

# parent Handbook

## St. Patrick's Parish, Lebanon



### 2020-2021 Religious Education

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## Religious Education Mission Statement

Vision – That the children know, love, and serve God through the guidance of their families, catechists, and parish.

Mission – That the children will learn to develop their faith through prayer, education, and service learning.

Core Values – That the children will take their core values with them into their years beyond school, work, and community.

## Welcome to Religious Education

Thank you for supporting our program and for instilling our amazing Catholic faith in your children. It's the best gift you can give them, and it will take them through this life into eternity.  
God Bless your family.

### **Religious Education Goals**

1. To pass on the message of Jesus, as well as the doctrines and Creed of the Catholic Church.
2. To educate people to understand the signs, symbols and meaning of the Sacraments.  
Recognizing that parents are the primary educators of their children. The Religious Education Program includes their participation especially when sacramental preparation is being done.
3. To provide prayer and worship experiences.
4. To develop any attitude of service and involvement in the parish and local community.

**Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children.** They catechize informally but powerfully by example and instruction. 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, and 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 practice of frequent and spontaneous prayer, all make meaningful their professions of belief. Parents should frequently be reminded of their obligation to see to it that their children participate in catechetical programs sponsored by the Church.

(National Catechetical Directory, Art 212)

### **Parents are asked to:**

Bring children to class each week.

If child is sick, please keep child home and call parish.

Pray the 'Our Father' with your child/ren daily.

Take your child/ren to Mass and Holy Days fulfilling the precepts (rules) of the Church.

Celebrate Sacraments.

Promote Service Projects.

## **Registration**

Call or Email Barbara

- *Members* - \$30 per child
- *Non-Member* - \$60 per child - please contact Barbara for admission to our program.

## **RE Class Times:**

- Grades K-6: Monday 6:00-7:15pm
- Grades 7-8: Monday, 6:00-7:15pm
- Grades 9-11: classes held at MPB this year

Landlines/Cell phones/Email:  
Let us know if your information has changed.

## **Attendance**

All students of St. Patrick Parish, Grades K–8, are invited to attend the religious education classes and any of the related activities as scheduled. Grades 9-11 are asked to contact MPB for registration information. Attend classes at MPB, but pay St. Patrick's Lebanon for Religious Education fees. Efforts toward perfect attendance speak to what value the religious experience hold among our many other value choices.

**Note:** Please drop off and pick up your children on time or make other arrangements. Remember the catechists are giving up their time to teach.

## **Absence**

If a student cannot be present for class, please call the parish. Our concern is the Safety of Your Child/Children.

## **COVID-19**

Please follow the guidelines to keep yourself, your family, and others healthy. Wear masks, wash and sanitized hands, keep proper distance, etc. Thank you.

## **Communications**

Please check the bulletin and website regularly. If ever you have questions, please contact us.

## **Cancellations**

When weather conditions require the public school to cancel or close early, there will be No Classes. Students in grades K–6 will be notified by phone call on the day of classes if classes are to be cancelled.

## **Behavior**

Appropriate behavior is expected at all times.

This includes:

- RESPECT of self, teachers, others, the materials and space provided
- ATTENDANCE
- PROMPTNESS
- PARTICIPATION
- COMPLETION/RETURN of all homework when given.

## Consequences

1. The parents will be contacted.
2. The priest will be notified.

### 2020-2021 Grade/Topic/Catechist

|   |                                   |                         |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kindergarten & Grade 1                      | Finding God & Our Heavenly Father | Tabitha Wirth           |
| Grade 2                                     | Jesus Our Life (F&L)              | Tabitha Wirth           |
| Grade 3*/4                                  | Our Life with Jesus (F&L)         | Barbara Tate            |
| Grade 5/6*                                  | Following Christ (F&L)            | Barbara Tate            |
| Grade 7/8*                                  | Our Life in the Church (F&L)      | Dave Radtke             |
| Grade 9/10/11                               | Classes held at MPB               | BBurdick/MPB Catechists |
| * = grade level taught 2020-2021            |                                   |                         |
| Catechists are subject to change as needed. |                                   |                         |

### Catechists are asked to:

- Arrive to class early.
- Take attendance.
- Teach what the Catholic Church teaches.
- Take VIRTUS training and do a background check.
- Take a Foundational Catechesis Certification class each year.

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession (attendance is strongly recommended)

Grade 3-6 – Advent and Lent (TBD)

Grade 7-11 – Advent and Lent (TBD)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation – TBD

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Retreat – TBD

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### Confirmation

Confirmation Retreat – MPB/TBA

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### Service Projects

Watch for information.

*“For it is in giving that we receive.”*  
~ St. Francis of Assisi

**Holy Days of Obligation:**

November 1 – All Saints Day  
December 8 – Immaculate Conception  
December 25 – Christmas  
January 1 – Mary, Mother of God

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”  
~ Philippians 4:6*

**Ash Wednesday** – February 17, 2021

Other Events to put on the calendar:

- Safe Environment for Children session, (TBD)

**HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION**

1. Prepare
2. Begin Confession:
  - a. Bless me Father, for I have sinned.
  - b. My last confession was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Confess any Sins: (Refer to the Ten Commandments)
4. Ending:
  - a. I am sorry for these and for all the sins of my past.

**Practice the following prayer.**

It is requested by the priests that the children know this or any Act of Contrition for Confession.

**ACT OF CONTRITION / PRAYER OF SORROW**

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong,  
And failing to do good.  
I have sinned against you  
Whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
To do penance, to sin no more,  
And to avoid whatever leads me to sin.