

**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 ongoing, important part of our daily life, we will help our children find time for it in their own life. We agree that to achieve the maximum benefit from religious education, Mass attendance, as well as class attendance, must 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@stlukeiv.org for any missed assignments.

Special note on changes to our program for students ~our CCD class structure has been redesigned to include academic learning of our faith in a class-like atmosphere, “Chapel time” with Fr. Owen – parents are always invited and Mass participation. Each class will have 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 CCD 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 with their child[ren] on their scheduled CCD sessions. We will be offering special family intergenerational events for Advent, Lent, and the Easter season. You will be asked to attend two of these three events

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 classroom 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 2x a month and two 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.stlukeparishiv.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

PRAYERFUL PERSONAL COMMITMENT

2021-2022

As parents, our faith is seen as an ongoing, important part of our daily life, we will help our children find time for it in their own life.

We agree, that to achieve the maximum benefit from religious education, *it is essential that weekly Mass attendance, as well as class attendance, be a priority.*

We understand that:

† I am committed to supporting St. Luke Parish with a minimum monthly tithing of \$40, or if having financial hardship I have coordinated with our Pastor, Father Owen, to contribute in some other meaningful way.

† Attendance will be taken each week

† An attendance record for the day will be kept in the catechists' folders

† You will be contacted if there are three or more consecutive absences

† It is my responsibility to follow up with my child's catechist for any missed assignments

† I am expected to attend Mass 2x a month on my child's classes designated date

† I will attend two of the three offered yearly events

Your registration will be completed once your Faith Direct Enrollment is confirmed by office staff, then your child will be placed in a class,

Our signature below signifies our commitment to St. Luke's personal commitment policy.

Parent's Signature _____

**TIME AND TALENT
PARENT OPPORTUNITIES 2021-2022**

****PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY****

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

CHILDREN'S NAME(S) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

LEAD CATECHIST/CO-CATECHIST ~ Grade _____ Time? _____ With Child? _____

I WOULD LIKE TO TEACH WITH _____

ASSISTANT CATECHIST ~ Grade _____ Time? _____ With Child? _____

I WOULD LIKE TO TEACH WITH _____

SUBSTITUTE CATECHIST

WITH CHILD? _____ SAME TIME/SESSION AS CHILD? _____

Protecting God's Children? _____

Email Address and Full Legal Name for Background Check if PGC has NOT been completed

CCD - Office help/ hall monitor while your child attends class

CLASSROOM ORGANIZER – Set up the classrooms

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – Volunteer for practices and the pageant on Christmas Eve

HOSPITALITY – Weekend hospitality takes place once a month

CHOIR

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

LECTOR

ALTAR SERVER (3rd grade and up)

USHER

_____ PLEASE LIST ANY MINISTRY YOU ARE ALREADY INVOLVED IN