

**From the Director of Religious Education – Maureen Murtagh
K-8 including Sacramental Preparation for 2nd Grade
PARENT INFORMATION SHEET**

ATTENDANCE ~ as parents, our faith is seen as an on-going, important part of our daily life, we will help our children find time for it in their own life. We agree that in order to achieve the maximum benefit from religious education, it is essential that Mass attendance as well as class attendance be a priority. Our policy is: attendance will be taken each week your child has class, the attendance sheet is kept in the catechist folder, and you will be notified if there are 3 or more consecutive absences. Parents are responsible to contact the religious education office – maureen@stlukelv.org for any missed assignments.

Special note on changes to our program for students ~our religious education class structure has been redesigned to include academic learning of our faith in a class- like atmosphere, monthly Chapel time with Fr. Owen – parents are always invited and Mass participation. Each class will be given an opportunity to actively participate at one of their assigned Masses as assistant ushers, greeters/welcomers, readers, and assisting in the offertory procession.

Special note on changes to our program for parents~ our religious education program now offers a multi-faceted experience for you and your family with Mass as the central component. The new curriculum will now: **focus on key aspects of our Catholic faith traditions, Liturgical year highlights, salvation history, and Bible timelines. Second grade sacramental prep for First Reconciliation and First Communion will now take place during class time. Further information will be shared with these families at a later date.**

Parents will be expected to attend Mass at least one time a month with their child's class on a designated Sunday and on the alternating session will be offered a casual "coffee and chat" faith-sharing gathering while your child attends class before Mass. We will be offering special family intergenerational events for Advent, Lent and the Easter season. You will be asked to attend one of these three events. * Please note that due to COVID-19 dates and times of classes and parent faith sharing sessions are subject to change*

St. Luke's believes that children who participate with their families in the Mass ~ experience the Eucharistic mystery ~ learn to become actively involved in the liturgical assembly ~ and through prayer and worship build relationships with our pastor, Fr. Owen, our deacons, and the other liturgical ministers.

EXPECTATIONS ~ PARENTS: **Grades K through 5 please walk your child to their assigned class room and dismissal will be immediately after Mass. **Ensure that their children attend classes regularly and on time **Communicate any special needs or circumstances that may affect their child **be an active part of their child's learning and be involved in the classroom at the catechist's request (e.g. help with special and/or service projects).Attend Mass 1x a month and one of the three special events.

EXPECTATIONS ~ STUDENTS: **Behave in a Catholic Christian manner at all times showing respect and being cooperative with adults and other students **actively participate in classroom activities and discussion **Attend class regularly and complete any assignments or homework **A code of conduct is highly recommended and could include: Respect for others and others' property.

EXPECTATIONS ~ CATECHISTS: **Provide a loving, Catholic Christian atmosphere within the learning environment so that children will be able to grow in their faith **Prepare and teach designated curriculum **be a Catholic Christian role model **Communicate regularly with and involve parents in the faith development of their children.

*****EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS*****

Due to the size of the program, cancellations will be handled in the following manner:

- 1 – You will be notified via Flocknote text/email
- 2 -Call the parish office, there will be an outgoing message regarding class cancellations
- 3 - Check the parish website – www.stlukeparishlv.com – it will be posted on the homepage

DISCIPLINE AND PROBLEM SOLUTIONS: At the first incident the child will be reminded of expected behavior. After the second incident, the child will be sent to the Director of Religious Education for a discussion about appropriate behavior. If inappropriate behavior continues, the child's parent/guardian will be contacted