

### General Policies for all Grade Levels

All Students enrolled in the program are required to:

1. Attend class and participate to the best of their ability.
2. Show respectful behavior to the catechists and fellow classmates.
3. Have **no more than 4 excused absences** from class.
4. Complete any missed assignments.
5. Early release: a parent/guardian must come in to get the child and sign them out.
6. Attend and participate at all liturgical events and class functions.
7. Call the Religious Education office to report an absence or tardy.
8. We are a **NO PEANUT** facility due to the danger of allergies.

### Parents/Guardians are encouraged to:

1. Attend weekly Mass with your child.
2. Review each week's lesson with your child.
3. Reinforce prayer, spiritual reading/rituals in the home.
4. Occasionally attend and/or help at special events.

### Children should know the following prayers by:

- Kindergarten: Sign of the Cross, Grace Before Meals  
First Grade: Hail Mary, Glory Be, Guardian Angel  
Second Grade: Our Father, Act of Contrition  
Third Grade: Apostle's Creed  
Fourth Grade: Nicene Creed  
Fifth Grade: How to pray the Rosary with Mysteries  
Sixth Grade: All the Mass Prayers  
Level 1 & 2: Prayer to the Holy Spirit & all the above

*(Attending Mass regularly with consistent family prayer times will help your child/children learn these prayers that will bless them forever!)*

### Drop off/Pick up procedures:

1. Drop children off at the Maple St. or 4<sup>th</sup> Street doors.
2. Earliest arrival time is 3:50 pm / 5:50 pm.
3. All grades gather in the gym first (3:55pm / 5:55pm) for songs of praise, announcements, etc. *Parents are welcome to join us!*
4. Pick up is **promptly** at 5:30 pm / 7:30 pm. (use gym doors)
5. Kindergarten children will be escorted downstairs to the gym door (Maple St. side) for pick up. First and Second grade will be picked up outside of their classroom.

### Weather Cancellation Policy

If the public schools close **due to inclement weather**, we will close as well. Call the Religious Education office: 734-285-9840 ext. 102 whenever in doubt.

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### "Circle of Grace"

The "Circle of Grace", a safe environment program, will be taught in every grade. If you would like to see the curriculum or you wish for your child to opt out, you must notify the office before September 30 and we will make arrangements for your request.

### Program Fees:

Tuition is as follows: One child - \$80  
Two children - \$110  
Three or more- \$130

NOTE: **Deduct \$10** on the above tuition fee if you submit your registration form and make any payment by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sacrament Preparation Fee (covers added materials and retreats)  
First Reconciliation/First Eucharist - \$35  
Confirmation (Level 2) - \$35

Payments (partial or full) are accepted in the parish office or on any religious education night.

Checks are made payable to: St. Vincent Pallotti Parish

All accounts **MUST** be **paid in full by January 30<sup>th</sup>**. Financial hardship? Please contact us so we can discuss other arrangements.

### Seeking a Sacrament? You must:

1. Provide a copy of each child's baptismal certificate.
2. Attend **ALL** scheduled parent meetings and retreats.
3. Assure good weekly class attendance of your child.
4. Help with prayers and other spiritual guidance.
5. Attend Mass regularly.

*An original Baptism Certificate **MUST** be submitted before sacrament preparation can take place unless the baptism was at St. Elizabeth, St. Joseph, St. Patrick or St. Vincent Pallotti Parish.*

### Sacrament Preparation

First Eucharist – takes place in the child's second year of formation (usually the second grade). Additional meetings and retreats are required.

Confirmation – a two year preparation program (Level 1 & Level 2.) Group service projects are part of the confirmation prep. Level 2 students will attend additional classes bimonthly on Sunday evenings, 6-8:00pm.

Older children seeking Baptism or Eucharist – Please call the religious education office to discuss the best plan for your child's preparation.

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## **Your Role as a Parent**

*(Words of wisdom from the NCD and CCC)*

“Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children. They catechize informally but powerfully by example and instructions. They communicate values and attitudes by showing love for Christ and his Church and for each other, by reverently receiving the Eucharist and living in its spirit, by fostering justice and love in all their relationships.

Their active involvement in the parish, their readiness to seek opportunities to serve others and their frequent prayer, all make meaningful their profession of belief.

Parents nurture faith in their children by showing them the richness and beauty of lived faith.”

*Sharing the Light of Faith-*

*National Catechetical Directory for the United States (NCD)*

"The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute."

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2221 (CCC)*

**Please make attending Mass every week a priority.**

**Your family will benefit greatly!**

**A family that prays together grows in faith together!**

## **Our Catechists**

Catechists are working towards, or have attained, Catechist Certification under the Archdiocese policy on Religious Education Certification.

Catechists are instructed in areas such as: Theology, Scripture, Sacraments, Class Management and Teaching Techniques. Catechists are volunteers who receive no monetary payment for sharing their time, talent and faith life with the children. They just simply have a love for the faith that they long to share. Keep them in your prayers and be assured they have your children in theirs.

Catechists have a vocation...a calling from the Lord rooted in Baptism to carry out His mandate to teach the Gospel. *The General Directory for Catechesis* tells us that “The Church awakens and discerns divine vocation and confers the mission to catechize. The Lord Jesus invites men and women, in a special way, to follow him, teach and form disciples.” (GDC 231)

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# ***St. Vincent Pallotti Parish***

## ***Religious Education***

### ***Handbook***

2016/2017



*Jesus said, “Let the Children come to me...” Then he took them in his arms and laying his hands on them, blessed them.*

*Mark 10:13-16*

## **Religious Education Office-334 Elm St., Wyandotte**

Monday – Thursday 9am-3pm

734-285-9840 ext. 102; Fax 734-285-9745

Tuesday Evenings ONLY School 734-225-4010

Website: [www.stvpp.org](http://www.stvpp.org); e-mail: [dre@stvpp.org](mailto:dre@stvpp.org)

## **Children’s Religious Education Programs**

**Children’s Sunday Liturgy** (preschool age)

9:30am and 11:30am

## **Regular Formation Classes-Education Center, 3051 4<sup>th</sup> St., Wyandotte**

Tuesday 4:00-5:30pm or 6:00-7:30pm & Angel’s Club 6–7pm

Family Mass will be celebrated ALL together at 5:30pm

## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 4pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:30am

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