

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2017-2018**

CCD AND RCIC

PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

September 2017

Dear Parents,

Though sometimes it doesn't seem like it, our children are growing up fast and we have a limited window of opportunity to help them grow in The Lord. If we are to do this well, our own lives and values, and our faithfulness to daily prayer and Saturday or Sunday mass are absolutely essential. We can't just talk the talk...we have to walk the walk with our children!

Approximately twenty-seven (27) CCD and RCIC classes of 60 minutes each is not a lot of time to achieve each year's instructional goals, so we need your help in seeing to it that your child's attendance is regular and prompt.

We are privileged to share this holy work with you, and we urge you to call on us if you have questions or need additional assistance.

ccdsvc@gmail.com or 858-449-3422

Sincerely,

Kymberli Parker, CCD

Michelle Wakefield, RCIC

Father Alex

ST VINCENT CCD CLASS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	CLASS/EVENT
Monday, September 18, 2017	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. BAPTISMAL CERTS AND FORMS DUE
Monday, September 25, 2017	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, October 2, 2017	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Tuesday, October 3, 2017	All Parent / Guardian Meeting 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. VIDEO PAYMENT DUE St. Vincent Parents
Monday, October 9, 2017	NO CLASS
Monday, October 16, 2017	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, October 23, 2017	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, October 30, 2017	NO CLASS
Monday, November 6, 2017	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, November 13, 2017	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, November 20, 2017	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING BREAK
Monday, November 27, 2017	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, December 4, 2017	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Confession with Father Alex (Older Kids)
Saturday, December 9, 2017	4:30 Mass with Mrs. Parker
Monday, December 11, 2017	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, December 18, 2017	NO CLASS – CHRISTMAS BREAK
Monday, December 25, 2017	NO CLASS – CHRISTMAS BREAK
Monday, January 1, 2018	NO CLASS – CHRISTMAS BREAK
Monday, January 8, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Monday, January 15, 2018	<i>NO CLASS – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY</i>
Monday, January 22, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, January 29, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, February 5, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Tuesday, February 6, 2018	All Parent / Guardian Meeting 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Monday, February 12, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Wednesday, February 14, 2018	<i>ASH WEDNESDAY WITH MRS. P. TIME TBD</i>
Monday, February 19, 2018	NO CLASS
Monday, February 26, 2018	MANDATORY CCD and SV STUDENTS 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. First Reconciliation Rehearsal
Saturday, March 3, 2018	First Reconciliation 10:00 a.m.
Monday, March 5, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Confession with Father Alex
Monday, March 12, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, March 19, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, March 26, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, April 2, 2018	<i>NO CLASS Easter Break</i>
Monday, April 9, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, April 16, 2018	<i>NO CLASS Spring Break</i>
Monday, April 23, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Tuesday, April 24, 2018	All Parent / Guardian First Communion Meeting 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Monday, April 30, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday, May 7, 2018	CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Monday, May 14, 2018	MANDATORY ALL STUDENTS CCD and SVS 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. First Communion Rehearsal STUDENTS ONLY / NO PARENTS
Saturday, May 19, 2018	First Communion 11:00 A.M.
Monday, May 21, 2018	MANDATORY Final CCD Class 3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Important Dates To Remember

First Parent Meeting CCD Students
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. – Church Hall

Mass with Mrs. P.
Saturday, December 9, 2017
4:30-6:00 P.M. – St. Vincent Church

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. - Church Hall

Ash Wednesday Evening Mass with Mrs. Parker
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Time TBD

First Reconciliation Rehearsal
Monday, February 26, 2018
3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. - Church
ALL STUDENTS

First Reconciliation
Saturday, March 3, 2018
10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. - Church

First Communion Parent Meeting
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
6:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M. - Church Hall

First Communion Rehearsal
Monday, May 14, 2018
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. - Church
ALL STUDENTS / NO PARENTS

First Communion
Saturday, May 19, 2018
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. – Church

CCD/First Eucharist Team and Teachers

First Eucharist Preparation Team:

Sister Kathleen Walsh , RSM

Kymberli Parker, CCD

Michelle Wakefield, CCD/RCIC

Ashley DeSanti, 2nd Grade St. Vincent School

CCD/RCIC Teachers:

Grade 1 and 2: Kymberli Parker

Grades 3 - 8: Michelle Wakefield

If you need to reach any member of the CCD/RCIC Team or a teacher at any time, please contact Kymberli Parker at 858-449-3422 or ccdsvc@gmail.com

Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Vincent de Paul CCD Program is to provide quality Catholic Christian education for our students. Instruction in doctrine, tradition, ritual, morals and family values prepares our students to become active, informed and devout members of the Body of Christ. It is our mission to assist in preparing your child for a life in Christ and to instill a desire to serve others in accordance with the Gospel message.

Parent's Role

Parents are the primary teachers of our Faith to all children. Teachers are only aids in this endeavor, so we need your help in this process. Parents can assist their child during CCD in many ways such as reviewing lessons, asking questions, being interested in and aware of what is happening in the classroom, making sure any work sent home from CCD/RCIC is completed and returned during the next scheduled class; volunteering in the classroom and for any special events; and by attending Parent Informational Meetings if their child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (usually our Second Grade CCD Students). Also, parent attendance with your child at the liturgies or other parish activities will be a source of unspoken encouragement to both your children and your child's CCD/RCIC Teacher. We welcome and encourage parent involvement in every way. No program of religious instruction can be fully effective without the continuous interest, support and example of your Family.

Attendance At Mass

Regular attendance at Mass by your child is a natural requirement. Attendance at Mass is fundamental to all of us being members of the Body of Christ. Additionally, as a part of our religious education, we will be spending time discussing the previous Sunday's Liturgy of the Word and homily, so it is important for your child to have attended Mass. In October we will be distributing mass attendance cards for your convenience. The expectation is that a minimum of two mass attendances per month will be complete.

CCD Attendance

During the CCD/RCIC term, there may not be more than two absences. This policy will be strictly enforced, as we are limited to 26 weeks of class. All parents are required to sign in their child to ensure class credit. ***Any student with more than two absences will be required to take the course in the following year.***

Regular Attendance in class is vital for successful growth in the knowledge of our Catholic Christian Faith. Parents should see that their child's attendance at CCD/RCIC has priority over other activities. Parental re-enforcement on attendance also underscores the value of religious education.

If a child is unable to attend class due to illness or another legitimate reason, please let the CCD Team know by either sending an e-mail to Kymberli Parker at ccdsvc@gmail.com or by calling 858-449-3422. The CCD Team will do everything possible to ensure that the material missed by your child due to the absence will be made-up in the next class or by sending materials home to allow you to work individually with your child.

Sign-In Requirements – Grades 1 Through 3

All Students in Grades 1 through 3 of St. Vincent's CCD will be required to be signed in to each class. This is done for the safety and well being of your children. The Sign-In Roster will always be located in the Third Grade Classroom.

Discipline Policy

All of our CCD/RCIC students are expected to show proper respect towards their teachers, their fellow classmates, and the school property. Should disciplinary problems occur, they will be handled in the following manner:

- (1) The CCD/RCIC teacher will seek to resolve the problem by discussing the issue with the child in private.
- (2) If this is not successful, the CCD/RCIC Teacher will refer the student to the CCD Director, and the director will seek to resolve the problem by discussing the issue with the student in private.
- (3) If the student continues to misbehave over a period of time, the CCD Director will notify the student's parents and there will be a meeting to discuss the issue and how to resolve the issue. A parent may be asked to attend class with their child until behavior improves.

Learning to Pray

Help establish regular prayer habits with your child by praying with your child and using both the traditional prayer forms of our faith and spontaneous prayer.

A suggested Plan to master the following prayers during the course of our CCD Year is as follows:

Months of October and November

Sign of the Cross

Glory be to the Father

Our Father

Hail Mary

Meal Prayer

Morning Prayer

Months of December and January

Review All Prayers

plus Act of Contrition

Months of February, March and April

Review All Prayers

Plus Lamb of God

Month of May

Review All Prayers

Plus Rite of Reconciliation

Prayers

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and always will be,
forever and ever.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen

Prayer Before a Meal

Bless us, O Lord
and these your gifts,
which we are about to receive,
through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen

Morning Offering

O loving God,
I give you this day
All that I think,
and do, and say.
I give you my love
with Jesus your Son,
Today I will try to love everyone.
Amen.

Act of Contrition

O' my God, I am sorry for my sins,
in choosing to sin, and failing to do good.
I have sinned against you and your church.
I firmly intend, with the help of your Son, to
make-up for my sins and to love as I should.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

Rite of Reconciliation

I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

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PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

I/We have read and understand the contents of the CCD/RCIA Parent-student handbook for the 2017 – 2018 term and I/We agree to abide by the contents and rules stated therein.

Student Name: _____ **(Print)**

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____