for your understanding and help!

MASS ATTENDANCE

At least one Parent (or grandparent) is strongly encouraged to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation with their enrolled child(ren). Worshipping God is a part of life! (CCC 2192).

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH – Family/Children’s Sunday

The first Sunday of each month, starting Sunday October 7th, is designated as Family/Children's Ministry Sunday. All registered children and their families are expected to take part and sit as a group in front of the Church. There will be a reminder in the preceding week's bulletin.

SERVER TRAINING

Server training for all of St. Mary's RE students will begin in 4th grade and all RE students will be assigned to serve. Check your bulletin for the date your child will serve; dates and times for server training TBD. It is expected that they will continue to serve Jesus and His Church in this manner, as the need arises, throughout their high school (and into their adult) years.

EARLY DISMISSALS AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLOSINGS

If there is no school or school closes early because of inclement weather, Religious Education classes will be cancelled. If classes are cancelled after 4:00 PM because of bad weather, each catechist will phone their students families.

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Be courteous! Drop your child(ren) off in time to be seated **before** class is due to start. This courtesy helps prevent classes from running late; everyone gets back home at a decent time.

ATTENDENCE-ABSENCE FROM A CLASS

Students are expected to be at **each** class session and in their assigned seats **when class begins**.

If absence is unavoidable; i.e. illness or a death in the family, the parent/guardian is to call their child(ren)'s catechist **before** the start of class and give the reason for the absence.

Two consecutive absences - A call will be made to the home of any student whose family has not contacted their child(ren)'s catechist to verify the student's absence.

If absences are excessive - The student may need to re-take the class the following year. If such is the case, the parents will need to continue the student's spiritual growth at home in accordance with the teaching of the Church. (See Canon 843.1.)

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All assignments to be completed in a timely manner - All students are to complete any assignment the catechist deems necessary to compensate for the absence from class.

Parents are to contact the catechist for the work the absent student is to complete. Parents are to review the completed work with their child before presenting it to the catechist at the next class.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

1. Christian behavior is expected in all situations. Students are expected to respect the Lord, His House, their catechist and each other by being respectful and kind to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, acting safely, working hard and following the instructions of their catechist.

If a student's behavior is disruptive, unruly or dangerous, the catechist is to call the student's parents to have them come and help maintain discipline in the class. The catechist will contact the CRE for interim help until the parent(s) arrive.

2. Student's cell phones are to be turned off in the class room. It's too hard to be on the phone and get anything out of class!

3. Students are expected to have eaten before they arrive at class. Students may occasionally bring treats, but only if they bring enough for everyone in class. They are expected to take the remnants of anything they brought back home with them in order to reduce our need for custodial/janitorial services.

4. For each class period each student is expected to have with them their books (if they take them home) and a pen or pencil.

5. Students are responsible for the proper care of all books, supplies, furniture and equipment. Any damage to property or equipment will require payment for replacement or repair. This is only fair and just.

6. Students are to respect the space and property of the parish. This includes cleaning up tables, anything dropped on the floor and putting chairs neatly back in place.

HOMESCHOOLING

Those choosing to homeschool will **use the parish curriculum** which is available in hardcopy and also on-line at http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family/in_the_home/ and click on your child's grade icon.

Homework and quizzes, given to ensure/assure comprehension of the subject matter, are to be turned in to the CRE at a frequency agreed upon by the CRE and parent(s).

CHECK OUT OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://saintbartholomew.net/saint-marys-parish-of-galesville/>

CHECK OUT OUR DIOCESAN WEBSITE: <http://www.dioceseoflafourche.com/>

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SOURCES OF HELPFUL INFORMATION:

Parent's Place:

http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/ministry_resources/family_life/parentsplaceframe.htm

Prayers for your child to memorize, by grade: <https://diolc.org/catechesis/prayer/>

Training in the Virtues: http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/ministry_resources/catechesis/

Alive in Christ on-line Student & Family site: <http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family>

Religion Curriculum by grade, parent's version of Diocesan Guidelines:

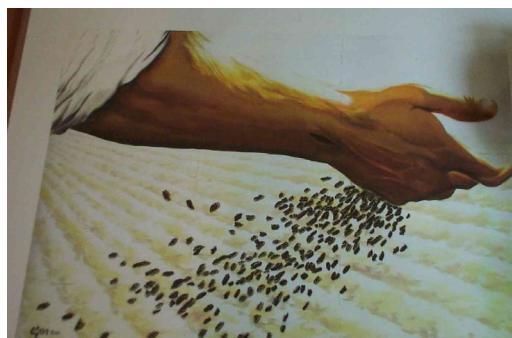
http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/ministry_resources/catechesis/relcur.htm

Safe Environment training and response to sexual abuse:

<http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/Safe-Environment/index.htm>

JESUS' PRINCIPLES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

"To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God."



Luke 8:5-15 "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear".



Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience."

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Matt.19:13-14 Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people; but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Matt.18:1-6 "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

Matt.28:18-20 Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matt. 13: 24-30 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?'

He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Matthew 5: 44-45 "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."



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Church Documents pertaining to Religious Education:

Lumen Gentium (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church),

http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19641121_lumen-gentium_en.html

On Evangelization in the Modern World, http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_p-vi_exh_19751208_evangelii-nuntiandi.html

On Catechesis in Our Time, http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_16101979_catechesi-tradendae.html

Mission of the Redeemer, http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_07121990_redemptoris-missio.html

General Directory for Catechesis,

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cclergy/documents/rc_con_ccatheduc_doc_17041998_directory-for-catechesis_en.html

Catechism of the Catholic Church (searchable), <http://www.scborromeo.org/ccc.htm>

Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity,

http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_decree_19651118_apostolicam-actuositatem_en.html

Deus Caritas Est (God is Love), http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20051225_deus-caritas-est.html

Evangelii Gaudium (Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel),

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html