

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. More than **6 absences** may require a grade to be repeated.
4. Complete any missed assignments (*missed lesson is sent home*).
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 PEANUT** 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. Reinforce prayer, spiritual reading/rituals in the home. (*see Prayers*)
4. Occasionally attend and/or help at special events.

Prayers- all 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
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: All doors are open for entry to gather in the gym by grade with social distancing. *Parents are welcome to join us!*
2. Earliest arrival time for each time slot is 3:50pm / 5:55pm.
3. Dismissal: Pick up **promptly** at 5:25pm / 7:30pm. Grades K-2 will be brought to parents in the gym (*designated areas*). Grades 3 & up exit Maple St. or 4th St. doors (*unless connecting w/ K-2 sibling in gym*)

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 for us to send important messages.

Weather & Emergency Cancellation Policy

We will no longer use the school system as a guide! Notifications will come directly through "**REMIND**" and 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- \$130

NOTE: **Deduct \$10 on the above tuition fee if you submit your registration form and make any payment by August 17th.**

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, on our website: stvpp.org (under Online Giving-Other Payments) or on any religious education night.

Checks are made payable to **St. Vincent Pallotti Parish**

All accounts **MUST** be **paid in full by February 1st**. 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 weekly.

*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 – a two-year preparation program (usually 1st & 2nd grade). Additional meetings and retreats are required.

Confirmation – a two-year preparation program (usually 7th & 8th grade) Group service projects are part of the confirmation prep. Level 2 students will attend additional classes on a Sunday evening, 6pm-8pm

Older children seeking Baptism / Eucharist / Confirmation – Please call the religious education office to discuss our Family RCIA Program.

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

POLICIES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

With an attempt to keep a safe environment for everyone please see the following:

- **If anyone is sick, please stay home!!!**
 - a sick absence will not be counted against any child
- Masks must be worn at all times in the RE building & Mass
- Student books/pencils, etc. will go home each week
- Classroom size is limited to adhere to CDC distancing guidelines
- In case of shutdown, we will move to an online program
 - all student books have immediate online access
- Children are welcome to bring their own hand sanitizer
- Classrooms will be sanitized between every session (*volunteers needed: see Registration Form to sign up*)
- All food/beverages must be consumed before entry to the building
- No drinking fountains will be in operation

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

Children's Sunday Liturgy (preschool age)

9:30am-St Patrick Church and 11:30am-St Joseph Church (*suspended for now*)

Regular Formation Classes

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

Tuesday 4:00-5:25pm or 6:05-7:30pm and Angel's Club (call office for time)

Family Mass: Both sessions celebrate together at 5:30pm in St Joseph Church

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4pm, Sunday: 8:00am, & 11:30am (St Joseph Church)

Sunday: 9:30am (St Patrick Church)

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