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 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
Conf. Level 1 & 2: Prayer to the Holy Spirit & all the above
(please use these prayers in your regular family prayer time to help the children!)

Drop off/Pick up procedures:
1. Drop children off at the Maple St. or 4th 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)
   Kindergarten children- downstairs north gym door (Maple St. side)
   First and Second grade- outside of their classroom.

Weather Cancellation Policy
If inclement weather arises, we will follow Wyandotte public schools. Call the Religious Education office: 734-285-9840 ext. 102 whenever in doubt.

Communication
Reminders of dates/events will be sent out through the app “Remind”. If you do not have the app already, please download it and use the code: @cf2a8g Please note on the registration form what cell number can receive these texts.

“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 15th.

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 31st. 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 in the 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.
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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