

General Policies for all Grade Levels

Expectations of all enrolled in the religious ed program:

1. Attend class and participate to the best of their ability.
2. Show respectful behavior to the catechists and fellow classmates.
3. More than **6 absences** may require a grade to be repeated.
4. Complete any missed assignments.
5. Early release: a child must be signed out by a parent/guardian.
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 NUT** facility due to the danger of allergies.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to:

1. Keep the Sabbath holy by attending weekend Mass with your child.
2. Review each week's lesson with your child.
3. Occasionally attend and/or help at special events.
4. Assure your child knows the following prayers (*by their grade*)

Prayers- all children should know the following prayers by:

Kindergarten:	Sign of the Cross, Grace Before Meals
First Grade:	Glory Be, Hail Mary, 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
Conf. Level 1 & 2:	Prayer to the Holy Spirit & all the above

(Repetition works! Using these prayers during family prayer time will help)

Drop off/Pick up procedures:

1. Arrival: Family last names A-M enter at the Maple & 4th St doors.
Family last names N-Z enter at the 4th St & alley doors.
2. Earliest arrival time for each time slot is 3:50pm / 5:50pm.
3. Dismissal: Pick up **promptly** at 5:30pm/7:30pm at same doors with one exception. Students K-2 that DO NOT have an older sibling to retrieve them must have a parent/guardian at the door of dismissal.

Communication

Reminders of dates/events will be sent out through the app **"REMIND"** (*an app download is required*). Make sure to notate on your Registration Form the cell number & email for us to send important messages.

Weather & Emergency Cancellation Policy

We **do not** use the school system as a guide! Notifications will come directly through **"REMIND"** and/or email if the need to cancel arises. Call the Religious Education office: 734-285-9840 ext. 102 whenever in doubt.

"Circle of Grace"

The "Circle of Grace", a safe environment program, is 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 for the weekly program and the home-online option:

Tuition is as follows: One child - \$80
Two children - \$110
Three or more- \$140

NOTE: **Deduct \$10 on the above tuition fee if you submit your registration form w/payment by August 1st.**

Sacrament Preparation Fee (cover added materials and retreats)

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist (Level 2) - \$45
Confirmation (Level 2) - \$45

Payments (partial or full) are accepted in the parish office or on our website: stvpp.org (under Online Giving-Other Payments). Checks are made payable to **St. Vincent Pallotti Parish**. All accounts MUST be **paid in full by January 31st**. Financial hardship? Contact us to discuss other arrangements.

Seeking a Sacrament for your child? You must:

1. Provide a copy of the 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 weekly.

*An **original** Baptism Certificate **MUST** be submitted unless the baptism was at St. Elizabeth, St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Vincent Pallotti Parish, Our Lady of the Scapular (or Mt Carmel), St Stan.*

Sacrament Preparation– 2-Year Program for Eucharist & Confirmation

A mandatory meeting will take place (*see year schedule for date*) for those preparing to receive the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. A parent & child must attend the sacrament meeting!

First Eucharist – Level 1 & Level 2 program (usually 1st & 2nd grade)

Confirmation – Level 1 & Level 2 program (usually 7th & 8th grade)

Note: sacrament preparations require additional sessions, retreats, etc.

Children in upper grades seeking Baptism / Eucharist / Confirmation – Please call the religious ed office to discuss our Family RCIA Program.

**Please read thoroughly and initial on your registration form that you received this handbook.*

At-Home Program: (complete details included in issued backpacks)

Registering for this program you agree to the following:

- Parent takes the primary role as the child's catechist
- Chapters are completed at home following the syllabus
- Receive credit for each chapter by emailing a picture of the Chapter Review or completing the online e-assessment

POLICIES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

All policies from the AOD, CDC and State Health Dept. will be followed. Currently:

- **If a child is sick, please stay home!!!**
 - work can be done at home (see At-Home instructions)
- Masks must be worn at all times in the RE building & Mass
- Classroom size is limited to adhere to CDC distancing guidelines
- In case of shutdown, everyone moves to an At-Home program
- Classrooms will be sanitized between every session
- All food/beverages must be consumed before entry to the building

Your Role as a Parent (Important excerpts 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!

We Are Grateful for Our Catechists

Catechists are volunteers who receive no monetary payment. They share their time, talent, and faith-life with your children for the great love of Jesus and the Church! They are either certified or working towards certification under the Archdiocese instructed in areas of Theology, Scripture, Sacraments, Class Management and Teaching Techniques. Please keep them in your prayers.

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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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-3:30pm

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

Tuesday Evenings ONLY School 734-225-4010

Website: www.stvpp.org; e-mail: dre@stvpp.org

Children's Religious Education Programs

Regular Formation Classes

St Elizabeth Education Center, 3051 4th St., Wyandotte

Tuesday 4:00-5:30pm or 6:00-7:30pm & Angel's Club (call office for time)

Family Mass: Both sessions celebrate together at 5:30pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

St Vincent Pallotti: Saturday: St Joseph Church 4pm

Sunday: St. Joseph Church 8:00am & 11:30am; St Patrick Church: 9:30am

Our Lady of the Scapular: Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 9am (Polish) & 11am

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