

Prayer for Families

God, our Father, through the holy Sacrament of Marriage you have blessed us and bestowed on us the gift of families in different shapes and sizes. You created the family to be the image of the love and unity revealed to us in the Blessed Trinity. We commit ourselves to model that love and unity in our daily lives and in all our relationships.

Guide us on our journey as we read and reflect on your holy Word. By your Word we are transformed so that, by our witness, we may become leaven for the transformation of the world.

May the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us through our Baptism, shine through our interactions within our family and through our encounters with others.


May all families within our parish become hearers and followers of the Word, so that our parish family might mirror the love and unity of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Teachers & Aides

| Sundays | Tuesdays |
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| 9:00 am—10:15 am | 7:00 pm—8:00 pm |
| PreK & K Amanda Kramer | 6th Grade Sue Bergbigler |
| 1st Grade Kim Genaway Amanda Taylor | 7th Grade Rose Hinch Rose Chuba |
| 2nd Grade Dixie Mennor Traci Haid | 8th Grade Laura Eakman Amy Rhodaberger Megan McCreary |
| 3rd Grade Jessica Tomsey Cathy Bruner | RCIA Cathy Rodgers Linda Birch Nancy Swall Leetta Christy |
| 4th Grade Janet Kean Daniel Kean | |
| 5th Grade Lisa Kriley Samantha Snyder | |

St. John Roman Catholic Church Continuing Christian Development 2010—2011


 Sundays: CCS thru Grade 5
 9:00 am to 10:15 am
 Tuesdays: Grade 6 thru Grade 8 & RCIA
 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Let the Children Come in Love and Partnership

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Expectations

1. **Registration:** Registration of all students must be completed **every year** to provide the Religious Education Office with the most up-to-date information. Baptismal certificates are required of those registering for the first time who have NOT been baptized at St. John's.
2. **Textbook fee:** This year's textbook fee is \$15 per family.
3. **Books:** Students are responsible for bringing their textbooks to class. If a student loses a textbook, one may be purchased from the Religious Education Office at a cost of \$12 per book.
4. **Calendars:** Calendars are sent home on a bi-monthly basis. Please post them in a prominent place and refer to them monthly.
5. **Arrival/Dismissal:** Children should arrive promptly. Children in CGS thru Grade 3 are to be picked up in their classroom by a guardian or other adult (age 18 or older) listed on their registration form. Doors will be locked 5 minutes after class starts and unlocked 10 minutes before class ends. Any latecomers will be required to have an adult sign them in at the CCD office.
6. **Attendance:** When a student misses class, parents are encouraged to call the catechist so that the student can receive information on the class activity missed. Regular attendance is essential to a student's success in learning. Student who chronically miss class (3 or more classes) will be required to complete "make-up" work. For those students unable to make regular class sessions, a home-schooling option is available. Please see Amanda Kramer for more details.
7. **Code of Conduct:** Students are required to show respect for themselves, other students, teachers and all church property. Disciplinary action will be taken for disregard of these expectations:



1. First Offense—the student is brought to the Religious Education Office.
2. Second Offense—The parent or guardian will be called. In order for the student to be re-admitted to their classroom, a letter of apology must be written by the student and given to the teacher at the beginning of the next class.

Inclement Weather

This year when classes are cancelled, **no phone calls or emails will be made.** Announcements will be made on KDKA Channel 2, WPXI Channel 11 and local radio (WBUT etc.) Parents may also call the CCD office (724/287-0426) to listen to our outgoing message in case of a cancellation. In the event of fast approaching inclement weather, parents are encouraged to use their judgment before venturing out for a session. Safety is our first priority.

Special Programs

In addition to the regular curriculum, several grades have special programs integrated into the curriculum.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptized children are prepared to receive First Communion during the Easter Season after 2 years of formation and catechesis (2nd Grade). The children are also prepared to receive First Reconciliation during the Lenten Season. Grade 2 parent meetings will be announced and attendance by both parents is expected.



Teens are prepared to receive Confirmation after 3 years of formation (8th Grade). As the child begins Grade 6, there is a parent meeting with the priest and confirmation catechists and attendance by both parents is expected.

Catholic Vision of Love

Students in Grades 5—8 are presented with the Catholic Vision of Love. This is a Diocesan Education program on love, sexuality, marriage and family. There will be a Grade 5 parent meeting before the program begins to inform parents of the curriculum.

Prohibited Items

Weapons

Any person carrying a weapon poses a clear and present danger to students and staff. For the purpose of this policy, a weapon is defined to be a gun, knife or any article which could be used to cause injury.

Prohibited Substances

No substance may be brought into the Religious Education building or property which has been shown to cause harm to the student. These include (but are not limited to) inhalants, propellants, illegal or controlled substances or chemicals.

If any weapons or prohibited substances are found, proper authorities will be contacted and disciplinary action will be taken.

Miscellaneous Items

Heelies, MP3 players, portable game players, other electronic devices and toys are to be kept at home. Cell phones are only permitted if they remain turned off during class.

Volunteers

All volunteers comply with the Pittsburgh Diocese regulations set forth in the Safe Environment Policy. If you would like to serve your church by becoming a volunteer, please see Amanda Kramer for more information.

