

## Religious Education Handbook – 2018-2019

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### Office Hours:

September - May	8:30am - 4:00PM	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
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### Class Times and Locations:

WEDNESDAY:	4:00 - 5:15PM	K-5 <sup>th</sup>	School Hall, enter door # 10
	5:45 - 7:00PM	K-5 <sup>th</sup>	School Hall, enter door # 10
	6:30 - 8:30PM	6-8 <sup>th</sup>	Church, East side doors of Narthex
SATURDAY:	9:00 - 10:15AM	K-8 <sup>th</sup>	School Hall, enter door # 10
SUNDAY:	9:30 - 10:30AM	Preschool	Sebahar Hall, door off of Liberty Street

### Emergency Closings

When the public school closes due to inclement weather, we will cancel Religious Ed classes. Please watch your email for closing information. If the weather becomes inclement enough to cancel classes during the day we will notify you through email. In addition, a message will be left on the answering machine with closing information.

### Parish Mission Statement

***“The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,  
because the Lord has anointed us to proclaim:  
Ecce Agnus Dei’ – Behold the Lamb of God;  
Behold the Good News of Jesus Christ.”***



#### **FROM VATICAN II**

*"Since parents have given children their life, they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore, must be recognized as the primary and principal educators. The role in education is so important that only with difficulty can it be supplied where it's lacking. Parents are the ones who must create a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and man, in which the well-rounded personal and social education of children is fostered."*

(Declaration on Christian Education)

### **Religious Education Philosophy/Mission Statement**

Religious Education is primarily the responsibility of parents. Our Lectionary-based program builds on this family foundation and uses a life-centered approach throughout all levels of our program.

Parents, children and catechists are involved in the dynamic process of relating the experience of daily living to the insights of the Catholic Christian tradition. Along with this life-centered approach "to teach as Jesus did," the foundation of the Catholic faith is laid in prayer, scripture, service and doctrine.

Jesus often used the experiences of the people as the starting point of His parables. Catechists will use examples from the child's daily life to draw out the meaning of God's revelation and show its relevance to contemporary life.

*"As each one has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

1 Peter 4:8-10

## Goals

- To inspire SJB parishioners, adults and children, to develop Christian values and to personalize their Catholic faith through weekly Mass attendance, prayer experiences and prayers
- To offer Parishioners ways to embrace stewardship as a way of life, by learning the teachings of Christ and His Church
- To raise awareness and to foster participation of parents in the formal Religious Education of their children
- To develop Christian spirit among all of our Parish children/teens
- As Catholic Christians we are always about service; therefore, service will be offered at each grade level

### Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lectionary-Based Catechesis  
using  
Pflaum Gospel Weeklies

Lectionary-Based Catechesis is a form of instruction based on the readings taken from the Sunday Lectionary. This helps children/teens grow in their faith and grow into our faith community. Every person, in all grades, studies the same Sunday scripture presented and developed for their age. This format offers parents a starting question to share our faith with their children/teens. In order to enhance this program, we also use a grade appropriate book entitled *What the Church Believes and Teaches*, to reinforce our Catholic foundation.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Presentation of the New American Bible  
Pflaum Gospel Weeklies and an in-depth study of the Sacraments

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade meets every other week for 2 hours, in small groups with one or two catechists. The New American Bible is presented to each child for future referrals. The sessions begin in Sebahar Hall, with attendance and announcements; then moves upstairs to the church where catechists/ Break Open the Word using the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies. The session continues with a Sacrament reenactment. For example, the sacrament of marriage begins with what is required of the couple, then moves into a short planning of the ceremony; then all are moved to the chapel where dressed in a suit coat, the groom and groomsmen wait in front of the altar. The bride, maid of honor and bridesmaids enter the chapel from the back, dressed appropriately. Father then walks everyone through the ceremony. After the ceremony, all return to Sebahar hall where a reception is prepared. The best man toasts the couple, the couple cuts the wedding cake and the music begins! Of course the chicken dance is played and all join in the fun.

At the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, teens and parents are asked to attend a meeting where Confirmation material is distributed and the Confirmation Program is explained. By the beginning of September, all forms are to be completed and returned to the office so the next step can be taken towards Confirmation. Confirmation is a 3 year program, 6<sup>th</sup> grade is the first year.

### 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Confirmation Preparation

#### Chosen

Our Confirmation program uses Chosen by Ascension Press. This program consists of 24 lessons designed to provide intellectual and spiritual catechesis for the Confirmand. The goal of the program is to bring about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ not only for the teen but also for their Sponsor and Parent. The name of the program reflects the idea of “not the teen choosing God, but about God choosing the Confirmand.” Chosen is based on the RCIA model of catechesis/conversion. In addition to the 24 sessions, retreats, Stations of the Cross and Penance services are incorporated into the program.

We encourage families to utilize their family Bibles as a source of further discussion. In the beginning of Advent, St. John's parishioners are offered *At Home with the Word* books. These books offer all the readings for each

Sunday and reflection questions.

## **Stewardship**

St. John the Baptist Parish embraces Stewardship as a way of life. We recognize the gifts we have received from God. In gratitude for these gifts, we share our time, talent, and treasure with our community. It is in sharing what we have that we truly model Christ to one another.

### **Gift of Time and Talent**

Sharing the gifts of time and talent is an integral part of our faith. Even the very youngest child is encouraged to share their time and talent with the community. Age-appropriate service activities are planned for each grade. The most effective experience in Christian service is for the child to engage in service activities as a family.

The following opportunities are offered in our curriculum:

- Providing canned goods, paper products, cleaning supplies and gift cards for SJB food pantry and Bridge Communities
- Planning and providing meals for needy families through St. Vincent de Paul
- Collecting school supplies for the missions and monies for shipment
- Purchasing Christmas gifts/gift cards for needy families and participation in the Wish Tree
- Donating time at Convalescent Center, especially on Sunday morning
- Altar server (for girls and boys in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up)
- Helping with receptions after First Eucharist and Confirmation
- Babysitting during Missions/Retreats, 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist
- Helping the Knights of Columbus at the annual Christmas Party, County Fair and Fish Fry
- Helping with the Parish Picnic, planting and maintaining flower beds on parish grounds
- Helping with Vacation Bible School
- Making/sending birthday cards to those on our "Pray For" list published in the bulletin.
- Making decorations/place mats for the Young At Hearts monthly gathering
- Making "Welcome to Our Parish" cards for the newly baptized

Children receive the most benefit from participating in service projects when parents participate and explain, inviting the child to help plan what they will be able to do. Service is a way of life, and should be done all the time and every year. It is not service done just to receive a sacrament.

There is a mandatory service activity for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Your teen will be rotated out of the large group for a service experience: Seventh grade will meet in Sodonna Hall, lower level of the parish offices and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will meet at the DuPage County Convalescent Center. Parents are to drop off their teen at the DuPage facility at 6:20 p.m. and pick him/her up at 8:20 p.m. The same **Standards for Behavior** will be in effect while participating in service.

We encourage and expect each family to volunteer for one opportunity during the school year. There is a volunteer sign up form that you received with your registration packet. If you did not have the opportunity to fill one out and would like to, please call the REO.

### **Gift of Treasure**

In addition to sharing time and talent, true stewardship encourages us to give from our treasure.

As a component of Stewardship your child will be offered a box of weekly envelopes in November. Each envelope gives the opportunity for your child to list his/her gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Encourage your child to fill out the envelope and place it in the Sunday collection.

We ask the children to make sacrifices during Advent and Lent in order to give donations in support of other service ministries. If money is a requirement for the service, parents are asked to have the child earn the money they donate. Families are encouraged to share their time, talent, and treasure not only within our parish, but to outreach as well.

## **Parent Role and Responsibility**

The Religious Education program is a service to parents. We aid parent/s in their Christian responsibility to raise

and educate their children in the Catholic Christian tradition. With encouragement and reinforcement of class activities in the home, the children will truly personalize their faith. It becomes part of their lives rather than a segment of time on Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday. "*Word and example are the first preachers of the Faith to their children.*" (Vatican II Church, #11).

In support of our program the following is asked from all of our families:

- Participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and receive the Sacraments. Your support of the church in time, talent and treasure is essential.
- Pray with your child/ren daily and stress the power of prayer.
- Parents are asked to volunteer in their children's class as a catechist, aide, a substitute catechist or as an office helper. We encourage you to visit your child's class at least once a year, to see what your child and the class are doing!
- Show interest each week in what your child is learning. Spend time each week reviewing the gospel readings and the lessons from the Pflaum flyers. Your responsibility is not just "drop-off and pick-up"; model for them how you live the Gospel. Each Tuesday you will receive the Gospel At Home in email form.
- Make sure your child comes to class each week with their Bible, binder, Pflaum Gospel Weekly flyer, Chosen book and any homework.
- Help your child be conscientious about the homework given. Memorization of prayers is necessary. Please check grade level for prayers being learned this year. Memorized prayers include: The Sign of the Cross; Lord's Prayer; Hail Mary; Apostles' Creed; Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity; the Prayer of Sorrow; Glory Be; Nicene Creed; and Prayer to the Holy Spirit.
- If your child is unable to attend a class, be sure to call your child in absent to the REO. (630-682-4400 x 613 or email to [maureenb@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:maureenb@stjohnwinfield.org)) In addition, please be sure to do the Pflaum Gospel Weekly as a family and return to the catechist completed. The same is for the teen in the Confirmation Program-any missed session should be done at home.

### **Communication with Parents**

Communication between the parents, child/teen, Catechist and the Religious Education Office is vital to the success of the program. Catechists are encouraged to communicate weekly/bi-monthly with the families. Student's progress is evaluated at the end of each semester and sent home. A monthly Family Newsletter is sent home using email. Special notes may be distributed to students during class time. Always ask your child for any correspondence and check your email.

### **Personal Conference**

The Religious Education Director and Catechists are always ready to receive anyone who wants to discuss, share ideas, make suggestions and/or solve problems. Please call and make an appointment that is convenient for you. To make an appointment with Maureen, please call 682-4400 X 612. If you wish to speak with a catechist, call 682-4400 X 613 and leave a message.. We will contact the Catechist and have her/him call you back. Please notify the REO if you have a change of home/email address or telephone number.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up Procedure (see diagram on next page)**

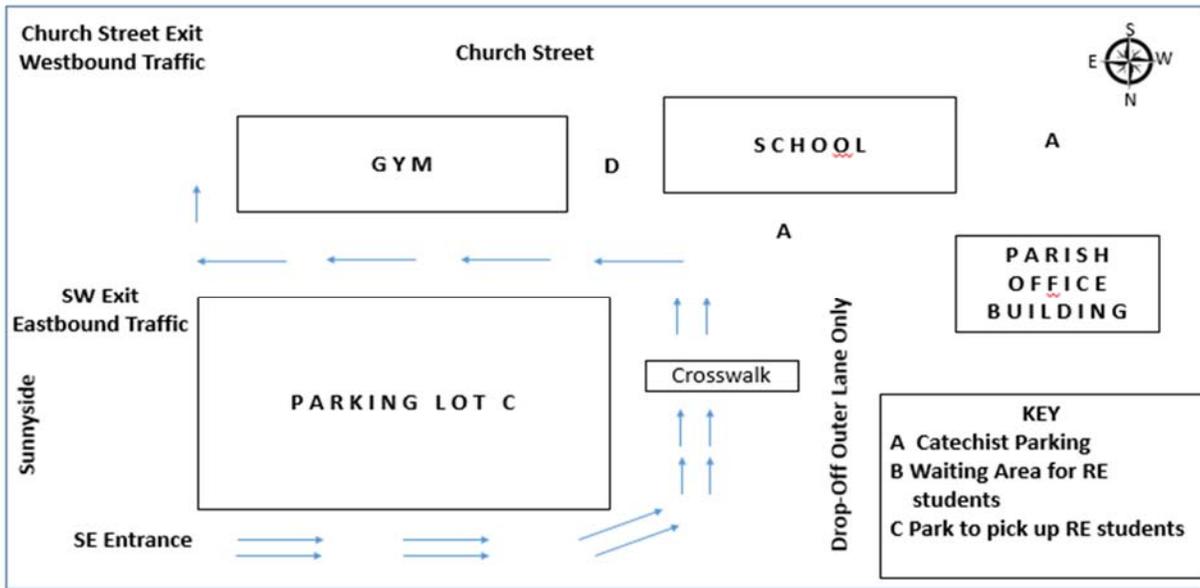
Our drop off and pick up procedure remains the same. We ask you to enter the parking lot from Sunnyside through the **southeast** entrance. Please form one lane and proceed in a large circle around the parked cars, until you arrive at the drop off point. A member of our staff will direct all cars. Please do not let your child out of the car unless you are in the drop off zone. **At no time should a child walk between cars.** After drop off, exit the parking lot onto Church St., using the driveway south of the gym. Follow the same procedure to pick up your child. If you choose to walk your child to the door, please park your car in parking lot C and wait until the staff person allows you to cross at the crosswalk. **For safety purposes – no child will be able to walk into any parking lot without a parent or guardian walking with them.** Please **do not** drop your child off in the front of the school building or along the side between the school and the Church. **Please do not park your car in the drop off lane.** Sixth, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are to follow the same procedure as stated above; however, they are to walk over to the narthex of the church. **For the safety of all children- At no time will a child/teen be allowed to walk to the Liberty Street lot, nor are they to exit another door other than door #10.**

**There is no security or proper lighting in the front of the school and around the church.** Please do not ask

your child to meet you other than the supervised areas.

Catechists at the 4:00, 5:45 and 6:30 sessions, park in the lot between the Church and school.

**Parents do not park in the areas reserved for Catechists.**



### Entering and Leaving the Building

- K-5<sup>th</sup> students must enter the school building through the northeast school entrance, door #10, unless the catechist asks to have the children meet you at another door; usually younger students.
- Students go directly to the school hall, assemble as a class with their Catechist and Aide
- At the end of class Catechists/and or aides will escort students to the same door #10, **Students are dismissed through the northeast school doors only!**
- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students should respectfully enter the church/Sebahar Hall and sit with their class and leave church with their catechist in a respectful manner to class site
- For safety reasons, running is not permitted at any time in the school or church buildings
- Parents pick up their children/teens in the coned off area. In inclement weather you may meet your child in the school lobby at the northeast school doors
- For safety reasons, under no circumstances will students be allowed to be picked up at the front of the school building, chapel or Church or off of Liberty Street.

### Attendance Policy

Your child/teen is expected to attend every class and to **be on time**. **Please contact the REO if your child/teen is going to be absent, by phone or email.** Parents will be called if not notified. If you forget, we will call to make sure the child is okay and with you. If a message is left on your phone, a return call would be appreciated.

- When a child is absent the child/teen is responsible for acquiring and completing missed work; completed work is to be signed by the parent and turned in to the catechist.
- Two (2) absences without notification indicate a need for a parent/director conference; Three (3) absences in a semester questions the readiness for reception of sacraments or advancement to the next grade level
- Four (4) consecutive absences indicate a withdrawal

All tardiness or early dismissals must be cleared with the REO

## Registration Procedure

Registered families who enroll their child/teen in our Religious Education Program must first register at the Finance Office in the Parish Office Building. The following items are necessary for each child/teen when registering:

- Completed Registration Form
- Copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate \*
- Completed Medical Release Form
- Acknowledgement Form
- Tuition/material Fee

**\* A baptismal certificate is required for all students upon initial registration; registration will not be processed until the baptismal is recorded here at St. John's.** If your child was baptized at St. John's, please provide the date of Baptism to the Religious Education Office.

## Medical Release Form

Annually, we request each family complete a Medical Release form. The Medical Release form allows the Religious Education Staff or anyone in charge to administer first aid and transport the child/teen, when appropriate, to treat a medical emergency. The form states that the parent/guardian will be notified promptly in the event of a serious illness or accident. This form is included in the registration package.

## Classroom Guests

Children/teens may bring a guest to class with permission from the parent, the Catechist and the Director of Religious Education. The Religious Education Office has guest permission slips that need to be filled out and handed in no later than the week prior to the visit. Unfortunately, last minute guests are not allowed to visit.

## Classroom Snacks

Please provide healthy snacks when asked to bring a treat. We do, however, have students in school and religious education that are seriously allergic to peanuts. No one should bring a snack that contains peanuts, peanut oil or peanut butter. This ensures a safe environment for all of our children/teens. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Standards for Behavior

*"Where there is no vision the people get out of hand; happy are they who keep the law."* Proverbs 29:18

Discipline is integral - it promotes within each child the development of a solid system of moral values. Good discipline is based on the fundamental Christian principle of thoughtfulness and responsibility toward others.

Parents, please review the following guidelines with each child/teen. Impress on them the importance of respecting others and other's property. During the first session, each catechist will establish with his/her group their Rules of Behavior. Each child/teen will sign this contract. A copy of this contract will be sent home for the parents to sign and return to the catechist at their next session.

- This is your parish – take pride in belonging and respect the buildings and people within. All private property on the premises must not be disturbed.
- Each of us is unique and valued individuals to be respected. Children/teens must respect the rights of catechists, their aides, fellow classmates, and guests in the classroom through action and language. Appropriate behavior is expected in Church, class, and any other meeting area.
- Children/teens bring their binder and Bible to every class. Parents / children/teens are required to replace lost or destroyed materials.
- Appropriate clothing is expected. Clothing with alcohol, cigarette, profanity and/or sexual references will not be tolerated. No hats or gum chewing will be allowed on the grounds or in the buildings.

A positive atmosphere is encouraged throughout the year. Children/teens disrupting this atmosphere are disciplined in the following manner:

**1st Offense** – The child/teen is removed from the class/function and taken to the REO. Depending on severity of problem, a talk with DRE regarding the offense usually is sufficient. Missing work must be made up.

**2nd Offense** - In addition to the above, a call is placed to the parent/s to come immediately and pick up the child/teen. A conference between the DRE, the Catechist and the parent is scheduled.

**3rd Offense** - Permanent removal from the program for the remainder of the program year.

When a child/teen's classroom behavior does not meet the Standards of Behavior policy he/she is asked to choose the family based religious education alternative. The above policy is in effect for all Religious Education and Youth Ministry functions. It is enforced at the discretion of the Religious Education staff.

## **An Alternative to the Traditional Religious Education Program**

### **At Home Family Based Religious Education**

Family based religious education is an option for families who wish to share their faith with their children at home rather than a traditional classroom setting. *"As primary educators of their children, parents have the right and the duty to choose the kind of educational environment that they determine best suits their children's educational needs."* (NDC p.259) *"Parents who provide catechesis for their children in their homes should participate fully in the life of the local parish. They should celebrate the Sunday Eucharist, involve themselves in its charitable works, and attend appropriate training and formation sessions the parish or diocese provides."* (NDC p.260)

There are additional responsibilities associated with participation in the **AT HOME** program. They are:

- **Attendance at Generations of Faith events** - These are offered throughout the year. For more information and a list of dates, please see the section titled Generations of Faith.
- **A family journal** - If you are doing the At-Home program with a preschooler, kindergartener or 1<sup>st</sup> grader, you are asked to do a weekly journal. This is to be turned in quarterly to the REO.
- **Quarterly review, called "HOW AM I DOING?"** - For families with children in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. This is included in the teacher's guide. This is to be completed and turned in to the REO at the end of each quarter.
- Students in the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade program- will be given same Lesson Plans as the Catechist
- **Family Service Opportunity Participation Sheet**– Families are asked to do 2 service projects together during the school year. These sheets will be distributed at the beginning of the year, should be returned to the REO as soon as completed.

Please note - **if your child is in a Sacrament year (2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup>)**; you are responsible for attending the **Sacrament preparation** meetings in addition to **the Generations of Faith events**. If you do not complete the requirements listed above, your child will not be able to advance to the next grade level.

Should your family be unable or unwilling to complete to the guidelines listed above, we do have openings in our traditional classroom based program. Please contact the REO for assistance.

## **Other Religious Education Programs and Activities for Children/Teens.**

### **Sunday Morning Pre-School PROGRAM**

Sunday Morning Preschool classes are held in Sebahar Hall during 9:30 AM Mass. We use the *Pflaum Gospel Weekly Program*. Christ-centered and age appropriate lessons features activities, Bible stories, music, crafts, prayer and games. In addition, the families are given a weekly placemat to use at home, reinforcing positive family rituals and sharing faith. Sunday Morning Pre-school classes are held in Sebahar Hall during 9:30 AM Mass. For more information, contact Jeanne Hess at [sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com)

### **Liturgy of the Word for Children - "Gather the Children"**

Children "K" through 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join the "Gather Ministers" during the 9:30 Mass to participate in a children's Liturgy of the Word. They rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The children hear the Sunday Readings in age appropriate language. They participate in ritual songs and gestures. This provides an opportunity for understanding the readings the children hear in class. Teens and pre-teens are encouraged to be "Gather lectors" and help with supervision. For more information contact Jill and Norb Herbert at 682 4400 x 613.

### **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades**

Our program for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade junior high teens meets on alternating weeks: 6<sup>th</sup> grade on one Wednesday and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade on the opposite Wednesday-from 6:30–8:30 PM. We provide opportunities for formation, community life, service, leadership development, and prayer/worship experiences. Our goal is to provide teens with a Christian environment to socialize, learn, and grow. Activities can include service projects and fun nights. The calendar and monthly newsletters show the meeting day for each grade along with other information.

### **Middle School Youth Group**

Middle school youth group is open to all students' 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The group meets almost every other Sunday for fun activities and service. A retreat in the winter; living stations in the spring, a run in the summer, gym activities all year just to name a few activities. All participants are invited to help in the parish at the Knights Fish Fry, Parish Picnic, serve as Altar Servers, baby sit for parents to attend meetings. See bulletin for activities, dates and times.

### **Generations of Faith**

#### **Intergenerational Life-Long Faith Formation**

“Generations of Faith” is an opportunity for all members of the parish, from preschoolers to senior citizens, to participate in a fun way of learning and sharing our faith. During each session everyone is invited to pray, possibly do a service project, share a light meal, learn and grow in faith through common experiences. Watch for announcements and see bulletin for details.

### **The PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN™ Program:**

“The Ad Hoc Committee for Sexual Abuse of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) developed the document *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. It was approved by the full body of U.S. Catholic bishops at its June 2005 General Meeting and has been authorized for publication.”

Out of concern for the safety and well-being of children, every diocesan, parish, school or religious education employee/volunteer who has significant or sustained contact with children is to participate in the Protecting God's Children Program, a two-hour seminar designed to protect children from sexual abuse. The seminar will identify the risks and give information to prevent child sexual abuse from occurring. All adult volunteers working with children are mandated by Bishop Conlon to attend this seminar and to complete a form whereby agreeing to a background check.

Of all the safe environment programs available, Protecting God's Children was selected for the Joliet Diocese. It was determined to be the best possible program primarily because it is comprehensive, professional and appealing. Additional Information Related to Protecting Children at the Diocese of Joliet: Go to <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/protecting.asp>

Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) Chart			Grades "K" through Fifth		
<u>Using THE EAGER READER BIBLE STORY BOOK Catholic Edition</u>					
Kindergarten	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
CREATION Genesis 1,2:1-4	CREATION Genesis 1,2:1-4	JACOB Genesis 27-35	Moses Birth/escape Exodus 1-2	JOSHUA Joshua 2, 6	SOLOMON 1 Kings 1-4
ADAM & EVE Genesis 2:5-23	ADAM & EVE Genesis 2:5-23	JOSEPH SOLD Genesis 37	MOSES gets power Exodus 3-4	Samson & Delilah Judges 13-16	ELIJAH 1 Kings 17-19
NOAH Genesis 6: 5-8:15	NOAH Genesis 6:5-8:15	JOSEPH in Egypt Genesis 39-40	MOSES/AARON speak Exodus 5-6	Ruth & Naomi Ruth 1-4	DANIEL Daniel 1-6
Abraham & Sarah Genesis 12	Tower of BABEL Genesis 11:1-9	JOSEPH Interprets Genesis 41	MOSES Plagues Exodus 7-12	Samuel & Saul 1 Samuel 8-11	JOHAIH Jonah
	Abraham Sarah Genesis 12	Brothers see JOSEPH Genesis 42-44	MOSES Cross Sea Exodus 13-14	David & Goliath 1 Samuel 13-17	Queen ESTHER Esther 1-10
	LOT Genesis 13, 14,19	JOSEPH reveals self Genesis 45-47	MOSES wanders Exodus 16-18		
	Isaac & Rebecca Genesis 17:21, 24:		MOSES/10 Commandments Exodus 19-20		
	Jacob and Esau Genesis 25:19-33				

<b>Prayer Schedule</b>	<b>Grade K - 1</b>	<b>Grade 2 - 3</b>	<b>Grade 4 - 5</b>	<b>Grade 6 - 7 - 8</b>
<b>Sept.</b>	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Grace Before Meals	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Guardian Angel	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Apostles' Creed	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Nicene Creed
<b>Oct.</b>	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Hail Mary	Sign of the Cross Hail Mary	Sign of the Cross Hail Mary	Sign of the Cross Hail Mary Nicene Creed
<b>Nov.</b>	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Our Father	Sign of the Cross Our Father	Sign of the Cross Our Father Morning Prayer	Sign of the Cross Pray of the Dead Our Father
<b>Dec.</b>	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Guardian Angel	Sign of the Cross Prayer of Sorrow	Sign of the Cross Evening Prayer Grace Before Meals	Sign of the Cross Act of Faith
<b>Jan.</b>	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Grace After Meals	Sign of the Cross Prayer of Sorrow	Sign of the Cross Prayer of Sorrow Grace After Meals	Sign of the Cross Act of Hope
<b>Feb.</b>	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Our Father	Sign of the Cross Morning Prayers	Sign of the Cross Act of Faith	Sign of the Cross Act of Love
<b>March</b>	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Guardian Angel	Sign of the Cross Evening Prayers	Sign of the Cross Act of Hope	Sign of the Cross Nicene Creed
<b>April</b>	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Hail Mary	Sign of the Cross Apostles' Creed	Sign of the Cross Act of Love	Sign of the Cross Prayer to the Holy Spirit
<b>May</b>	Sign of the Cross Glory Be Hail Mary	Sign of the Cross Hail Mary	Sign of the Cross Hail Mary	Sign of the Cross Prayer to the Holy Spirit

# Prayers

<b>Sign of the Cross</b> In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.	<b>Glory Be</b> Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen
<b>Grace Before Meals</b> Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen	
<b>Hail Mary</b> 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	
<b>Our Father</b> 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	
<b>Guardian Angel Prayer</b> Angel of God, my guardian dear, to who God's love commits me here; ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen	
<b>Grace After Meals</b> We give you thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen	
<b>Prayer of Sorrow</b> My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen	
<b>Morning Prayer</b> I adore you, my God, and I love you with all my heart. I thank you for having created me, for having made me a Christian, and for having protected me during the night. I offer you what I do this day; may all my actions be in accordance with your divine will, and for your greater glory. Protect me from sin and from all evil. May your grace always be with me and with those dear to me. Amen	
<b>Evening Prayer</b> I adore you my God, and I love you with all my heart. I thank you for having created me, for having made me a Christian, and for having protected me during this day. Forgive me the sins that I have committed today, and if I have done some good, accept it. Protect me during my sleep, and free me from all danger. May your grace always be with me and with those dear to me. Amen	
<b>Apostles' Creed</b> 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	

**Act of Hope**

O my God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

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**Act of Faith**

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because you revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

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**Act of Love**

O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

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**Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and become man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

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**Pray of the Dead**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

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**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and our hearts will be created. And you will renew the face of the world. O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to delight in what is right and always to rejoice in his consolation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Religious Education Class Dates 2018-2019

Meet & Greet: 1<sup>st</sup> class for parents & students to meet catechists and aides

### Wednesday 4:00 & 5:45

**Classes will meet on:**

September 12 (6) (Meet & Greet)  
 September 19 (7/8)  
 September 26 (6)  
 October 3 (7/8)  
 October 10 (6)  
 October 17 (7/8)  
 October 24 (6)  
**October 31 (no RE)**  
 November 7 (7/8)  
 November 14 (6)  
**November 21 (no RE)**  
 November 28 (7/8)  
 December 5 (6)  
 December 12 (7/8)  
 December 19 (6)  
**December 26 (no RE)**  
**January 2, 2019 (no RE)**  
**January 9 (no RE) staff mtg**  
 January 16 (7/8)  
 January 23 (6)  
 January 30 (7/8)  
 February 6 (6)  
 February 13 (7/8)  
**February 20 (Catechist Institute)**  
 February 27 (6)  
 March 6 **Ash Wed** (6/7/8)  
 March 13 (7/8)  
 March 20 (6)  
**March 27 (no RE) Spring Break**  
 April 3 (7/8)  
 April 10 (6)  
 April 17 **(no class) Holy Week**  
 April 24 (7/8) **(last class)**  
 May 1 (6)

### Saturday 9:00

**Classes will meet on:**

September 15 (Meet & Greet)  
 September 22  
 September 29  
**October 6 (no RE) Pet Blessing**  
 October 13  
 October 20  
 October 27  
 November 3  
 November 10  
 November 17  
**November 24 (no RE)**  
 December 1  
 December 8  
 December 15  
**December 22 (no RE)**  
**December 29 (no RE)**  
**January 5 (no RE)**  
 January 12  
 January 19  
 January 26  
 February 2  
 February 9  
 February 16  
 February 23 **(no RE)**  
 March 2  
 March 9  
 March 16  
 March 23  
**March 30 (no RE) Spring Break**  
 April 6  
 April 13  
 April 20 **(no class) Holy Week**  
 April 27  
 May 4 **(last class)**

### 6<sup>th</sup> gr. 6:30-8:30

**class dates-every other Wed**

September 12 (Meet/Greet)  
 September 26  
 October 10  
 October 24  
 November 14  
 December 5  
 December 19  
 January 23  
 February 6  
 February 27  
 March 6 **(Ash Wed)**  
 March 20  
 April 10  
 May 1 (last class)

### 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> gr. 6:30-8:30

**class dates-every other**

**Wed:**

September 19 (Meet & Greet)  
 October 3  
 October 17  
 November 7  
 November 28  
 December 12  
 January 16  
 January 30  
 February 13  
 March 6 **(Ash Wed)**  
 March 13  
 April 3  
 April 24 **(last class)**

### **Reconciliation Services are scheduled for the following dates:**

Wed November 28<sup>th</sup> – 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade at 6:30PM

Sat December 1<sup>st</sup>- 3-6<sup>th</sup> grades at 9:00AM

Wed December 5<sup>th</sup>-3-5<sup>th</sup> grades at 4 and 5:45PM; 6<sup>th</sup> grade at 6:30PM

Sat December 8<sup>th</sup> *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

Wed December 12<sup>th</sup>- *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Sat December 15<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> - High School at 9:00AM

Sat March 9<sup>th</sup> 2-6<sup>th</sup> grades at 9AM

Wed March 13<sup>th</sup>- 2/3 grades at 4/5:45PM      7<sup>th</sup> grade at 6:30

Sat March 16<sup>th</sup> – 7-HS at 9AM

Wed March 20<sup>th</sup> – 4-5<sup>th</sup> grades at 4/5:45PM      6<sup>th</sup> grade at 6:30

Wed April 3<sup>rd</sup>- Spanish 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:45      8<sup>th</sup> grade at 6:30PM

## Parent Meeting/Mass Schedule for 2018-2019

**Grade Level Mass: English Saturday 5PM Mass/Spanish Sunday 1:30 Mass**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade:</b> April 13/14	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:</b> May 4/5
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:</b> March 16/17	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b> November 3/4
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b> February 9/10	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b> January 26/27
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b> October 27 <sup>th</sup> after the 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Retreat	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b> October 20 <sup>th</sup> after the 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Retreat	

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

#### First Reconciliation

Mon Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> (English)	1 <sup>st</sup> Parent/Child Meeting	Church	6:30-7:30 PM
Tues Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Spanish)	1 <sup>st</sup> Parent/Child Meeting	Church	6:30-7:30 PM
Mon Jan 14, 2019 (English)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Parent/Child Meeting	Church	6:30-7:30 PM
Tues Jan 15, 2019 (Spanish)	1 <sup>st</sup> Parent/Child Meeting	Church	6:30-7:30 PM
Sat Jan 19, 2019 (Both)	First Reconciliation	Church	10:00 AM

#### First Eucharist 2018

Mon Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> (English)	1 <sup>st</sup> Parent/child Meeting	Church	6:30-7:30 PM
Tues Jan 29 <sup>th</sup> (Spanish)	1 <sup>st</sup> Parent/Child Meeting	Church	6:30-7:30 PM
Sat Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Both)	Workshop-1 <sup>ST</sup> Eucharist	School	9:00-Noon
Mon April 8 <sup>th</sup> (English)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Parent/child Meeting	Church	6:30-7:30PM
Tues April 9 <sup>th</sup> (Spanish)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Parent/Child Meeting	Church	6:30-7:30 PM
Thurs April 23 <sup>rd</sup> ((Spanish)	Practice – 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist	Church	6:30-7:30 PM
Thurs April 25 <sup>th</sup> (English)	Practice - 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist	Church	6:30-7:30 PM
Sat April 27 <sup>th</sup> (English)	First Eucharist	Church	9:30 AM
Sat April 27 <sup>th</sup> (Spanish)	First Eucharist	Church	12:00 PM
Sat May 4 <sup>th</sup> English	5PM Mass –Crowning of Mary after Mass		
Sun May 5 <sup>th</sup> Spanish	1:30 Mass-Crowning of Mary after Mass		
Sun June 23	Corpus Christi Sunday- Procession after the 11:30AM and 1:30PM Masses		

### Confirmation Prep Schedule:

#### Year #2 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade):

Mon Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mtg. #1 Confirmand/Parent/Sponsor	Church	7:00-8:30 PM
Sat Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Retreat	Sebahar Hall	1:00-6:00 PM
	7 <sup>th</sup> grade Mass	Church	5:00 PM Mass
Wed Mar. 13, 2019	Reconciliation	Church	7:30

#### Year #3 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade):

Mon Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mtg. #1 Confirmand/Parent/Sponsor	Church	7:00-8:30 PM
Sat Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Retreat	Sebahar Hall	1:00-6:00 PM
	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Mass	Church	5:00 PM Mass
Wed April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 209	Reconciliation	Church	6:30
Wed May 2, 2019	Night of Reflection/practice	Church	7:00-8:00 PM
May TBD	Practice-night before	Church	8:00-9:00 PM
May TBD	Confirmation Ceremony	Church	

Not attending these meetings may result in not receiving Confirmation.