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## Children's Masses:

Once a month, we will be having a Children's Mass. Students, by formation level, are assigned a mass for a month during the school year. Students along with parents are expected to attend this mass and participate with their classmates. Please discuss this with your child/children.

## Special Children's Masses:

On the occasion that there is a special evening Mass (Ash Wednesday, Thanksgiving, Holy Days of obligation, etc.) students are asked to come with their families and participate in the mass. Please discuss this with your child/children.

## Sacramental Preparation:

Any child/children wishing to receive a sacrament MUST successfully complete TWO consecutive levels of preparation immediately prior to the reception of the sacrament. Those children not having the required two years (levels) of preparation from either our program or another parish will be placed in the first level of preparation.

Parents of students in a sacramental preparation level (2, 9) will be required to attend information meetings for the specific sacrament that their child is preparing to receive. These meetings are informative and should be attended by a parent/parents/guardian.

## Parent Helpers:

From time to time your child's Catechist may need help for a seasonal craft project, classroom party, or special event in the classroom. We ask that if you are available to help in the classroom, please notify your child's Catechist.

## Assistant Catechist/Substitutes:

If you are willing to have your name put on a list to be called in the event an assistant or substitute is needed for our program, please make sure that we get your name and contact information where you can be reached. A lesson plan will be provided.

## Behavioral Policy:

It is our hope that all students in our program will act in a safe, respectful manner. However, in the event of discipline problems, the following guidelines will be followed:

1st Offense If a child misbehaves he/she will be asked to leave the classroom and go to the office where he/she will be expected to stay and complete their classroom work for the remainder of the class time. 2nd Offense The child will again be sent to the office. A parent/guardian will be called and informed of the behavior and a meeting will be set up prior to next week's class. 3rd Offense the student will be asked to leave the program and be required to make up the grade upon returning the following year.

# St Roch Parish Parent Handbook



Pastor: Father Raymond Lewandowski

Director of Religious Education:

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# Welcome to St. Roch Parish Religious Education Program

## Tuition Information:

Our 2019/20 rates for religious education classes are as follow:

\$65 per child

\$90 for two children

\$115 for three or more children

Sacramental Fees—2nd Grade \$40, 8th grade \$65

Payment can be made at the time of registering, putting it in the offertory basket, dropped off in the office, mailed, or dropped in the mail drop box outside the Education Center doors. Please write Religious Education on the outside of the envelope.

Please note it is the policy of St Roch Parish that you are a registered participating parishioner to be a part of the program.

## Our Program Philosophy:

Religious Education Formation is a life-long process that is continually nurtured throughout one's life. It fosters knowledge and understanding of our Catholic Christian way of life. It is our goal to help each and every person discover how to be a witness to his or her faith and allow them to search out religious meaning in the daily experiences of life.

Our Religious Education Program helps parents to fulfill their role as first Catechists of their children with a structured, formal program. Our faith journey leads us together toward a greater appreciation of God's many gifts in our lives. Through our daily experiences of faith, sharing, and interaction we are united to Jesus Christ who calls us to new life. Through this shared ministry we welcome you to join us in the spreading of the GOOD NEWS of Jesus to our faith community.

## Parental Role in Our Program:

Parents who enroll their child/children in our program are asked to play an important part in their overall faith formation. As a parent you are their first religious educators and should act accordingly by showing an active interest in what they are doing and what is happening in our program. By this we mean, that as a parent you should 1) Attend Mass weekly with your child/children and encourage your child/children to receive the sacraments on a regular basis 2) Read the parent handbook and share with your child/children.

3) Show interest each week in what has happened in class 4) Help your child to be conscientious about homework (when given) and preparedness (Prayers that must be learned, coming to class prepared, and making up missed work due to an absence). 5) Actively participate in the sacramental preparation of your child

## Textbooks:

We will be using a textbook series during our course of the instruction. A book will be provided to each student as part of the tuition fee. Textbooks will remain in the classroom unless homework is given at the discretion of the Catechist.

## Attendance:

If an absence is needed, please call the office 734-782-4471 or email as soon as possible, preferable prior to class day. Because of the limited amount of time Catechists have with the students, it is very important that the students attend every class. We do understand that sometimes it is necessary for students to miss class. We do ask, however, that you keep in mind that any child having more than **THREE** unexcused absences will be asked to repeat the level/class the following year. Children in sacramental preparation are asked to miss only for emergencies.

## Snow Days of Cancellations:

If inclement weather causes the cancellation of our classes, you will be notified by our ROBO call system. The phone numbers provided on your registration form is what is used in the ROBO call system. If you are not receiving calls please call the office to verify the phone number that is being used. If Flat Rock School is canceled for the entire day because of weather conditions, we will NOT have classes. If in doubt, please call the church office at 734-782-4471.

## Drop Off and Pick Up:

Dropping off students can be done in line or bring them into the building. Picking up students, we prefer, you come into the building and wait in the Social Hall for the Catechist to bring down after class. That way the children are not running through the parking lot unattended.

## Prayers:

Students in our Religious Education Program will be required to learn prayers that are an important part of our Catholic faith. You are asked to work with your child/children to see that they learn the appropriate prayers for their formation level.