

St. Mark PSR Grades 1-8
Summer, 2020 Home School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin our Summer, 2020 catechesis for grades 1-8, let us start by welcoming our new Director of Religious Education (DRE), Mr. Mark Reynaud. As of May 1, Mark joined our St. Mark Parish family and we are thrilled to have him as a member of our team! Please see his introductory letter/biography posted on the St. Mark website.....stmark.weconnect.com

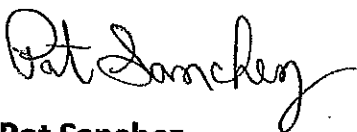
All 1st-8th grade students are enrolled in our home school program due to the cancellation of our traditional classroom setting option for the Summer, 2020. Hopefully, we will be able to offer the 2 week classroom setting option next summer (2021). Now that you have picked up the textbook(s) and assessment materials, your child(ren)'s teacher(s) will contact you to offer support if you need it. Please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Mark or I with any questions/concerns that you may have. We are all here to guide and support you in any way that we can.

We ask that you monitor your child(ren)'s work as (s)he goes through each chapter. Please spend a few minutes in discussion with your child(ren) about the information presented and assist him/her with the completion of the questions/activities/chapter review and unit tests. Your participation will surely enrich your child(ren)'s experiences and reveal your love of and dedication to our precious Catholic faith.

The unit assessments and the Circles of Care lesson form are due in to the church office by **Monday, August 3, 2020**. You can *certainly* turn these items in earlier. The textbook is yours to keep and can serve as a good resource for your child.

Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation during this time as we strive to provide the safest and best religious education for your child(ren) that we can. We truly appreciate your help and participation with our home school program.

Sincerely,



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Elementary PSR Principal
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Lesson Information and Suggested Plans

Due date for all textbook unit tests and the Circle of Care lesson form is
Monday, August 3, 2020.

Textbook Information

- The 20 chapters in the textbook are divided into 5 units (4 chapters per unit).
- Each chapter is divided into sections: Share, Hear and Believe, Respond, Prayer, Chapter Review, and Faith in Action.
- There are questions and/or activities at the end of most of these sections.
- There are 5 unit tests included in the home school packet.
 - Students must score a minimum of 80% on each of these tests. If the score is less than 80%, the test(s) will be returned to the parent for the student to correct.
 - *Students should use their textbook to complete the unit tests.*
 - Unit tests are due in to the church office no later than Monday, August 3, 2020.
- There are additional tests (Feasts and Seasons and End of Year) included in the home school packet. These are optional and not required. (Note: We can score them if you turn them in, but students will not be required to correct them if they score less than 80%).

Circles of Care Lesson Information

- There is a Safe Environment lesson included in the home school packet.
- Each lesson includes discussion topics, questions, and activities.
 - The 1st grade lesson is based on the book Incredible Me.
Go to stmark.weconnect.com to access the video of this book being read.
 - The 2nd grade lesson is based on the book Officer Buckle and Gloria.
Go to stmark.weconnect.com to access the video of this book being read.
- There is a sign in form included in the home school packet.
 - The parent should write the date that this lesson was taught.
 - The parent should include his/her name as the "Facilitator".
 - The student should PRINT his/her name on a line to indicate attendance.
NOTE: There should be only one student name printed per form, unless there are two or more siblings in the same grade.

Please feel free to use one of the suggested plans below OR make up your own.

Plan #1---Complete the work in 21 days

- Read and complete a chapter a day.....be sure to answer the questions, complete the activities, and do the chapter review.
- At the completion of each unit (every 4 chapters), complete the unit test. PLEASE USE YOUR TEXTBOOK TO COMPLETE THIS UNIT TEST.
- Complete the Circles of Care lesson and the sign in form.

Plan #2---Complete the work in 41 days

- Day 1---Read and complete ½ of the chapter.....the Share, Hear and Believe, and Respond sections. Be sure to answer the questions and complete the activities.
- Day 2---Read and complete the remainder of the chapter.....the Prayer, Chapter Review, and the Faith in Action sections. Be sure to do the chapter review and complete the Faith in Action activities.
- At the completion of each unit (every 4 chapters), complete the unit test. PLEASE USE YOUR TEXTBOOK TO COMPLETE THIS UNIT TEST.
- Complete the Circles of Care lesson and the sign in form.

Plan #3---Complete the work in 61 days

- Day 1---Read and complete the first 2 sections.....Share and Hear and Believe. Be sure to answer the questions and complete the activities.
- Day 2---Read and complete the next 2 sections.....Respond and Prayer. Be sure to answer the questions and complete the activities.
- Day 3---Complete the Chapter Review; read the Faith in Action section and complete the activities.
- At the completion of each unit (every 4 chapters), complete the unit test. PLEASE USE YOUR TEXTBOOK TO COMPLETE THIS UNIT TEST.
- Complete the Circles of Care lesson and the sign in form.