

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Religious Education Program/CCD
2022-2023
Welcome Back!

PLEASE get Update of Info. 2022-2023 returned by Sunday, August 28th!! Thank you!! That includes everyone; not just new students! This shows me who is coming to CCD this year!!

CCD Registration envelopes will also be available at Mass beginning Saturday, Aug. 6th/7th!!

Take home, fill out and return at the next Mass or when convenient for you!

There will be a box labeled for returned forms!

CCD Open House– Wed., Aug. 31st at 6:30pm at Parish Hall

Quick parent meeting & shortened 1st class

****Ice Breakers, Welcome to Class activities, “Get to know you!” games!**

Snow cones & Hotdogs will be served for all! **

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPT. 18TH – DONUTS & JUICE/COFFEE/MILK WILL BE SERVED AFTER MASS! LET’S CELEBRATE OUR TEACHERS! **I NEED SERVING HELPERS!**

Class Information:

- **Classes will begin at 6:45pm on Wednesday evenings. If students have older siblings, they can wait with their parents until their older sibling’s class is over.**

***Classes end at...**

Pre-K & K - 7:45pm - PARENTS MUST COME IN TO GET THEIR CHILDREN AT 7:45PM!

1st - HS - 8:00pm

- **Please self-screen your child/children for Covid-19/other illnesses for symptoms before coming to CCD. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them at home!**

Father Ranjan will meet with the children on occasion.

When class is dismissed, students are to be picked up in the hall... Thank you!

- We will have 10 groups this year * Subs/Helpers – Patricia Balz/Kristen Parker/Hailey Marek/Melody Vrana
- Our Altar Server Coordinators are Krystal Sellars & Christina Brenek! We thank them for helping our servers feel more comfortable as they aid in training & support! They also help schedule the servers!

- Christina Brenek/Meagan Cook
- Pauline Marek/Sarah Hejl
- Letha Novosad/Teacher Assistant
- Crystal Cowen/Teacher Helper
- Melissa Souhrada
- Mary Beth Gaspard (Special Needs)
- Sara Fuchs/Teacher Assistant
- Patty Glasgow/Becky Dolgener
- Rose Marie Schoppe / Barbara Brenek
- Michael/Ricky Brenek & Cheyenne Jahns

- Group 1 - Pre-Kindergarten
- Group 2 - Kindergarten
- Group 3 - 1st Grade (1st Year R&C)
- Group 4 - 2nd Grade (2nd Year R&C)
- Group 5 – 3rd Grade
- Group 6 - 5th Grade
- Group 7- 4th & 5th Grade
- Group 8 – 6th Grade
- Group 9-Confirmation MS(7th/8th Grade-1st Year Prep)
- Group 10 - Post Confirmation/HS

ATTENTION!!!

COVID-19/Illness Protocols for In-Person Ministry at Parishes

Face Masks - DRE/Teachers, volunteers, adults/parents, youth, & children (collectively & individuals) have a choice to wear face masks when participating in a Parish activity, program, or event.

Disinfecting - Parishes will clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched in common before and after a room or other space is used for a Parish Activity. Individuals participating in the Parish Activity are to assist when requested.

Hand Sanitizers - The Parish will provide hand sanitizer stations at convenient locations in the Parish campus and will seek to have hand sanitizers in or near a room while in use for a Parish Activity. The Parish encourages individuals to wash hands frequently and carry personal hand sanitizers.

Signs -The Parish will post signs about keeping healthy, washing hands, disinfecting, staying home when sick, and other COVID-19 prevention recommendations. Individuals participating in Parish Activities are to follow the recommendations on the signs.

Social Distancing - Individuals participating in Parish Activities are to practice social distancing and stay 6 feet apart whenever possible.

Field Trips - The Parish will not coordinate field trips off campus except for walking trips where distancing can be maintained or when Individuals are able to arrange their own transportation.

Informing Parish of Having Contracted COVID-19 - An Individual who receives confirmation of having contracted COVID-19 and who has participated in a Parish Activity in the prior 14 days is to inform the Parish of the condition. The Parish will consult with diocesan officials on the appropriate announcements and communications to others, if any, respecting the privacy of the Individual.

Self-Screening - Individuals are to self-screen for themselves and for their children (under 18) for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in Parish Activities. A COVID-19 symptom means a fever over 100 or more than the occasional: cough, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, headache, chills, sore throat, shaking or shivering, muscle ache or pain, diarrhea, or loss of taste or smell.

When not to Participate - An Individual is not to participate in a Parish Activity if:

- (1) the Individual has contracted COVID-19 and the Individual is not to return to the Parish campus until at least 24 hours have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without medication), the Individual does not experience other COVID-19 symptoms, and at least 10 days have passed since the date symptoms first appeared;**
- (2) the Individual had “close contact” (within 6 feet for 15 minutes) in the prior 14 days with someone who has contracted COVID-19 and the Individual is not return to the Parish campus until the individual has not experienced a COVID-19 symptom for at least 14 days after the date of close contact; or**
- (3) the Individual is experiencing a COVID-19 symptom and the Individual is not to return to the Parish campus until at least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without medication, if applicable, and the Individual has not experienced other COVID-19 symptoms.**

~Let's all work together to keep everyone healthy & safe! Thanks!

CCD Expectations:

- Follow Covid-19 Protocol & Procedures
- **Ethics In Ministry Lessons** – Kinder. through 7th grade lessons will be completed during the year. Confirmation & Post Confirmation EIM retreat will be held TBD --More details to come! Parents will handle part of the lesson and the teachers will complete the lessons. More info. on this at the Parent Meeting on Aug. 31st!
- Attendance: Excessive absences (3+) or excessive tardiness (5+) may result in students having to repeat the grade the next year. These cases will be discussed with Father Ranjan and the parents prior to decisions being made. If children are going to miss class, we ask the parents to contact the teacher for the lesson so they can remain current. You can text Shirley Hoelscher, 254-541-7950, and/or the teacher. If your child is in a sacrament year, it is MOST important that they attend their classes as much as possible!!
- CYO (MS & HS) meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month! Parents, please encourage your children to be a part of this great group! It is a service to our community and it will strengthen your child's walk with our Lord! We are hoping to make this group even more exciting for the upcoming year!!
- We will work on having ADORATION once a month!! More news to come about that soon!
- Altar serving is a huge part of service to our church that we hope ALL students can be a part of once they complete the sacrament of First Communion (usually at the end of 2nd grade). If your child has completed the sacrament of First Communion, please discuss with your child this wonderful way to serve your church home! We need more servers and the more we have... the bigger rotation we will have so you only have to do it a few times a year! High school students AND Seniors are asked to stick with us until they graduate! We need YOU to mentor our little ones! **They look UP to YOU** -- ***Play on God's field, alter serve!*** -- *Training dates will be posted soon!!*
- High school students that attend CCD on Wed's. get to help with the yearly VBS program and become leaders! Our little ones need to get to know our high school kids, & they look up to them! There will be some great activities planned for our high school students, they shouldn't miss out!!
- Baptismal certificates are required for students enrolled in sacrament classes AND students transferring from another parish. Students attending classes here from another parish will have to bring a letter of consent from their pastor. Also, if you are transferring a student, Religious Education attendance records are required. Students must have attended the First Grade to be enrolled in First Communion Class and Seventh and Eighth Grades to be enrolled in Confirmation preparation classes. (Communion candidates are Second Grade and Confirmation candidates are Ninth Grade.) Unless other decisions have been determined. *Exceptions only in rare cases!
- If classes are canceled, parents will be contacted by Facebook message, email and/or phone. It is important for the CCD office to have current phone #'s, email addresses and contact persons for emergency reasons. We will follow area school closings via radio/TV station notices for weather/other delays/cancellations...
- If we have any ongoing behavioral problems with a student, parents will be contacted. Parents must meet with the teacher and the coordinator to discuss the situation. If the problem persists, we will refer the student to the Priest, we will ask that the student not be allowed back to class until the teacher and coordinator are confident that the situation is resolved.

Class/Church Rules:

- Youth Sundays will be the third Sunday of each month, unless noted otherwise on the schedule. During Youth Sundays, students will help lead in praying the Rosary, will proclaim the scriptures at Mass / Lector, & help with being an Usher, Altar Servers, Presenters of the Gifts & will ask one question of Father Ranjan. The schedule is below of who is responsible for each month. The Wed. CCD class before Youth Sunday will be a time that those students to pick the part, they will be responsible for and be given time to practice together as a class. The students that select the readings may have their teacher or parent stand up with them at Mass for comfort & reassurance. Copies of the readings will go home with readers to help them practice and get prepared ahead of time!
- All Youth should be at Youth Sunday early (*by 7:50am!) to fully participate in all parts of Youth Sunday Mass! Children will sit with their parents and will get up as needed to fulfill their responsibilities for Youth Sunday!

****Youth Sundays -- 3rd Sunday of the Month****

1. Oct. 16 - High School
 2. Nov. 20 - Confirmation Class
 3. Dec. 18 - 6th Grade & 1st Grade
 4. Jan. 15 - 3rd Grade & Kindergarten
 5. Feb. 19 - 2nd Grade
 6. Mar. 19 - 4th & 5th Grade
 7. April 16 - Confirmation Class
 8. May 21 - Senior Recognition/High School
- When in church, please show respect for God by sitting still and quiet, and saying the prayers of the Mass. When you show reverence to God in Church, that is what you are to do in Church, everyone else is respected!
 - Please show respect to your teacher and classmates. Teachers put time and effort into preparing lessons, and each time one stops to discipline a student or class, it disrespects the time and effort that the teacher has provided for their students. Remember, this is NOT a paying job; we are a group of volunteers working towards helping your children grow in their faith & walk with the Lord!
 - Please respect the property. Be quiet and still in church. Do not put your feet on the seats or back of the pew in front of you. Do not chew gum, drink or eat in church. When leaving church, no running, yelling, pushing or fighting. Enter the hall with respect for fellow students. Do not sit on tables or write on anything other than what is provided for you. There is to be no running in the hall nor is there to be any horseplay in the restrooms.

****Please do not wear hats or caps in the building during CCD and/or Mass.****

- Please do not bring anything to CCD that is not conducive to a religious learning environment. **All Cell phones and iPods must be turned off or turned in to the CCD teacher when entering class and are not to be turned back on until classes dismiss.**
- Do not bring candy, toys, sodas or gum to class. CCD Teachers will let you know about their snack preferences and if a snack will be made available. These may be provided for everyone when a teacher plans a party. Please make sure classrooms are clean when you leave. The Knights of Columbus may provide supper for the classes, volunteers and parents a few times during the year.

Parents, please feel free to volunteer in your child's classrooms, we would love to have you!

Please look at the dates of events for the upcoming year on the next page!!

We're looking forward to a great year! If you have any questions or comments, feel free to call or email:

Blessings to ALL!!!

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CCD/REP Dates 2022-2023

- **CCD 1st Class & Parent Meeting – Wed., Aug. 31st at 6:30pm – 7:30pm**
- **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY– Sunday, Sept. 18th we will honor our 2022 – 2023 CCD teachers - (Donuts & Coffee/Juice served after Mass)**
- **Church Picnic – Sept. 25th – Please look at the Work List & make your time slot!**
- **EIM retreat for Confirmation MS/HS & Post Confirmation classes – TBD**
- **Rosary of Lights – Sat., Oct. 29th after Mass TBD**
- **3rd Annual Trunk or Treat – Wed, Oct. 26th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm - Nachos, Hotdogs, Desserts served & Games -- All church families invited as well as the community to decorate a table to give candy out to the kids!**
- **CYO Cemetery Cleanup – Sat. Nov. 5th -- TBD**
- **Veterans Day Ceremony (after Mass) – Sunday, Nov. 6th**
- **Family Event – Advent wreath/Jesse Tree - Sunday, Nov. 20th in the afternoon *by reservation– possible CCD fundraiser?? Info to come!!**
- **No CCD – Wed., Nov. 23rd due to the Thanksgiving holidays**
- **St. Nicholas Visit - Wed., Dec. 7th**
- **First Reconciliation Retreat – Dec. 2021 TBD - Dec. 10th ?? Possible date**
- **Christmas Pageant – Sat., Dec. 24th ***Practices will be on Dec. 4th, 11th and 18th*****
- **No CCD classes - Dec. 21st & 28th due to Christmas holidays & Break**
- **CCD classes resume from holidays - Wed., Jan. 4th – Epiphany Party**
- **No CCD Wed., Feb. 9th - May change due to how many students are out... TBD**
- **Lenten Cocoon Making Wed., Feb. 15th**
- **Ash Wednesday Mass – Wed., February 22nd**
- **No CCD Wed., March 15th – Spring Break**
- **Shadow Stations – Wed., March 8th – Invite the whole parish to attend!**
- **Butterfly Making class – Wed., March 29th**
- **Spring Dinner/Palm Sunday – April 2nd**
- **Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 9th**
- **First Communion Retreat – Sat., April 16th ?? TBD**
- **First Communion - Sunday, April 23rd TBD**
- **May Crowning – Sunday, May 7th**
- **Last Day of CCD – Wed., May 10th**
- **Mother’s Day – Sunday, May 14th**
- **Senior Recognition – Sunday, May 21st TBD**
- **Vacation Bible School – Saturday, June 10th or 17th, 2022 TBD**
- **No Confirmation in 2023**

**** TBD - To be determined -- Date and/or nature of event could change! Just an FYI!**