

St. Patrick and St. Pius Religious Education

Parent - Teacher

Handbook



Religious Education Hours

- *Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 09:30 to 12:30 Noon*
- *Sunday - 08:00 to 12:00 Noon*

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2009—2010

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Sandra Litcher - Director of Religious Education

St. Patrick and Pius Religious Education Staff:

Grades K through 5

Sandra Litcher
Mary Senore
Anne Marie Heisler
Peggy Cloutier
Roger Lamontagne
Caroline Donovan
S. McGonagle
K. Stokes

Middle School

Grade 6, 7 & 8

Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Sandra Litcher
Dianne Procida - (Children's Music Volunteer)

Computer Coordinator

Andrew Litcher

Mission Statement
Creating a Common Vision

Always keeping in mind the beliefs and values of the parents of St. Patrick and Pius Parish, the administrators and catechists aim to provide a well-balanced instructional program to prepare children to become caring, respectful, knowledgeable Catholic Christians; "...supported by families who participate in the life of the Church"

Annual Objectives: 2009 - 2010

1. Reverence for the Sacred

To incorporate a short form of contemporary prayer within each learning session

2. Respect for themselves and others

To examine the progress made in a child's relationship with herself/himself and others.

3. Reaching out to others

To teach children to pray for and assist needy children at home and around the world.

Schedule

CALENDAR 2009 - 2010

Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

September	27				
October	4		18	25	
November	1*	8*	15	22	
December	6	13	20		
January	3	10	17	24	31
February		7		21	28
March		7	14	21	28
April		11		25	

Middle School

Grade 6, 7 & 8 (Jesus in the New Testament)

October	18	25			
November	1	8	15*	22	
December	6	13	20		
January				31	
February		7		21	28
March		7	14	21	28

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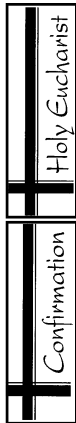
* **Think First Stay Safe Program**



Sunday - September 27th - First Reconciliation

Parent Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall

- Classes that cover material for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on Sundays: **Oct 4, 18, 25, Nov 8, 15, 22.**
- Children's Enrichment Day will be held on Sat. **Nov 14th** from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday **Dec 5th** , 10:30 AM in the Church



Sunday - January 10th - Confirmation and First Eucharist

Parent Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall

- Classes that cover material for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be on Sundays:
Jan 31st, Feb 7, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28,.
- Children's workshop will be held on Saturdays -
March 13th for Baptism and Confirmation from 9:30 to 11:00 AM
April 10th for Eucharist 9:30 to 11:00 AM
- Sunday **April 11th** - Music Rehearsal and Thank You Letter to Jesus
- Sunday **April 25th** - Music Rehearsal and Practice receiving Eucharist
- Friday ********* - Rehearsal for sponsors and students.
- Saturday May 1 Confirmation and First Eucharist Celebration.

(***** Dates to be announced when Confirmation Date is confirmed).



Policies

1. Registration and Fee

All children attending St. Patrick and Pius Religious Education Program are asked to register before classes begin. **Baptismal** Information should be provided for candidates preparing for Sacraments at this time.

Registration Fees:

One Child	-	\$40.00
Two Children	-	\$55.00
Three or more	-	\$65.00

2. Calendar

At the beginning of the school year a calendar is sent home at the time of registration. A note is sent home throughout the year announcing and explaining special activities.

3. Attendance / Cancellations

Attendance is the responsibility of the parents. Regular attendance at each session is essential for learning, appreciation, and mastery. Excessive absences hinder the learning process and cause confusion rather than appreciation and mastery. In case of heavy snow or other extreme weather conditions, parents are asked to listen to radio or television for cancellations. Cancellations will also be posted on church website at : www.stpius-stpatrick.org .

CLASS TIME:

Classes For Students in Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

From **10:00 - 11:00 AM** on Sunday in the Parish Hall.

Classes For Middle School Students

From **10:00 - 11:00 AM** on Sunday in the Parish Hall.

9 Classes beginning October 18th and

8 Classes beginning Jan. 31st.

Think First Stay Safe Program

Sunday - November 1st 10:00 to 11:00 AM - Grades K, 1, and 2

Sunday - November 8th 10:00 to 11:00 AM - Grades 3, 4, and 5

Sunday - November 15th 10:00 to 11:00 AM - Grades 6, 7, and 8

Parent Meeting for **Think First Stay Safe Sunday** - October 25th
at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.

Family Advent Wreath project Sunday, November 22, 2009
at 11:00 AM in the parish hall.

Classes are planned to give each child an experience of prayer, community, doctrinal catechesis, and liturgy. No part is less important than another. Please help your child to be present on time. We will see they are dismissed on time.



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