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| Suggested Prayers Prayers such as the Hail Mary, Glory Be, etc., as well as different parts of the faith/Church, such as the Precepts of the Church or the Beatitudes are wonderful spiritual tools to have on our faith journey. Here are a few suggestions and tools for you to help strengthen your child’s toolbox, that they can reach for, at any time, during any stage in life. This is definitely not limited to all they can learn, these are truly just suggestions for what they should know at each grade level. Please let me know if you have any questions, help finding these prayers, or would like more resources!  **Pre-K**: Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Grace before meals  **Kindergarten**: Prayer after meals, Glory Be, Our Father  **1st Grade**: Angel of God, Morning Offering  **2nd Grade**: Act of Contrition, Prayer to St. Michael  **3rd Grade**: The Rosary, Fatima Prayer, Hail Holy Queen  **4th Grade**: Prayer to the Holy Spirit, Ten Commandments  **5th Grade**: Anima Christi, Act of Faith  **6th Grade**: Act of Hope, Act of Love, Pillars of the Catholic Church  **7th Grade**: Beatitudes, Understanding of Stewardship, Stewardship Renewal Prayer  **8th Grade**: The Way of the Cross, Understanding Clergy and Authority of the Church  **High School**: Precepts of the Church, Vocations Prayer  **Confirmation**: Understanding the Saints, Gifts of the Holy Spirit |  |  | |  | | --- | | St. Patrick’s Religious Education Handbook  2023-2024 | |  | |
| Thank you for sharing your faith with your children and entrusting us at St. Patrick’s to assist your family in this important church tradition!  Makaela Lauderdale  Director of Religious Education  308-532-0942  [office@stpatsnp.org](mailto:office@stpatsnp.org)  Parish Website:  stpatsnp.org |

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| Goals and CurriculumGoals of St. Patrick’s Religious Education Program:  1. To form disciples of Jesus Christ. 2. To provide our young people with knowledge of the Catholic Faith. 3. To provide our young people with the knowledge of the meaning of the Liturgy and the Sacraments. 4. To provide our young people with a moral formation in Jesus Christ. 5. To teach our young people how to meet Christ in prayer. 6. To prepare our young people to live in community and to participate actively in the life and mission of the Church. 7. To promote a missionary spirit that prepares our young people to be present as Christians in our society.  Curriculum:  * Pre-K & Kindergarten - Image of God * 1st-6th grade - Faith and Life Series * 7th & 8th grade – The Catholic Connections Handbook for Middle Schoolers * 9th-12th grade – Adventure Timeline * Confirmation – The Chosen Program |  |  | Sacramental Programs | |
|  |  | **First Reconciliation:** | Penance is the sacrament by which we receive God’s healing forgiveness for sins committed after baptism. The rite is called reconciliation because it reconciles us back to God, but also with the Church community. |
| **First Eucharist:** | First Eucharist is the Sacrament by which we receive Christ: body, blood, soul, & divinity. “The Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.” CCC 1324 |
| **Confirmation:** | “Baptism, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the “sacraments of Christian Initiation,” whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For “by the sacrament of Confirmation, (the baptized) are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread & defend the faith by word & deed.” CCC 1285 |
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| Notes on RE at St. Pat’s (continued) **Social Media Safety Policy**  With social media sites, we may post some pictures of the kids to advertise our program. The safety policy is to never have 3 forms of information on the same site, i.e. picture, name, and location. We will never post your child’s name with their picture. If you did not sign our registration form agreeing to this, your child’s image will not be used on the web.  **Drop off and Dismissal**   * Classes meet in the Spiritual Life Center. For parents with a child ages PreK-6th grade, please come inside to drop off and pick up your child. We need to have you sign them in and sign them out. This is a safety precaution taken to ensure all students are safe at St. Pat’s Church. * Please do not drop students off any earlier than 5pm. * When picking up your children, the children will stay in the classroom until you are here. Catechists and the DRE will be in the Pelican Room to alert children that their parents are here and make sure they go home with the right parental figure.   **Cancellations**   * In the event of severe weather, classes may be cancelled. Keep watch on Facebook. We will also send out Flocknotes text if we have cancelled. Please do not unsubscribe to these messages. * If school is not in session on a Wednesday or school is not in session the Thursday and Friday following, we will be cancelling Religious Ed Classes. See calendar for specific days we are not having RE classes.   **Weekly Announcements**  Informational notes form the DRE or priest, reminders, faith building activity sheets, or letters from your Catechist will be sent home at any given time. Please ask your child each week if he/she was given a flier or note. This will help us stay in communication with you. |  |  | Overview | |
|  |  | **Mission Statement:** | St. Patrick’s Church: We are a stewardship community ever attempting to grow in Jesus Christ by fidelity to the incomparable means he gives us through the Catholic Church. |
| **St. Patrick’s Religious Education Program:** | From the Catechism of the Catholic Church…  Catechesis aims at putting “people…in communion…with Jesus Christ: only he can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity.” CCC 426 |
| **The Purpose of the St. Patrick’s Religious Formation Program:** | To assist parents in the religious formation of their children by setting before them Christian adults who, by their commitment to service in the church, will inspire and promote opportunities which will lead the young to faith in Jesus Christ. To inspire and assist young people to choose to live their faith in the Catholic Church. To motivate adults/parents to increase and enrich their faith in God and the Church so they can be witnesses of Gospel love, justice and mercy to their families and the Church as a whole. |
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| St. Patrick’s Religious Education Catechists  PreK & Kindergarten: Kaycee Mendenhall and Gina King  **1st Grade**: Stephanie Cole and Jeffrey Newland  **2nd Grade**: Janna Winegardner, Mark Saner, Tonni Campbell  **3rd Grade & 4th**: Donna Obermeier and Eileen Hulquist  **5th & 6th Grade**: Tristan Winder, George Campbell, and Teresa Helie  **7th & 8th Grade**: Felice Nila and BJ Power  **High School**: Gilbert Seck and Sami Wright  **Confirmation**: Jory Torres, Patrick Jacobson, Tad Pfeiffer, Brandon and Tara Rood, and Linda Scovill  **Parish Staff**  **Pastor:** Father Sorensen  308-532-0942 ext. 202  [jsorensen@gidiocese.org](mailto:jsorensen@gidiocese.org)  **Director of Religious Education:** Makaela Lauderdale  308-532-0942 ext. 203  [office@stpatsnp.org](mailto:office@stpatsnp.org)  **Stewardship & Hospitality**: Kira Dimas  308-532-0942 ext. 211  [stewardship@stpatsnp.org](mailto:stewardship@stpatsnp.org) |  |  | Notes on Religious Education St. Pat’s  * Students in grades K-6th grade will meet on Wednesday nights from 5:30pm-6:45pm. * Students in grades 7th-12th grade will meet each Wednesday from 7:00pm-8:15pm in the Spiritual Life Center. * Confirmation Students will meet Wednesday from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. (Please see calendar for specific dates.)   **Expectations/Policies**  For all families in our RE program, please note that our program is mostly funded by your tuition fee, but tithing and volunteer efforts are the greatest support of our work with your children. Weekly attendance to RE classes and attending Mass on Sunday, as well as your personal commitment to the Stewardship of our parish (time, talent, and treasure) are all necessary components of participating in our Religious Education program. We encourage you to engage in prayer as a family in your home, also.  **Important Guidelines and Responsibilities**   * Attendance – Please bring your child to class each week, especially if they are in Sacramental preparation classes. * Toys, phones, laptops, etc. are NOT allowed to be used during RE classes. * Students need to use the bathroom before or after class to avoid leaving class during the lesson.   **Discipline Policies**   1. The Catechist will handle all minor problems in the classroom. Catechist will tell Director of Religious Education of problems and catechist will tell parents. 2. If the behavior persists or disputes the class they will be asked to see the DRE, Makaela Lauderdale, or priest. 3. After being removed from class 3 times, we will ask parents to come and get their child right away and they will not be allowed back for the remainder of the year. |
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