

PLATTEVILLE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
ST. AUGUSTINE AND ST. MARY PARISHES
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



CATECHIST & PARENT HANDBOOK—2012-2013
PRE-K THROUGH 11 GRADE

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Dear Teachers and Aides,

Welcome to a new year of Religious Education! We are very grateful to you for giving so much time and energy to passing on our Catholic faith. Please take time to read the whole booklet as scheduled class dates and meeting are all listed. Dates for classes will be regularly published in our Sunday bulletins to reinforce what is listed here.

Hopefully, you have already completed the VIRTUS training. If you haven't had a background check and received a Safe Environment Policy booklet, please let us know. This training and these materials help us to keep the children of our Platteville Catholic Community safe throughout the school year. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to bring them up to us. Thanks so much for ALL you do to keep the faith alive here in Platteville!

In Jesus' Love,

Fr. Faustino Ruiz, SJP

Fr. John Del Priore, SJP

What We OFFER to you as teachers in our program:

As your Religious Education Committee and Commission, we promise to support you in your ministry to our children. If you have any concerns, suggestions or comments, please do communicate them to us. We believe in a community approach to the passing on of our faith, and we will continue to encourage others in

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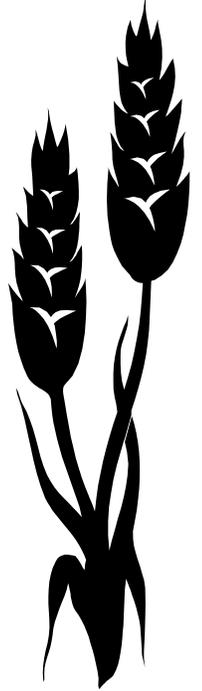
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What we EXPECT from you:

Attendance: ***Because of our new safe environment program, if a student does not appear, and the parent has not called, you must alert our safe environment aides, and they will call the parents.*** Attendance records are permanent files at our parishes. Please be accurate about taking attendance and turn copies of the sheets in at the end of each semester to Linda at St. Augustine and Linda at St. Mary. You are responsible to contact parents if there seems to be a problem with regular attendance.

If you cannot make class, please try to make arrangements with a sub.

You can contact Fr. John (St. Augustine) at 348-7530

or Linda at 348-9735, to leave a message on the day of class in case of emergencies.

Substitutes: We have made every attempt to have two teachers for each grade, so that you can fill in for one another. Please let Fr. John or Linda S. know who will be substituting for you, if you cannot make it..

Church and School Etiquette:

We encourage you to teach the students that going to Mass is the same as going to a dinner party. Have them dress "specially" to reinforce the special nature of the liturgy (no short-shorts or bare shoulders). When students will attend Mass as part of class, pants or skirts that cover the knee are recommended. Remind them to consider cleanliness and modesty when determining what to wear.

Please remind and teach the students what is proper behavior in church and during religious education classes.

Platteville Catholic Community Discipline Policy

*We will be using the following method to address students who feel the need to be repeatedly disrespectful and/or inattentive during class.

- 1st Time: The student will be **taken aside by one of the teachers** from the class. Their behavior will be challenged and they will be asked to adjust it. They may be given a “time out” in the office.
- 2nd Time: The student will be **sent to the safe environment person** for a “**time out**” away from other students. When this occurs, we will contact the student’s parents to make them aware of the situation.
- 3rd Time: The student will be referred to the safe environment person, for a “**time out**” parents will be called, and the **parents** will have the choice of **escort-**

CLASSES SCHEDULED

Pre-K through 6th Grade @ St. Augustine Parish

Sunday morning, 9:15 - 10:20 a.m. (1 Hour approx.)

Classes begin October 7
And continue every Sunday with the following exceptions.

**No classes
November 25
December 30
March 24 & 31**

**Last Class
April 28**

11th Grade Confirmation @ St. Augustine Parish

Wednesday evening, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

October	17, 24, 31
November	7, 28
December	5, 19
January	23, 30
February	6, 20, 27
March	6, 20
April	3, 17, 24

1st through 6th Grade @ St. Mary

Wednesday afternoon, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. (1 1/4 Hour)

October	3, 17, 24, 31
November	7, 28
December	5, 19
January	23, 30
February	6, 20, 27
March	6, 20
April	3, 17, 24

7th through 10th Grade @ St. Mary Parish

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. (1 Hour)

October 3-parent meeting

October	17, 24, 31
November	7, 28
December	5, 19
January	23, 30
February	6, 20, 27
March	6, 20
April	3, 17, 24

PCC Education Dinner Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 pm at St. Augustine Parish.

TEACHER IN-SERVICE

Second Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30 p.m.
October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, March 13 and April 10 St. Mary Church Hall

Catechists should be present at the All Parent Meeting on October 3 at 7:00 p.m. 7-10th grade students should also be present.

Ash Wednesday –February 13

The At-Home Part of Religious Education

Passing on our Catholic traditions and prayers is a very big part of religious education. The Church counts on parents to share these traditions and prayers. In addition to spontaneous prayer and life experiences of spirituality, some timeless Catholic truths continue to guide all of us. It is certainly important to teach your students to speak personally with God, but there may be times when he or she will need the reassurance of a “formula” prayer to get through a tough time. There is a very limited time in our class meetings, but we encourage you to use as many of the prayers and concepts listed in this booklet in the course of your teaching as possible.

Thank you very much for supporting our religious education program, and for taking the time to pass on your faith to these students.

BASIC CATHOLIC PRAYERS/BELIEFS



The Sign of the Cross

Our Father

Hail Mary, Meal Prayers

Act of Contrition, Glory Be

Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments

Catholic Prayers
& Practices



The Sign of the Cross

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

Amen

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
you; blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us
sinners, now and at the hour of our

The Act of Contrition

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. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered
and died for us, in his Name, my God,
have mercy.

Amen

The Our Father

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

The Glory Be

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.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth. I believe
in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. He
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried. He
descended to the dead. On the third
day, he rose again. He ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again 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 Corporal Works
of Mercy

Ways to be Christ to One Another

- 1.To feed the hungry.
- 2.To give drink to the thirsty.
- 3.To clothe the naked.
- 4.To visit the imprisoned.
- 5.To shelter the homeless.
- 6.To visit the sick.
- 7.To bury the dead.

The Spiritual Works
of Mercy

Ways to Grow More Like Christ

- 1.Correct those who need it.
- 2.Teach the ignorant.
- 3.Give advice to those who need it.
- 4.Comfort those who suffer.

The Seven Sacraments

- 1.Baptism
- 2.Reconciliation
- 3.Eucharist
- 4.Confirmation
- 5.Holy Orders
- 6.Matrimony
- 7.Anointing of the Sick

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts,
which we are about to receive from thy
bounty, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Grace After Meals

Lord, you feed every living thing. We
have eaten together at this table; keep us
in your love. Give us true concern for the
least of our sisters and brothers, so that,
as we gladly share our food with them, we

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord, your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Keep holy the Sabbath Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.



