

St. John Vianney Parish



Christian Formation Handbook

St. John Vianney Christian Formation Program

Know God -- Love God -- Serve God

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2019 Family Faith Formation Calendar

Notes

Sundays in Activity Center

8:45—10:45am

September 15

September 29

October 20

November 3

December 15

January 12

February 2

February 16

March 8 (Parish Mission)

March 15

March 29

April 19

Mondays in Church Hall

6:00—8:00pm

September 16

September 30

October 21

November 4

December 16

January 13

February 3

February 17

March 9 (Parish Mission)

March 16

March 30

April 20

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At St. John Vianney, our catechists work **together with parents** to help our children learn **to know, love and serve God**. Parents play an important role in the faith education of their children, especially in modeling prayer and the Sacramental life. Therefore, parents are asked to take an **active** part in their childrens' faith formation.

What is the Program

Our program is a **Family** Faith Formation program. Just as Jesus “broke bread” with his disciples, we too begin our sessions by “breaking bread” together as a family and a community.

Our meal is followed by a short **Welcome Activity** (approximately 15 minutes). Then the K4—10th grade students go with their catechists to the classroom, while parents stay for their own presentation.

When Are Classes?

Twelve (12) sessions are held **mid-September through April** for families with children in grades K4—10.

Students in High School may attend sessions without their parents.

Sunday morning sessions begin with prayer and breakfast 8:45am — 10:45am.

Monday evening sessions begin with prayer and dinner, 6:00pm—8:00pm.

Sunday evenings, 6:00pm—8:00pm **Confirmation classes** for those in 11th grade. Those students attending a Catholic High School are expected to attend Confirmation classes at their own parish.

Who Can Attend?

The program is intended for children in public schools, but is also open to families with children in Catholic schools. **At least one parent/adult attends with the children** in grades K4--8. Students in 9th and 10th grade and their parents **may** attend the Family session, but 9th and 10th graders have the option of attending without their parents.

Childcare is available for the Sunday morning sessions. Please indicate need for childcare on your registration form.

Enrollment Criteria

All students enrolled in the program must also be members of the parish.

Registration and Fees

Registration—begins Mid-June prior to the coming school year. It is expected that your child will be enrolled no later than August 1.

Fees—Fees are due at the time of registration.

Registration fees will be waived for full-time catechists and parish employees. Co-catechists/aides and part-time employees will receive a 50% fee waiver.

No family will be denied registration for inability to pay. Please see the Christian Formation Office for a financial aid form.

Fees for New parishioners enrolling children in classes after the year has begun will be pro-rated.

Sacraments Are the Center of Our Faith Life.

Those preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion must be registered in the program at least one year prior to the sacrament preparation year. In accordance with Archdiocesan policy, students who have not been formally enrolled in a Christian Formation Program prior to 2nd grade must complete the 1st grade curriculum before preparing for First Communion.

Expectations:

Students are expected to be present for classes, to be attentive and respectful of their teachers and other students, and to complete assigned work in a timely manner.

Attendance:

The program plays an integral part in the student's understanding of Christ's message. Our limited time together is precious, therefore, attendance at all 12 sessions is expected.

Absences:

Sickness or family emergencies are considered excused. Please contact your child's catechist for make-up materials. Sporting events and other

extra-curricular activities are not considered excused absences. Lessons covered during missed classes must be made up at home, signed by the parent and returned to the catechist at the next class.

Letting Us Know:

Please call the Christian Formation Office, 262-796-3944, or email annr@stjohnv.org to let us know of any absences. It is OK to leave a voice message. Please tell us your child's first and last name, (please spell the last name), and their grade.

Discipline:

- The catechist will bring conduct problems to the attention of the Director of the program.
- Every attempt will be made to address the issue.
- If the situation persists, a constructive resolution of the concerns will be mutually agreed upon between child, parent(s)/guardian(s), catechist and Director of Christian Formation for your child's grade level.
- In extreme cases a parent may be asked to attend class with their child.

Inclement Weather:

You will be notified via email if class is cancelled. Please be sure we have an up-to-date email address.

Sports and Religious Education

According to Archdiocesan policy, participation on parish-based teams requires:

- The parent(s) guardian(s) must be registered members of the parish/school, and
- The student must:
 - Attend the parish school, or
 - Attend the parish Christian Formation classes regularly.