

## 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 for their safety.
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 **NUT FREE** facility due to the danger of allergies.
9. ALL ELECTRONICS must be put in backpacks or will be taken away until the class-time is ended
10. Family Masses & special events: All sessions attend together

## Parents/Guardians are expected 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, Our Father
Second Grade:	Act of Contrition, Guardian Angel
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 ( <i>Repetition works! Using these prayers during family prayer time will help</i> )

## Drop off/Pick up procedures:

Drop-off: Earliest arrival time for each class-time is 3:50pm / 5:50pm

All children gather in the gym for songs before going to classrooms

Pick-up: students dismissed 5:30pm/7:30pm from the gym door

K-2 must have a parent/guardian pick them up at the gym door

## Communication

“**REMIND**” a free app is used for important communication (*download is required*). Notate on your Registration Form the cell number & email. This communication is essential for emergency closings, meeting reminders, etc.

## Weather & Emergency Cancellation Policy

We **do not** use any school system as a guide! Notifications will come directly through “**REMIND**” and/or email or call 734-285-9840 ext. 102.

## “Empowering God’s Children”

This is a safe environment program, taught in each grade emphasizing every child should feel safe. The curriculum is available to view. You must notify the office by September 30, if you want to opt your child out.

## Program Fees:

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

## Sacrament Preparation Fee: (cover added materials and retreats)

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist (Level 1) -	\$25
First Reconciliation/First Eucharist (Level 2) -	\$35
Confirmation (Level 1) -	\$25
Confirmation (Level 2) -	\$35

Payments are accepted in the parish office or on our website: [stvpp.org](http://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 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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 Sunday Mass each week.

An **original Baptism Certificate must be presented unless we can verify the baptism at either St. Vincent Pallotti or Our Lady of the Scapular.**

## Sacrament Preparation– 2-Year Program for Eucharist & Confirmation

Parents **MUST** attend a mandatory Sacrament Readiness meeting if you plan for your child to receive the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation (*see bulletin or website for dates*).

First Eucharist – Level 1 & Level 2 program (begins 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)

Confirmation – Level 1 & Level 2 program (begins 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

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

**Family OCIA (Order for Christian Initiation of Adults)** - A program to specifically help prepare children who have not regularly attended religious formation classes and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Call the religious education office for more information.

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## **Family Catechesis Program:**

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
- Attend a monthly meeting (parents & children) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month in St Joseph Hall 4pm-6pm (begins w/4pm Mass)
- A light meal will be served

## **Policies for Health & Safety**

- **If a child is sick, please stay home!!!**
  - *chapter can be done at home (see At-Home instructions)*
- water bottles are allowed (water only! to help with sanitation)
- We are a NUT FREE facility

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

## **Children's Religious Education Programs**

### **Regular Formation Classes**

**St Elizabeth Education Center, 3051 4<sup>th</sup> St., Wyandotte**

Tuesday 4:00-5:30pm or 6:00-7:30pm

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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