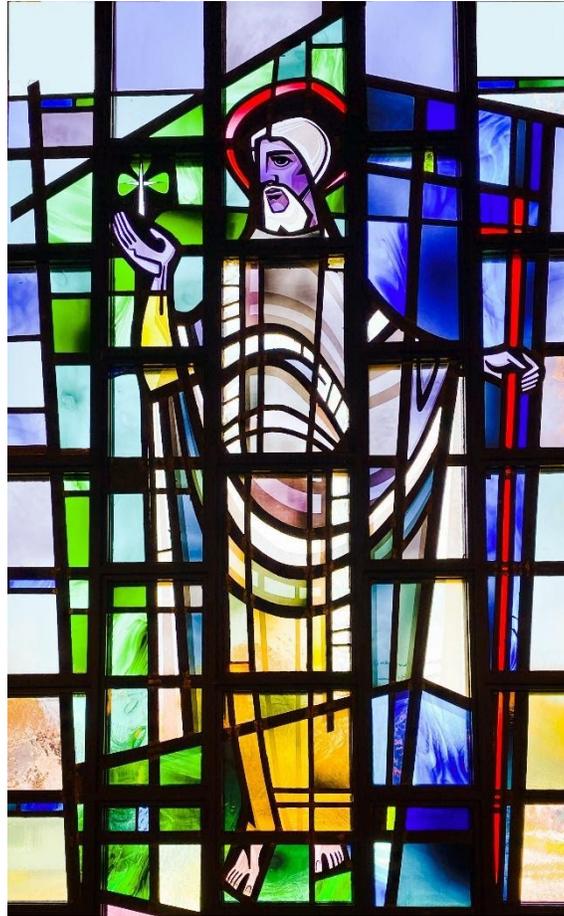


St. Patrick Parish Faith Formation



Parent/Student
Handbook
2020-2021

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St. Patrick Faith Formation Philosophy

*“Go therefore and make disciples of nations...
Teaching them to carry out everything I have commanded you.”
Matthew 28:16-19*

The Faith Formation Department of St. Patrick Parish, while recognizing parents as the primary teachers of their children, is committed to aiding the students to become true Disciples of Christ by means of a structured and systematic introduction to the person and the message of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In presenting the fundamental truths of the Catholic Faith our catechesis will, as all instruction should “be based on Holy Scripture, tradition, liturgy, and on the teaching authority and life of the Church.” (GCD # 14)

Mission Statement

The mission of the Faith Formation Department at St. Patrick Parish is to enable the students to come to know and love Jesus Christ more fully through a comprehensive and systematic catechesis. As with all authentic catechesis, the very essence of our program is Christocentricity. This catechesis is therefore centered on a thorough knowledge of Jesus Christ, His life and Church as revealed in the Word of God transmitted in Tradition and the Scriptures.

“The aim of our catechesis is to put the students not only in touch, but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ.” (CT # 5)

See Appendix - *Christocentricity*

Purpose

We attempt to nurture the threefold fundamental task of catechesis:

1. To proclaim Christ’s message
2. To develop community leading to worship and prayer
3. To motivate service

(NCD #213)

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Class Times & Location

Classes take place in St. Patrick Church Hall & Parish Center

Grades 1-7: 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM, Wednesdays

Grades 8-9: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Sundays

Faith Formation Curriculum

At St. Patrick, the study of our Catholic Faith is considered an academic program. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, are expected to support the spiritual growth in their children and witness to the Catholic faith by praying with their child, listening to their lessons, and attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with them on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

“Before all others parents are bound to form their children by word and example, in faith and in Christian living.” (Canon 774 # 2)

Prayers

The students are expected to memorize specific prayers at each grade level.

The appendix of this handbook contains a list of the basic prayers the Diocese of Madison expects to be memorized at each grade level. A more in-depth list, which is a part of the catechetical standards and benchmarks, can be found at www.madisondiocese.org. Parents are to work with their children on this task since memorization requires constant repetition.

Curriculum

Each year of Faith Formation class builds on the year before. On the next page are the general focus and topics for each grade level. It is hoped that awareness of what your child is learning will help you to discuss in your home what is talked about during structured class time.

Grades 1-7

Students in Grades 1-7 will be using the *Spirit of Truth* instructional series by Sophia Institute Press. The *Spirit of Truth* series models the Divine Pedagogy—the manner through which God has revealed Himself. The Church has passed on his revelation. The content of the Faith unfolds through the narrative of salvation history as presented in Sacred Scripture and developed in Sacred Tradition. Doctrinal, liturgical, moral, and spiritual elements of the faith flow from God's saving work in history. Lessons and teaching resources allow for a variety of activities for different learning styles and educational needs; but all students participate in the common approach of drawing on Scripture and salvation as the basis for coming to understand sacred doctrine, the Sacred Liturgy, and the moral and spiritual life. The unfolding of the Faith through the story of salvation is gradual and relational; in the *Spirit of Truth* series students are invited to encounter Christ through sacred scripture and thereby see themselves as part of the love story between God and man. The beauty of the *Spirit of Truth* program also extends beyond the in-person instructional materials to the online platform available for families to engage and grow in learning about the Faith – inside the classroom and in the home, as well. Each grade level tells the story of salvation from Creation to eternal life, continually pointing to Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Through this nourishment of the truths of the Faith students are transformed and become disciples of Christ.

The *Spirit of Truth* series leads students to the person of Jesus Christ and then immerses them in the Mystery of Christ, fostering dispositions in which students desire communion with God through Jesus in the Holy Spirit, a communion in truth, charity, and mercy.

The *Spirit of Truth* series completes the 6 Fundamental Tasks of Catechesis as described in the General Directory for Catechesis. (see GDC 84-85) To promote: 1. Knowledge of the faith 2. Liturgical Education 3. Moral Formation 4. Teaching to pray 5. Education for Community Life 6. Missionary Initiation

Topics Emphasized in Each Grade Level

Grade 1:	Our Heavenly Father	Grade 5:	Credo: I Believe
Grade 2:	Jesus Our Life	Grade 6:	Following Christ
Grade 3:	Our Life with Jesus	Grade 7:	The Life of Grace
Grade 4:	Jesus Our Guide	Grade 8:	Our Life in the Church

Grades 6-9

Grade 6	<i>Spirit of Truth</i>	<i>Encounter</i>	
Grade 7:	<i>Spirit of Truth</i>	<i>Encounter</i>	<i>Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition</i>
Grade 8:	<i>Faith and Life</i>	<i>Chosen</i>	
Grade 9:	YOU	<i>Chosen</i>	

Encounter: Experiencing God in the Everyday, by Ascension Press, is a life-changing experience that speaks directly to the hearts and minds of middle school aged kids. Designed specifically for 6th to 8th grades, *Encounter* uses the color-coded Bible Timeline learning system to reveal the story of our faith and God’s plan for our lives. As your students are drawn into this story they will come to a new and profound understanding of who God is. Most importantly they will see God not as a distant doctrinal concept, but as a loving Father who desires a meaningful and lasting encounter with them.

Theology of the Body for Teens: Middle School Edition, by Ascension Press, is a program aimed at the unique situation of young Catholics from sixth to eighth grades. These authors use engaging stories, real-life examples and interviews, activities, and questions framed by the culture so relevant to middle school students. In this way, they bring the wisdom and clarity of Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body to the hearts of minds of young Catholics. This program will give students the answers and the tools they need to successfully and safely navigate through life.

Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation, by Ascension Press, is a Catholic Confirmation sacramental preparation program featuring some of the top youth experts in the Church today. This program seeks to win over the hearts of teens at this critical time in their lives and to offer them a life-changing experience that will keep them firmly planted in the faith community of the Church.

Chosen meets young people where they are and speaks to them in a way that challenges many of the basic assumptions they may have about life and the faith. Filmed on locations all around the U.S. and internationally, *Chosen* keeps teens' interest with the right balance of faith, fun, and powerful vignettes that challenge their existing perspectives on the meaning of their lives and their ultimate call to holiness.

YOU: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body by Ascension Press, is an exciting and dynamic program. The world has changed. The modern presentation of personhood has challenges that didn't exist in the past. Today, teens are given conflicting messages on a daily basis, and an approach based simply on rules to be followed is not enough. They need to know that not only is each teenager a unique, unrepeatable gift of God, but so also is their sexuality, and all aspects of their lives. Starting with Saint John Paul II's revolutionary *Theology of the Body*, it addresses many issues teens face. This program will give teens the answers and the tools they need to successfully and safely navigate through life. An informational session for parents will be offered prior to the start of the program.

*Information taken from www.ascensionpress.com

Sacraments and Sacramental Preparation

The Church teaches that parents are the primary teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. Through experience, we have found that the faith of the parents needs to be nourished and fortified. The Sacramental Preparation Program is designed to assist parents in learning more about the Catholic faith, in reflecting on the role the Catholic Church plays in their lives in sharing their faith with their children. As such, this program is an opportunity to rejuvenate the faith of the parents at a critical time in the spiritual lives of their children.

Both children and parents need to recognize that a person does not receive the sacraments just because they have reached a certain age or because they are in a certain grade. Rather, reception of the sacraments requires that both the children and the parents have taken the necessary steps to prepare for this celebration.

Sacramental Preparation Fee

There is a Sacramental Preparation fee to help defray the cost of our sacramental preparation programs. The fee for First Reconciliation and First Communion together is \$20.00. The fee for Confirmation is \$50.00.

Reconciliation

Children and parents of children wishing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation are **expected** to attend the Reconciliation Formation Retreat on **Saturday, February 6th, 2020 from 1:00-6:00 pm.**

First Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 at 6 pm in the church.

Eucharist

Children and parents of children wishing to receive First Holy Communion are **expected** to attend the First Communion Formation Retreat on **Saturday, April 17th, 2021.**

First Communion Practice will be held on Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 during our regular class time and First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, April 25th, 2021 at the 10am Mass.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are usually received in the 2nd grade. In order to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, students must be in the St. Patrick Faith Formation program **for two years prior to the reception of the sacrament.** If they have not been in the St. Patrick Faith Formation program, but have been in another Catholic Faith Formation program, proof of participation will be needed.

Confirmation

Confirmation preparation begins in 8th grade, and students will be confirmed in the spring of 9th grade. In order to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, students must be in the St. Patrick Faith Formation program or another program for consecutive years. If they have not been in the St. Patrick program, but have been in another Catholic Faith Formation program, proof of participation will be needed.

Regional Confirmation Information

Starting in the spring of 2010, the Diocese of Madison began holding Regional Confirmations. Neighboring parishes work together to plan one large Confirmation celebration. These Regional Confirmations allow for powerful, unified ceremonies which encourage collaboration between parishes throughout the diocese; help reinforce an understanding of the Universal Church for our students; demonstrate for young people the sheer number of peer-believers in their own area; and create for them a greater sense of a “special occasion.” In the end, this format will mean that more young people will be confirmed at the hand of the diocesan bishop, the successor of the Apostles.

More information about the Regional Confirmation celebrations can be found on the Diocese of Madison website—www.madisondiocese.org

The 9th grade families will be notified as soon as we receive our date for Confirmation for spring 2020 from the diocese. Our Regional Confirmation celebration will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Monona or St. Dennis in Madison.

Confirmation Retreat

Students in the 9th grade/and or their second year of Confirmation preparation are expected to attend the Confirmation Retreat. The retreat will be held Sunday, January 10th, 2021. If we are unable to have the retreat on January 10th, the backup date is Sunday, February 14th, 2021. If a student is not able to attend the Confirmation Retreat through St. Patrick, it is his or her responsibility to find another Confirmation retreat to attend. If a student attends a retreat other than through St. Patrick, written proof of participation by whoever is charge of the retreat he or she attends, will need to be turned in to the St. Patrick Faith Formation Office. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain the proof of participation.

Parish Service

In years one and two of Confirmation preparation, students will be asked to complete service hours throughout the year. Year one Confirmation students should complete a minimum of 5 hours of which at least half are at the parish. Year two Confirmation students should complete a minimum of 10 hours of which at least half are at the parish. **Students will receive forms to document their service. All service hour forms should be turned in by March 14th, 2021.**

Circle of Grace (Safe Environment)

Beginning in the Fall of 2018, the Diocese of Madison began using the "Circle of Grace" program for the children's component of our Safe Environment efforts. This replaced the "Valuing God's Gifts in Ourselves and Others" program formerly used in our diocese. This new program, used by many Catholic dioceses throughout the U.S., addresses some of the new challenges which have arisen to confront our children in the past 15 years, such as those presented by the internet.

The Diocese of Madison takes very seriously its commitment to protecting children by every means available. This includes helping young people to better understand their intrinsic dignity and worth as children of God and to navigate some of the dangers our culture throws at them. To that end, appropriate resources are presented annually to all children and youth in diocesan catechetical programs. Your child will participate in such a lesson from the "Circle of Grace" program.

The lessons are age-appropriate and are designed to help children develop the vocabulary and boundary distinctions necessary to ensure their health and safety. You may want to preview the lesson your child will be taught. You are also most welcome to attend the class with your child. You can find the grade-specific lessons on the diocesan website at www.MadisonDiocese.org/cog-lesson-plans

However, we also understand and support the role of parents as the primary educators of their children, and recognize that some parents may choose to present this instruction themselves to their own children. If you would like to do this and “opt out” of the classroom opportunity, please contact the St. Patrick Faith Formation Office. This helps us hold ourselves accountable as a Diocese to the integrity of our efforts, as well as helping us improve our efforts where necessary.

You may want to remind your children that no one should approach or touch them in a way that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. If someone does, they should immediately tell you.

Parents are encouraged to visit the diocesan website for links to additional valuable resources aimed at keeping your children safe. See www.MadisonDiocese.org/safety-tips-for-parents

If you have any questions about the “Circle of Grace,” please feel free to contact the St. Patrick Faith Formation Office. (See Appendix for more information about “Circle of Grace.”)

Attendance

Calendar

The calendar for the year will for the most part coincide with the Deerfield and Monona Grove School Districts. Any adjustments will be published in the monthly parent newsletters and/or the Sunday parish bulletin. Parents will also be emailed any changes. *See Appendix for full calendar.*

Classes are on Wednesday 6 PM – 7:15 PM for Grades 1-7

and

Sunday 6:30 PM – 8 PM for Grades 8-9

For families opting to use the online instructional resources for Faith Formation through *Spirit of Truth* and any Sacramental Prep Materials during this Academic Year – regular participation is expected and required. We will be regularly monitoring student progress in the application/s each week, and following up to ensure that students and their families are supported. Continual lack of progress or engagement with the program (i.e. not logging in, not completing sessions or units in a timely manner) will result in conversations with the Director/s and Pastor to determine the best path forward.

Absence

Regular attendance is expected of all students. **Parents are asked email the Faith Formation Office at least ½ hour before class if a student will be absent or tardy.** If a student is not present at class, and has not been previously excused, parents will be called to determine whether or not they are aware of the absence. If a student accumulates more than two absences in a semester, parents or guardians will be notified to discuss making up missed materials.

Attendance every year for Faith Formation classes is very important.

If a student misses a year or years of Faith Formation classes, they will need to make up the work from those classes. Arrangements to make up this work can be made with the directors.

News & Information

Website

www.st-patrick-parish.com

Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpatrickcg/

Band App

We will be switching from using the Remind App to the Band App. Band accommodates more two-way communication, helps make scheduling smoother with group calendaring, and allows for RSVPs. You will receive an email or text invitation to join certain groups or "Bands". High school and some middle school students will be encouraged to use Band, so that we can keep them in the loop, too.

Registration & Finances

Registration

Registration for the St. Patrick Faith Formation program will be held from March to May of the preceding year. All forms for returning families will be due by May 1st. A Late Fee will be added if the Registration Form is received by the Faith Formation and/or Parish Office after May 1st.

Tuition

Tuition is \$70.00 per student per year (Grades 1-9) with a \$190.00 cap per family per year. In addition, there is a Sacramental Preparation Fee for those students in a sacrament year. See the Sacramental Preparation section for more information.

Non-Parishioner Fee

If a family is not registered as parishioners of St. Patrick, there is a non-parishioner fee of \$25.00 per student, in addition to the normal Faith Formation tuition.

Payment Schedule

1. Full payment of tuition can be made on the first day of class
2. 50% of the total amount due per family can be made on the first day of class and the remainder paid at the start of the 2nd semester.
3. A personal and individual payment plan can be set up if your family situation so demands.

****No student will be turned away from Faith Formation classes due to finances. Please speak to the Director(s) or the Pastor.****

Academics

Faith Formation Homeschooling

If a family is interested in homeschooling their children in Faith Formation, please contact the Directors and/or the Pastor.

ACRE Standardized Test

In order to determine the effectiveness of our program and to discern which areas of catechesis need further reinforcement, standardized tests will be administered to certain grades during the year. At the current time, we are using the ACRE test.

The ACRE test assists in the evaluation of catechetical/faith formation programs in Catholic schools and parishes. As an integrated assessment tool, NCEA ACRE provides faith knowledge questions (cognitive domain) and questions related to religious beliefs, attitudes practices and perceptions (affective domain). As a multilevel, age appropriate tool, this test is used in grade 5 (Level 1), grade 8 (Level 2) during the 2019-2020 school year.

Information on ACRE Testing will be shared as more information becomes available, but has taken place in past years during the Spring.

Arrival/Dismissal

Sign In and Sign Out Procedure

For the safety of the younger students, we ask that families of 1st-5th graders sign their children in and out of classes.

Wednesday Evening Drop-Off and Pick –Up

Please park in the Parish Center parking lot, the street, or the parking lot across the street. **Do not park in the small lot at the back of the church as many children walk across that driveway.** While it is okay for older kids to be quickly dropped off in the driving lane of Parish Center parking lot, do not use the driving lane as a pick-up lane. At the time of pick-up, all vehicles need to be parked in a parking stall or in the street. Waiting for children in the driving lane causes a back up that makes it nearly impossible to exit the Parish Center parking lot.

Early Dismissal

If it is necessary for a student to leave Faith Formation classes early, the family should communicate this to the teacher at the start of class or he/she must have a note from his/her parents. The note should state the time the child is to leave, the reason for leaving early, and the name of the person who will be picking the child up. The parent/adult should go to the classroom to pick up the child. No child will be allowed to leave the building at any time other than the regularly scheduled dismissal time without being escorted by his/her parents or an adult chosen by the parents.

Student Guidelines

Dress Code

Students are not to dress in clothing that is unbecoming a Christian student. Spaghetti strap, tank, or midriff tops are not permitted. Clothing is to be neither too short nor too tight. There is to be no objectionable pictures or printing on the clothing. Students who wear clothing determined inappropriate by the pastor, director, and/or catechist will be sent to the office.

Electronic Devices and Cell Phones

Electronic devices and cell phones are not to be used during Faith Formation class time. At the start of class, devices and phones will be collected by the catechist and returned at the end. The church and/or the Faith Formation Program is not liable for broken or stolen electronic devices.

Address/Phone Number/Email

Please notify the Faith Formation Office of any change in address, phone number, or email. It is extremely important for us to have correct records.

Handbook

Students and parents are responsible for reading and abiding by all of the material in the Parent/Student Handbook.

Discipline Policy

Classroom Behavior

The students are expected to show respect for themselves, others, and parish property at all times.

Students have the responsibility to:

- * Be on time for class
- * Bring textbooks, homework, or other required materials
- * Respect catechists and other students by observing classroom rules
 - * Be respectful in language and behavior
 - * Be respectful of the buildings, property, and classroom materials

The catechist and the Directors will handle all inappropriate behavior. Parents will be notified concerning any incidents.

Severe Weather

Cancellation of Class

In the event of severe weather conditions that would make the building or travel unsafe for the students, Faith Formation classes will be cancelled. If the Monona Grove School District is closed, Faith Formation classes will be cancelled. If classes are not cancelled, and a family determines that travel is too difficult, particularly families who live in surrounding communities, please notify the Directors of the absence.

Cancellations will be placed on www.st-patrick-parish.com and on the St. Patrick facebook page. Parents will also be emailed about any cancellations and can also sign up to receive text updates.

Health and Safety

Accident/Illness

Parents are asked to keep children home who register a temperature above normal. In the event of an accident or illness of a student, the parent or other designated person indicated on his or her Registration Form will be telephoned. If the accident is serious, the child will be brought to the hospital indicated on his or her Registration Form and the parent/guardian will be contacted.

Communicable Disease

Students with head lice, pinkeye (conjunctivitis), or other communicable disease must be excluded from class until symptoms are no longer apparent.

Medical Information

Medical information is to be on file for each student. It needs to be updated **each** year on the Faith Formation Registration Form. It is the parent's responsibility to be sure that medical information is given to the directors before the first day of class each year.

Visitors

Only students registered in the program are to be in the buildings during the hours of Faith Formation. If for any reason, there is someone who wishes to observe a class, speak to a catechist, or student, etc. he/she must first report to the Faith Formation office.

Virtus

As part of the Diocesan program for protecting our children, the Diocesan office has mandated that any employee or volunteer who has regular contact with children must clear a background check and receive Virtus training. Please contact the Directors for more information.

APPENDIX

CHRISTOCENTRICITY

The goal of all our catechesis is to be centered in Christocentricity.

“The fourth general assembly of the synod of Bishops often stressed the Christocentricity of all authentic catechesis. ‘Christocentricity’ in catechesis is intended to stress that at the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, ‘the only Son from the Father... full of grace and truth’, who suffered and died for us and who now, after rising, is living with us forever. It is Jesus who is ‘the way, and the truth, and the life,’ and Christian living consists in following Christ.”

“Christocentricity in catechesis also means the intention to transmit not one’s own teaching or that of some other master, but the teaching of Jesus Christ, the Truth that He communicates or, to put it more precisely, the Truth that He is. We must therefore say that in catechesis it is Christ, the Incarnate Word and Son of God, who is taught – everything else is taught with reference to Him - and it is Christ alone who teaches – anyone else teaches to the extent that he is Christ’s spokesman, enabling Christ to teach with his lips. Whatever be the level of his responsibility in the Church, every catechist must constantly endeavor to transmit by his teaching and behavior the teaching and life of Jesus. He will not seek to keep directed towards himself and his personal opinions and attitudes the attention and consent of the mind and heart of the person he is catechizing. Above all, he will not try to inculcate his personal opinions and options as if they expressed Christ’s teaching and the lessons of His life. Every catechist should be able to apply to himself the mysterious words of Jesus: ‘My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.’ St. Paul did this when he was dealing with a question of prime importance: ‘I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you.’ What assiduous study of the word of God transmitted by the Church’s magisterium, what profound familiarity with Christ and with the Father, what a spirit of prayer, what detachment from self must a catechist have in order that he can say: ‘My teaching is not mine!’”

This teaching is not a body of abstract truths. It is the communication of the living mystery of God.”

¹ Catechesi Tradendae, (Catechesis in Our Time), Pope John Paul II 5-6, p. 6-7

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

Circle of Grace Information

Common Questions of Parents

1. How is this connected to the “Safe Environment” program?

Circle of Grace is the safe environment program for children/youth. The goal is to help children/youth understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help when needed through their relationships with trusted adults.

2. What information can this program give my child that they are not getting already?

The Circle of Grace program reinforces in a peer setting that their faith community cares about their safety and wants them to understand how to seek help if they feel unsafe for any reason. It will help them identify potentially unsafe situations and know how to handle them by seeking help from trusted adults.

3) You indicate that this program will provide them with “life skills”, what do you mean by this?

It reinforces that they are valued by God and others. It gives them information on boundaries and practical directives of what to do if someone makes them feel uncomfortable when in their Circle of Grace. It is a good foundation for healthy relationships that will help them throughout their lives.

4) Will this program be age appropriate?

Yes! The lessons were written with great attention to the stages of child development.

5) How can parents support what is being taught in the program?

Parents will receive parent letters as well as take home activities for several of the lessons to do with their children. Talking with your child about the Circle of Grace at home will help your children to understand the importance of the lessons and that the lessons apply everywhere, not just at school. Additionally, you are your child’s most important teacher in the area of relationships. Much of what your child will learn and later imitate about relationships comes from what they learn by your example. Creating an atmosphere where they know that they can talk to you about anything provides a valuable safety net for your child because they know they have you to turn to whenever they have a concern.

6) Is there accountability attached to this program implementation? Yes! There will be ongoing evaluation of the program to ensure its effectiveness and to incorporate any suggestions that would improve the quality of the program.

7) Will there be resources (people and materials) available if I have questions?

Yes! There will be parent information available to all parents that includes contact numbers.

8) Shouldn’t parents be the only ones teaching their children about sexuality?

Absolutely! This is NOT a sex education program. Circle of Grace will provide children with a sound understanding of their own value and of God’s care and presence in their lives. It will also help them notice the signals that tell them when they do not feel safe and how to talk to a trusted adult. All of this will be a good foundation for healthy relationships.

However, this is not a sexuality education program. Many parents will appreciate that this program will provide a spiritual framework that will allow parent-child communication about the value of all that they are, including their sexuality. Those conversations are most effective between parent and child. There are grade specific Parents First newsletters to assist you in these conversations.

9) Is this a mandatory program for my child?

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) developed the Charter for Protection of Children and Youth People. Article 12 of this document states that each Diocese will have a safe environment program for adults and children/youth. If you have questions or concerns about your child participating in the Circle of Grace program, please contact your Director or Religious Education, Principal, etc.

St. Patrick Faith Formation 2019-2020 Calendar

PRAYERS

The Sign of the Cross (Grades 1-8)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Hail Mary (Grades 1-8)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Our Father (Grades 1-8)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

Glory Be (Grades 1-8)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Morning Offering (Grades 3-8)

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your sacred heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all the apostles of prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

Grace Before Meals (1-8)

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Guardian Angel (Grades 1-8)

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Act of Contrition (Grades 2-8)

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin again. Amen

The Apostles Creed (Grades 2-8)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Memorare (Grades 4-8)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

Hail Holy Queen (Grades 4-8)

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving O sweet Virgin Mary

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Angelus (Grades 4-8)

P: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
R: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary . . .

P: Behold the handmaid of the Lord
R: Be it done unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary . . .

P: And the Word was made flesh
R: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Let us pray: Pour forth we beseech you O Lord Your grace into our hearts. That we to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may by His passion and cross be brought the glory of His resurrection through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael (Grades 5-8)

St. Michael the Arch Angel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray and do thou oh Prince of the Heavenly Host—by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Most Holy Rosary (Grades 5-8)

The Five Joyful Mysteries (Grades 1-8)

(Monday & Saturday)

1. Annunciation
2. Visitation
3. Birth of Jesus
4. Presentation
5. Finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Five Luminous Mysteries (Grades 4-8)

(Thursday)

1. Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan
2. Jesus' Self-manifestation at the Wedding of Cana
3. Jesus' Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries

(Tuesday & Friday)

1. Agony in the Garden
2. Scourging at the Pillar
3. Crowning of Thorns
4. Jesus Carries His Cross
5. Crucifixion

The Five Glorious Mysteries (Grades 3-8)

(Wednesday & Sunday)

1. Resurrection
2. Ascension
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5. Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Notes