

Church of the Resurrection

6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road • New Albany, OH 43054

2021-2022

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



Our Mission...

...to meet children at their level of development, teach them the love of Christ and the joy of His forgiveness and salvation, help them learn the truth of His Word, and encourage their growth within the body of Believers

Our Vision ...

...that the children will know Christ, understand His Word, grow in their own spiritual walk, and be able to share the love of Christ with others.

Our staff and catechists are committed to nurturing the student's spiritual and moral growth with a strong foundation in the Catholic faith, so that they may live out the Gospel of Jesus in their daily lives.

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Religious Education Offices

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The information and regulations included in this handbook are pertinent to the success of the Religious Education Program. Catechists, staff, parents, and students can use this guide to achieve a successful learning environment. Please keep this handbook accessible, as it contains answers to frequently asked questions.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS



(Church of the Resurrection Elementary Education Days) is our weekly faith formation program for children in grades PreK-5. The curriculum used for CREED is St. Mary's Press *Discover: Finding Faith in Life*. There are 5 sessions of **CREED offered weekly from September through April.**

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN - The mission for Preschool and Kindergarten children is to build a foundation of Catholic Faith. Through weekly instruction, in conjunction with the Allelu! program from Our Sunday Visitor, we use bible stories, crafts, videos and other hands-on activities that encourage the development of a basic knowledge of our Catholic customs, traditions, and values.

ELEMENTARY - Elementary school children, grades 1-5, are introduced to the basic teachings of the Catholic faith through weekly instruction using *Discover! Finding Faith in Life*. Published by Saint Mary's Press, this faith formation program puts *The Catholic Children's Bible* at the center. Founder Saint John Baptist de La Salle believed that God's word is powerful in touching hearts. *Discover* enables children to connect the dots and transform a learned faith into a joyfully lived faith!

When We Meet: Monday 4:30-5:45, Monday 6:15-7:30, Tuesday 4:30-5:45, Tuesday 6:15-7:30, Wednesday 4:30-5:45

WORD OF GOD



Journey with Jesus is our children's Liturgy of the Word program for children 3 years of age through 1st grade. This program is designed to teach the Sunday Mass readings at the child's age level. The children begin in the Church with their family and are sent forth as a group prior to the Liturgy of The Word. They return to the church during the Offertory.

No registration is needed. *Journey with Jesus* begins in October and runs through April.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM: Baptismal preparation is offered one Sunday a month following the 11:00 am Mass. Check the bulletin for the schedule or call the office at 614-855-1400 for more details. For baptism of children age 8 or older, contact the Religious Ed office.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: Classes are available for children, grades 3 and up, who have not been baptized and/or received the sacrament of Eucharist and are above the age for which the sacrament is typically received. Call the Religious Ed office to discuss your child's needs.

RECONCILIATION (A.K.A. "PENANCE" AND "CONFESSION"): Preparation occurs in both the 2nd and the 4th grade CREED classes. Reception of the sacrament takes place on a Saturday morning for our 2nd graders. An all inclusive parent/child retreat and penance service will be held for our 4th graders in the spring. *Your child must be enrolled in CREED in order to receive this sacrament. They must also be attending Mass on a weekly basis.*

FIRST EUCHARIST: (FIRST COMMUNION): Preparation occurs in the 2nd grade but is also available for older students that have been baptized but not yet received this sacrament. There is a Retreat for First Communicants and their parents held in the spring. The group masses will be celebrated in April. *Your child must be enrolled in CREED in order to receive this sacrament. They must also be attending Mass on a weekly basis.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This highly successful program will be held June 19-24, 2022 with AM and PM sessions offered. Please see the parish website for more information.



FAMILY LITURGY

A Family Mass is held at the 5:00pm Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month from October – May. All liturgical roles (greeter, lector, EOM, offertory gift bearers) are performed by students in grades 3-12. The SOAR Music Ministry (grades 2-12) is responsible for the music.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

RISE

Inspired by Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's motto "Verso L'Alto" (TO THE TOP), our Middle School program empowers our RISE'rs to apply the gospel to their lives. RISE meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 in the Ministry Center.



BLAZE

Blaze is a Walking with Purpose ministry for Middle-School girls. It was created to counteract the way our society drives girls to question their identity, worth and beauty. Through Blaze, we emphasize how a girl's identity is rooted in Christ as God's chosen, beloved daughter. An antidote to bullying, anxiety, and body-image issues, Blaze replaces lies with truth and strengthens girls from the inside out through the use of Scripture-based programs.



- 20 weekly lessons meeting at the same time as Walking with Purpose
- Each week, participants are led through an ice breaker activity and a short lesson based on a lie found in the world and a truth found in Scripture.
- The girls leave with a small take-home gift which corresponds with the lesson.

As the girls are introduced to the Bible in relevant and fresh ways, they will hear Jesus telling them how loved and beautiful they are!

SUPPLEMENTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Bible Studies and small group discipleship are available to all middle school students. There will also be additional opportunities for fellowship and retreats throughout the year.

All 6-8 grade students, let us journey together TO THE TOP!

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

IGNITE

At *Ignite* we explore the Truth of the Gospel and discuss how it applies to our lives. *Ignite* gives you the opportunity to: Ask tough questions; deepen your relationship with Christ; make friends who will encourage you, challenge you, and hold you accountable; become a better, stronger, happier person. It's so much more than a Sunday evening gathering! High school students are invited to come see what it's all about. *Ignite* takes place every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:00.

CONFIRMATION



We are called, we are chosen, we are sent by God to share His love and light to all the world! Welcome to the beginning of the next phase of your faith journey! God has big plans for you, and our Confirmation program helps you discern what those plans might be. We begin Confirmation in fall of freshman year (or older, if we missed you when you were a freshman!), and celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. Sunday night sessions are designed to help you deepen your relationship with the God who made you, who loves you, and who calls you! Our peer leadership team (*Quo Vadis*) journeys with you through the year, developing life-long friendships and peer mentor relationships. Sessions take place every other Sunday evening from 5:00-6:30.

MARCH FOR LIFE

As Catholics, we believe in the dignity of the human person, from conception to natural death. Every January we make a 3 day pilgrimage to Washington DC to have a voice for the voiceless! We attend a youth rally with praise, worship, confessions and Eucharistic adoration. We not only march for the protection of life but we also attend Mass together, eat together, bond on a crazy bus drive and throughout it all we storm heaven with prayers! This is how we put our faith in action!



WINTER RETREAT

Although the message changes from year to year the theme remains, this is a time for our youth to rest, recharge and dig deeper in their relationship with Christ. This three day, two-night retreat gives our youth a change to unplug from the secular world and look to the heavenly one. The date varies from year to year but always falls within the middle of our year, a perfect time to reset.

GOSPEL ROAD

The week prior to Father's Day we travel down to Vinton County to spend 7 days and 6 nights serving the residents of the community. From replacing roofs to building wheel chair ramps, we do it all! Our youth, under the instruction and supervision of knowledgeable adult leaders, are empowered to step out of their comfort zone. We work hard all day, pray and grow as a community to serve our brothers and sisters. A week to disconnect and dig deeper in your relationship with our Lord. We are called to be the hands and feet of our Lord and this is a perfect way to serve his people.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

LIFT – Living in Faith Together



LIFT was created in the belief that parents are the primary educators of their children in the Catholic faith. At Baptism the Church asks parents if they accept the responsibility to form their child in the practice of the faith.

LIFT empowers parents to do just that – give them the tools and confidence to live out that promise!

Families with students registered in CREED, Rise, and Ignite are automatically enrolled in LIFT. Each month, October through April, families will receive a LIFT Kit of activities that will help guide them in living out their faith at home. The focus of this year's LIFT program will be Living Liturgically. These activities will be reinforced with opportunities for families to gather – to share experiences and support each other as they navigate living the Catholic faith within their families.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Religious Education works closely with various parish ministries, such as J.O.I.N., Knights of Columbus, Women's Group, and Social Concerns. We encourage our young people to participate in the parish liturgical ministries. All ministries require some form of training and a few have age/sacramental requirements. Please contact the Parish Office at 614-855-1400 if your child would like to participate in a liturgical ministry.

SOAR MUSIC MINISTRY

This music ministry is for students in grades 2-12 who like to sing and are looking for ways to actively participate in the mass.

The SOAR music ministry will provide music at the monthly Family Mass on the 2nd Saturday of the month (October – May).

The practices are on Sundays. Students in 2-5 grade practice from 12:30-1:00, and students in 6-12 grade practice from 1:00-2:00.

In addition to developing the musical and spiritual needs of the young people of our parish, the SOAR music ministry also features many social activities (weenie roast, bowling, Christmas parties, etc.).

CHERUB CHOIR

Children in grades K-1 are invited to participate in the **Cherub Choir** during the Christmas season. Watch the bulletin for details.



DIOCESAN POLICIES

Harrasment Policy For Minors

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1. Harassment can take many forms. Harassment can occur at any parish activity, and/or can take place in classrooms, halls, cafeterias, gymnasiums, or even at programs sponsored by the parish at other locations. It does not include compliments of a socially acceptable nature. Harassment is verbal or physical conduct that embarrasses, denigrates, or shows hostility toward a person because of his/her race, color, religion, gender, sex, national origin, age or disability or other protected characteristics.
2. It is the policy of the Diocese of Columbus to maintain a spiritually enriching environment in all programs and activities, free of all forms of harassment and intimidation. No participant, volunteer adult leader, or parish staff member -male or female-should be subject to unlawful harassment in any form, and specifically not to unsolicited and/or unwelcome sexual overtures or conduct, either verbal or physical.
3. Conduct which constitutes sexual harassment is prohibited. Sexually harassing conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:> Offensive sexual flirtations, advances, propositions;> Continued or repeated verbal abuse of a sexual or gender-based nature;> Explicit or degrading sexual or gender-based comments about another individual or his or her appearance; >The display or circulation of sexually explicit or suggestive writing, pictures or objects;> Any offensive or physical conduct which shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of gender or sex;> Graffiti of a sexual nature;> Fondling oneself sexually or talking about one's sexual activity in front of others;> Spreading rumors about or categorizing others as to sexual activity.

Sex harassment is not limited to conduct that is sexual in nature -it also includes harassment that is based on gender. Gender-based harassment, which is also prohibited, is conduct that would not occur except for the sex of the person involved. An example would be referring to a woman by or as a female body part, or a demeaning sex-based term, or treating people differently because of their gender. The same prohibitions apply with regard to inflammatory or offensive comments or behaviors which are based upon race, color, age, religion, disability, or national origin. In short, working relationships between employees and volunteers must be based on mutual respect.

Sexual harassment also includes the taking of, or refusal to take, any personnel or other action on the basis of a person's submission to or refusal of sexual overtures. No person should so much as imply that an individual's "cooperation" or submission to unwelcome sexual activity will have any effect on the individual's

employment, assignment, compensation, advancement, development, program evaluation, participation in parish programs or activities, or any other condition of employment or achievement.

Not all physical conduct is necessarily considered sexual in nature. (For example, a coach hugging a student after an accomplishment, a youth minister consoling an adolescent with an injury or physical conduct during athletic events would not be considered sexual conduct.) However, peer-based sexual harassment is a form of prohibited conduct where the harassing conduct creates a hostile environment.

4. A sexually hostile environment can be created by a parish employee, volunteer, minor, or visitor to the parish activity.
5. Any person who believes that he/she is subject to unlawful harassment or intimidation must contact the (a) program administrator, (b) pastor, or (c) diocesan director of religious education. A complaint must be filed in writing. In the event that an individual alleges harassment by a program administrator or a pastor, the individual may file the complaint with the diocesan director of religious education. All complaints will be promptly investigated, and the person initiating the complaint will be advised of the outcome of the investigation.
6. Where it is determined that harassment has occurred, the appropriate authority will take immediate disciplinary action against any program administrator, volunteer, or staff engaging in harassment. The response shall take into account the individuals and circumstances. Such action may include, depending on the circumstances, disciplinary measures up to and including termination of services.
7. No retaliation against anyone who reports harassment will be tolerated. The Diocese prohibits such retaliation and will take appropriate responsive action if retaliation occurs.

PARISH RESPONSIBILITIES

1. As a best practice, each parish shall give staff and volunteers a copy of the Harassment Policy. The staff and volunteers are to sign and return the Harassment Policy Verification Form.
2. Each parish program shall follow diocesan procedures for timely investigation and response to complaints.
3. Each parish shall periodically train program administrators, staff and volunteers to ensure that they understand which types of behavior constitute harassment, the prevention of harassment, and how they should respond in the event of experiencing such behavior. Records are to be kept of training dates and names of those in attendance.
4. Each parish program shall include the Harassment Policy in materials distributed to the program's staff/volunteers.

Curriculum Support for « Protecting God’s Children »

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Operating standards for all schools in the State of Ohio require that personal safety and assault prevention be taught in grades kindergarten through six. Operating standards for the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association have the same requirements. The Diocese of Columbus implements this requirement through the Religion Course of Study in schools and Parish Schools of Religion. In addition, in Catholic schools, standards in the Course of Study for Health provide additional opportunities for instruction.

Religion Course of Study 2015

Introduction: The tasks, topics, and grade level standards are from the Religion Course of Study 2015

Task: III. Catechesis Promotes Moral Formation in Jesus Christ

- V. Catechesis Prepares the Christian to Live in Community and to Participate in the Life & Mission of the Church.

Topics and Standards related to sexuality and personal safety in the Religion Course of Study.

Gospel of Life (III.F)

- God created all things good, out of love for all peoples
- Every person has inherent dignity because he/she is made in God’s image, with an intellect and free will
- All life is sacred from conception to natural death
- Care and respect for oneself and of others is the proper response to God’s love
- Every person is created with a body and a soul – we respect and care for the whole person
- God created the world, its resources and all creatures. We are obligated to be good stewards of creation
- Human dignity can be destroyed through bullying, cheating, gossip, lies, prejudice, slander, stealing, etc
- All actions, both public and private, must strive to promote human dignity for all people
- Human work is a participation in God’s creative work and essential to human dignity
- The first principle of Catholic Social Teaching is the promotion of the dignity of the human person

Living a Moral Life (III.G)

- Jesus is the preeminent example of loving God and others
- God gives each person grace and particular gifts to live as a disciple of Christ
- God gives an intellect and free will to all people to use to make sound moral decisions
- Virtues are good habits that help all to live moral lives

- Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are expressions of our love for God and others
- Know that one's behavior bears witness to one's faith
- In spite of inevitable human weakness and failures, all Christians are called to live a virtuous life each day

Spiritual Growth (V.A)

- Holiness is a gift from God, which all are called to grow in throughout their lifetime
- Participation in the sacraments and community life support spiritual growth
- Practicing the virtues and establishing good habits enable one to grow in relationship with God, self and others
- Prayer and a life of study assist one in spiritual and moral growth
- Discipleship is living a life of virtue and service

Relationships and Responsibilities (V.B)

- God calls all of us to love each other as Jesus did
- Feelings are natural but are not the sole guide to our actions
- Understand the nature and responsibilities of Christian friendship
- Know that the Ten Commandments and the doctrines of the Church are guides for action
- Know how values and virtues are vital to forming right relationships
- Understand the Church's teaching on the purpose of the Common Good and our individual and collective responsibilities to promote it

Marriage and Family Life - Domestic Church (V.C)

- Family is a special gift from God in which all members are called to care for one another
- Understand the concept that family is a domestic church—a place of faith, hope and charity
- God made men and women equal in dignity
- Human sexuality is a gift from God
- Families cooperate in God's work of creation by raising and educating children in the faith
- Marriage is a sacrament between one man and one woman that is intended to be permanent and fruitful
- Understand the role of mutual love and respect the responsibilities of spouses toward each other and their children

**For a full list of grade level standards,
contact the Office of Religious Education and Catechesis.**



Health Course of Study (2015)

Strand: Safety

Grade Level Standards

- Understand “stranger danger” (K.PES.6)
- Know the difference between “good” and “bad” touch (K.PES.7)
- Understand that any inappropriate touch needs to be reported to an adult (1 and up)
- Identify the people to contact in an emergency situation (I.PHS.1 and up)
- Identify ways to maintain safety in various environments (I.PES.1,2,3,4 and up)
- Know and use necessary safety practices (2 and up; HS)
- Recognize the misuse and inappropriate expressions of sexuality (HS)
- Learn good decision-making skills (6.SC.2 and up)

Strand: Self-Concepts

Grade Level Standards

- Each person is a gift of God, deserving respect (K.SC.1 and up)
- Know when adult help is needed to resolve a problem (I.SC.3 and up)
- Identify some situations that could cause physical or emotional harm and list strategies to avoid them (K and up)
- Identify refusal skills (K and up; HS)

Strand: Communities

Grade Level Standards

- Recognize positive adult - child relationships (K and up)
- Responsible use of technology & social media, including photos (6 and up)
- Morally responsible behavior toward others (HS.C.1)

Strand: The Body Systems

Grade Level Standards

- The Reproductive System (5.BS.1; HS.BS.1)

The Parent, Parish and School Partnership

Although parishes and schools provide instruction through the Religion Course of Study regarding personal safety and assault prevention, the Diocese of Columbus supports parents who are the first and primary educators.

To that end, in addition to requiring parents to participate in the Protecting God’s Children program, parents are provided support in working with their own children.

The VIRTUS Resource, “Practical Advice for Parents on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse,” is distributed to parents through the parishes and schools.

