

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FAITH FORMATION PARENTS HANDBOOK

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“How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith!” - Pope Francis World Youth Day 2014

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

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Mass Schedule

Mon. - Sat. 8:00 a.m.
Vigil 3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, Noon

Holy Day Vigil 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation 2:30pm, 4:30pm Sat.
and by Appt.



August 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another school year is here and I know your lives are even busier than ever. Along with your school day beginning we have our Religious Education Program beginning as well. All the catechists are looking forward to another year of sharing their faith with your children. That is what the root of the word catechesis means "sharing faith." That is what we want to do for your children. There are certainly some academic elements to the lesson, but our goal is to share the faith and help their faith to grow. I know that is your desire as well.

You may not remember this but at your child's baptism one of the blessings said this "**...you will be the first teachers in the way of faith. May you also be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what you say and do, in Christ Jesus our Lord.**" You are the primary teacher in the ways of faith and we very much want to partner with you in deepening your faith and your children's faith. As we begin classes for another year of growing in our faith, I ask you to renew your commitment to bring your children to Mass every weekend as well. Our children learn from us by watching us. If we say Mass is important and don't participate, they know. They learn by "what we say and do."

I believe "faith in Jesus Christ" is the greatest gift. This faith helps us to walk through this life with all its challenges, joys and struggles knowing that we are loved by God in this life and the next. There is nothing else in this life that offers us that.

Your children are loved by us and we look forward to serving the needs of our families this year!

Sincerely In Christ,

Elisa Dacey

Director of Religious Education

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FAITH FORMATION



OUR LADY OF LOURDES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith-filled Catholic men and women of Our Lady of Lourdes' Religious Education Program, are committed to Jesus' message to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and to love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:34-40) We believe that learning is a lifelong process and faith development is an integral part of the learning process. We strive to provide meaningful faith formation opportunities to all ages.

Some of our Parish Ministries are:

- Adult Bible Study
- Professional and Spiritual Training for Catechists
- Summer Vacation Bible School
- Middle School and High School Youth Education
- Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
- Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Children
- Parish Retreats, Missions, and Conferences

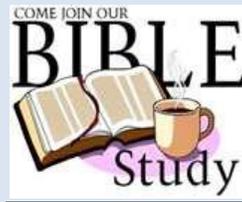
Our Faith Formation Ministry always welcomes volunteers to assist in the many ministries under its direction. Training, assistance, and direction are provided for all volunteers.

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ADULT EDUCATION



During the year, many opportunities for life-long Catholic learning are available, e.g., workshops on particular topics or issues; morning fellowship with coffee and refreshments, Mission, Retreats, Divine Mercy Cenacle, Faith Sharing Bible Study Groups and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those considering entering the Roman Catholic Faith and various other topics during the course of the year. All information is posted in our weekly church bulletin and also on the church web. We welcome any/all parishioners who would like to share a talent or skill. Please call the office to discuss how your time and talents can best serve our parish community.



Attendance at Religious Education (Faith Formation) Sessions

We believe that in order to grow in faith, children must have regular attendance in class and parish programs. If a child is ill, the family has an emergency or no one is able to drive the child to class – these are excused absences. Kindly call the office at 493-9107 to report an absence. **PLEASE NOTE: For the safety of all children, each child must be picked up and signed out by a parent (or other designated adult).**

If a child has “unexcused” absences (no valid reason) the child may be required to make up class material. The teacher or the Director of Religious Education will contact the family to discuss any/all attendance issues.





Attendance at Sunday Liturgy

The Precepts of the Church

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the Mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The second precept ("You shall confess your sins at least once a year") ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy. (CCC 2042)

The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass." "The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day."

The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin. (CCC. 2180 and 2181)

The celebration of the Eucharist is paramount to our faith. All Catholics are required to attend weekly Mass. It is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian to encourage and join in the celebration of the Eucharist every week as a family.

Admission Policy

Our Lady of Lourdes' Faith Formation Program for children and adults is committed to maintaining a fair and respectful environment for faith sharing and learning. To that end, our program prohibits any/all types of discrimination because of a person's race, sex (including sexual harassment), sexual orientation, ethnicity or national origin, religion, age, disabled status, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.

Agreement with Parent/Guardians

Parents/guardians are required to complete the registration process (see Registration Process) for their child/children prior to attendance which will include the signing of all Diocesan mandated forms (medical, video release, third party etc.) stating that they will abide by the rules outlined in the handbook.

Alcohol

Alcohol is not allowed on parish premises when students are present.

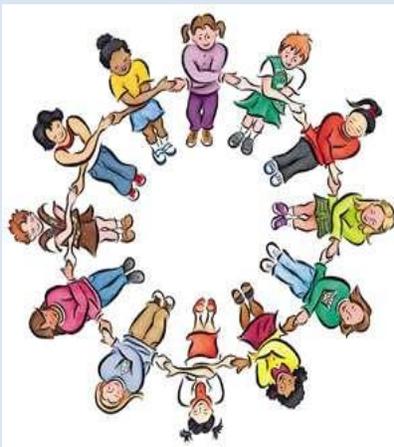
Calendar

At the beginning of each academic year, a calendar is provided to each parent/guardian listing the dates for religious education, safe environment training for children, special parish events, etc. when the program will be held, and the dates for holidays. The times when the classes will begin and end are also specified. These calendars are on the church web page: ollvenice.org



TRADITIONAL CLASS

We hold classes each Sunday in the Education Building for Grades K through 10 from 11:00am -12:30pm from September through May. A calendar is available on the web. We use Pflaum Publishing Co. (Promise for Grade K-1, Good News for grades 2 and 3, and VENTURE for grades 4, 5 and 6). Lifeteen Edge program for 7-8 and Lifeteen for 9-10. Information on materials used can be found on the web @: www.pflaum.com. And Lifeteen.com. **We follow the Diocesan Curriculum available to all parents for each grade level. Kindly give us a call and we will send you the material for your child's grade.**





Child Abuse **Diocesan Safe Environment Policy**

As Christian adults, we have a moral and legal responsibility and are entrusted by God with the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of minors and vulnerable adults.

As youth participate in activities within or sponsored by our diocese, it is our commitment to provide an environment which is safe and nurturing. Therefore, the mission of the Safe Environment Program is:

- To provide required education for all employees (clergy, religious and laity), those volunteers and others regularly involved with minors, and parents, as to the issue of abuse of children including the detection, prevention and reporting of child abuse.
- To provide required training programs for children and young people in our Catholic schools and religious education programs. This includes age appropriate materials pertaining to personal safety and information about improper touching and relationships. Children are not expected to be fully knowledgeable about child abuse or of the laws governing care of children but they need to know when they should seek assistance from a trusted adult.
- To thoroughly screen and evaluate the background of all diocesan employees – clergy, religious and laity – and those volunteers who work with children and young people.
- To hold those who minister in the name of the Church of Venice – all diocesan employees (clergy, religious and laity) and those volunteers who work with children and young people – to Christ-centered and professional codes of conduct.



Church Etiquette

It is written," He said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" Luke 19:46

General Church Etiquette



Please preserve a reverent, prayerful atmosphere in the Sanctuary by:

- Turning off the sound on your cell phone.
- Depositing any food, drinks, or chewing gum in the receptacles provided in the Vestibule.
- Speaking softly, if at all.
- Supervising your children at all times.
- Genuflecting or bowing to the tabernacle when you enter a pew or cross in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Mass (Sunday Liturgy)

Attire: Appropriate attire for Mass is modest and respectful. Short-shorts, muscle-tees, mesh, halter-tops, bare midriffs, sunglasses, or clothing that distracts other persons from worship are not appropriate. If you can't wear it to the office for "Casual Friday," it probably isn't appropriate for Mass.

Mass begins when the priest walks down the aisle.

- Allow time to park, enter the church, and be seated before Mass begins.
- Greet friends in the Vestibule; once in the Sanctuary, maintain a reverent silence. If you must speak, talk softly.
- Genuflect or bow to the tabernacle as you enter the pew for the first time. You do not need to genuflect or bow every time you leave or enter the pew.
- If you arrive after Mass has started, find a seat quietly so as not to distract others from worship. If you arrive after the Gospel has been read, you have missed Mass.

During Mass

- Participate fully in the liturgy by joining in the prayers and singing.
- Supervise your children. If a child cannot sit quietly, take the child out of the main area. Children should not be talking, eating, or climbing on furniture.
 - Sign of Peace:** During the sign of peace, we greet one another with a handshake. Be respectful of anyone who does not wish to shake hands, and simply give the verbal greeting, "Peace of Christ."
- Our Father Prayer: Some hold hands when we pray the "Our Father", but be respectful of anyone who does not wish to hold hands.**

During Consecration there should be NO walking around the church.

The Eucharist

- Catholics fast one hour before receiving Holy Communion. This means no food or drink other than water. (*Absolutely no gum chewing in Church!*) If you have health issues, you do **not** need to observe this fast.
- Only baptized Catholics in a state of grace may receive Holy Communion.
- If you are not receiving Communion, remain in the pew during the distribution of the Eucharist.

“Blessings” are given during Communion for Non -Catholics or those who have not yet received First Eucharist the. Come to the Communion line with your arms folded across your chest and ask for a blessing.

Receiving Communion

- Follow the direction of the ushers and walk reverently to the minister distributing the Communion.
- You may receive Holy Communion on your tongue or in your hands. If you receive in your hands, hold your open hands one under the other at heart level.
- When the minister says “Body of Christ”, respond “Amen.”
- Consume the Body of Christ immediately or step to one side and put it into your mouth. You do not have to make the sign of the cross after you put the consecrated host into your mouth.
- Never take the consecrated host back to your seat or give it to anyone else.
- If you wish to receive the Precious Blood, sip from the cup held by the Eucharistic Minister, and respond “Amen.” If you do not wish to receive the Precious Blood, acknowledge the cup with a nod as you pass by.
- Return to your pew with reverence.
- Remain kneeling until the tabernacle is closed.

If health issues prevent you from walking to the minister to receive communion, notify the usher and Holy Communion will be brought to you.

The Close of Mass

Mass is not over when the priest says “The Mass is ended.”

- Wait in your pew until the priest has walked to the back of the church.
- If there is singing during the “sending forth”, you may leave once the priest has reached the back of the church, or you may remain until the end of the singing.
- Maintain reverence in the Sanctuary. Visit with friends in the Vestibule or Parish Center

**Thank you for joining us at Our Lady of Lourdes!
We’re glad you’re here!!**

Code of Student Conduct

Appropriate behavior is expected at all times. All children need to be aware of the program Discipline Policy and the signature of parent/guardian acknowledges cooperation with this policy.



Communication

Communications to the parent/guardian will be done by electronic email and/or phone contact.

- **Church Bulletin:** Used to try to notify new families of the parish, and as a reminder of up-coming events. This bulletin is given out after all Masses and can be found on the church web site (ollvenice.org).
- **Email:** This is our primary source of communication. Please continue to provide us with your current electronic mail address. Our Church address is: 1301 Center rd. Venice, 34292 or you can email the Director of Religious Education at: emdacey@hotmail.com
- **Internet:** Valuable information, including calendars with event information, may be found at our web page: ollvenice.org
- **Church Telephone:** 497-2931 **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (closed from Noon-1:00pm for lunch)

Custodial Rights of Parent/Guardians

The Director should be informed by the custodial parent/guardian of the rights of the non-custodial parent/guardian as these pertain to the child's participation in the program as well as release from the program. Legal documentation provided will be kept in the student's confidential file.



Discipline

No catechist is allowed to keep a student after the session for reasons such as misbehavior, lateness, or additional instruction. All discipline concerns shall be addressed with the parent and the Director of Education.

The Religious Education program reserves the right to remove a student from the group session:

- if it is believed that the student would benefit significantly from a one-on-one or smaller group situation, if the student's behavior is seriously inhibiting the learning of others
- if temporary removal is used as a disciplinary measure for serious and persistent disruptive behavior.

Such action will be preceded by a consultation involving the student, the custodial parent/guardian, the catechist and the Director.

Dismissal

There will not be any unscheduled early dismissals.

Our dismissal procedure is to have the parent/guardian come thru the designated car line or you may pick up your child in the classroom. If a child needs to be dismissed early, the request should be given in writing by the parent/guardian to the Director and presented prior to the scheduled class.

If the child/children are dismissed to the care of the parent/guardian substitute, the parent or guardian must give permission to a "third party" by completing the "**Parent/Guardian Consent to Release Minor to Third Party and Release of Liability/Agreement to Indemnify**" form, a copy of which may be found in the Religious Education link under forms on our parish web page (ollvenice.org). If someone other than the parent/guardian or parent/guardian substitute is to pick up the child, this change must be given in writing to the Director prior to the session in question. **Catechists are not permitted to drive students home.**

Dress Code

All children are expected to dress appropriately for class, same as school.



Electronics

No electronic devices can be turned on during class time.

Emergency Procedures

The parent/guardian will be notified immediately by the Director of Religious Education in the event of any/all emergencies.

Field Trips

Any/all field trips will follow the Diocesan Guidelines with permission from parent/guardian and form completed with approval prior to any/all events to be attended.

Volunteers must have completed all background and fingerprinting checks as outlined in the Diocesan **Safe Environment Policy**.



Homework

Homework is generally not assigned. Children are encouraged to participate in community/parish activities and sacraments as a family.

Letter of Welcome

We welcome all families! See letter on page 4.

Medical Condition of Student

The catechist is informed about any student who has a special medical condition which could flare up in the session or which could affect the teaching/learning environment (e.g. allergies, asthma, auditory or visual impairment, possibility of seizures, learning disability, hyperactivity, attention deficit disorder, etc.). All medical information is kept in a confidential student file.

Parents are discouraged from bringing food/snacks to religious education classes because some children may have medical restrictions or allergies to certain foods or ingredients.

Medical Emergency Information

Every child must have on file in the parish religious education office the **Request for Medical Procedure Affidavit, Medical Release of Liability and Indemnification** which contains the medical emergency release. This form is reviewed every year and bears the original signature of the parent/guardian. Any changes to the record are made in writing by the parent/guardian.

Medication

No medication of any kind (including both prescription and over-the-counter) can be administered to, or taken by, the student during the parish religious education program. If an exception has to be made, the parent/guardian must provide a written request and directives.

Mission Statement

The Mission Statement can be found on page 5 of this handbook.

Options for Religious Education Program

Please call the Director of Religious Education to review options in the event a child or parent's schedule does not permit attendance on program days.

Prayers

Prayers are taught by grade level according to Diocesan recommendations.

Records

A parent/guardian has the right to inspect any and all of their child's records; all persons except appropriate parish program authorities will be denied access without written parent/guardian permission or a court order.

Student records are kept for a minimum of seven years.





REGISTRATION PROCESS: (August - October)

Parent/Guardian should:

1. ___ Complete a registration form (found on our web page: ollvenice.org) and also in the Parish office.

2. ___ Remit tuition as indicated on the form. If paying by check: Make payment to Our Lady of Lourdes.

3. ___ Complete 3 permission forms: (one set for EACH child)
 - Medical Authorization
 - Release of Student Image/Video
 - Discipline Policy

4. ___ **Attach a copy of your child's baptismal record**

****Return all completed forms to the Oll Faith Formation Office ****

Retention of Students

Under no circumstance is a child retained in a grade level due to non - attendance or failure to complete work.



THE ROLE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN



certificates.

- **REGISTER** my child following parish policy completing all required forms and

- **INSTRUCT** my child in the practice of the faith by attending Mass regularly as a family.
- **TEACH** my child to pray by praying with him/her the required prayers for his/her grade level.
- **ENCOURAGE** my child to say prayers at meal time and before going to bed.
- **DISCUSS** and review the lessons being taught in Religious Education.
- **PARTICIPATE** to the degree that I am able, in the Religious Education Programs at the parish and events.
- **ASSURE** my child is punctual, well behaved and attends weekly classes. (Center is open 15 minutes before class. As a parent, I will be prompt in picking up my child by the end of class @ 12:30pm.).
- **NOTIFY** the office if my child will be absent or unable to attend. 941-493-9107
- **SUPPORT** my child's teacher, who is a volunteer giving time and talent to teach him/her.
- **HELP** my child grow in his/her faith by sharing my own love for Jesus with him/her.

**You are precious
in my sight,
and honoured,
and I love you.
Isaiah 43:4**

Prayer of Parents for Their Children

O Lord, omnipotent Father, we give you thanks for having given us children. They are our joy, and we accept with serenity the worries, fears, and labors which bring us pain.

Help us to love them sincerely. Through us you gave life to them; from eternity you knew them and loved them. Give us the wisdom to guide them, patience to teach them, vigilance to accustom them to the good through our example. Support our love so that we may receive them back when they have strayed and make them good. It is often so

difficult to understand them, to be as they would want us to be, to help them go on their way. Grant that they may always see our home as a haven in their time of need.

Teach us and help us, O good Father, through the merits of Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

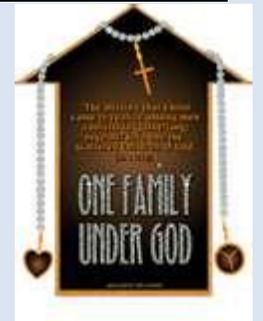
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

PLEASE NOTE: To register for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, or Confirmation a student must be enrolled in and attend the Faith Formation Program from the start of the scheduled religious class school year. Please note that this may vary from the public school year calendar. Candidates for these Sacraments, entering the program after the start of the classes, may require approval from the Pastor.

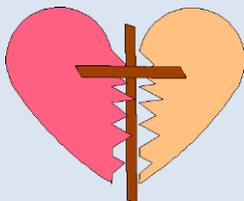
PLEASE NOTE: For a student to be considered a 'candidate' for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist (Grade 2), or Confirmation (Gr. 10), all * of the following requirements are necessary:

- The family should be registered at Our Lady of Lourdes and complete all registration forms,
- Baptismal certificate must be on file,
- Acceptable attendance (80% of scheduled classes) and respectful behavior required in class,
- Parent and candidate must attend the retreat,
- All fees should be paid prior to the start of classes
- Sponsor verification on file (Confirmation)

* If some of the following requirements cannot be met, please consult with the Pastor for direction and advice.



ALL CHILDREN WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS MUST BE ENROLLED IN BOTH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES ALL YEAR.



FIRST RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)

AND FIRST EUCHARIST



Immediate preparation for these sacraments takes place while children are in Grade 2 or older. In addition to the regular class there are at least **six weeks of instruction required**, including parental participation, followed by a day retreat for the family with their child.



CONFIRMATION

Preparation for reception of Confirmation is a two year process, beginning in Grade 9, culminating in the reception of the sacrament in Grade 10.

It has been regulated by the Diocese of Venice, Florida that all children attending Catholic schools prepare for and receives the sacraments in **their own parish, not at the school they are attending.** The reason for this is that sacraments are not meant to be given for the individual alone, but for the building of the Body of Christ which is experienced in one's own parish community.



BAPTISM

Infant Baptism (from birth to age 7) is handled through the parish office. Please contact 497-2931 to set up an appointment. You will be notified when the next baptismal preparation class will be offered. Children who are over 7 years will be prepared for baptism in the Faith Formation Program or in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children Program (RCIC). Please contact the Director of Religious Education at 493-9107



SPECIAL NOTE ON BAPTISM

In order to receive sacraments in the Catholic Church one must have been validly baptized. From time to time someone comes to our program that has been baptized in another faith. Where a valid baptism has taken place, i.e. the formula (specific words), "I baptize you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen," while water is poured over the head, is used, the Church recognizes this and only requires that the person make an act of Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church. This includes children who are at least, 7 years old. Although belief in Jesus Christ is the same, to be baptized in a particular faith means to accept that faith's practices, doctrines, rituals. The Profession of Faith shows intention of embracing the Roman Catholic Faith and Tradition. In cases where the child/person was "Dedicated" or other symbolic act was performed, baptism with water and the above formula words are required. In this case, the adult, 18 years or older, should enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process.



Kateri Tekawitha



Sr. Marianne Cope

Saints

The church believes in the “Communion of Saints.” All children are taught about saints specific to their grade level.

Safe Environment Training for Children

An explanation of the safe environment training for children should appear in the handbook with an unequivocal statement regarding its importance and essential nature to the religious education program. The VIRTUS training program for children is taught and children are not excused from safe environment training unless a written statement by parent/guardian is filed with reasonable justification. Parents/guardians should understand that if their child does not attend the training and there is no statement on file, the training must be made up at another session before the end of the year. Please check calendar for class dates.



Special Needs Students

All children are welcome to the Faith Formation Programs. Every reasonable accommodation will be provided for children with special needs.

Supervision

When the parent/guardian brings the child/children to the class, the catechist assumes all supervisory responsibility until the parent signs the child/children out at the end of class.

Visitors

No unauthorized persons will be allowed in the area where the catechetical classes are taking place. The parent/guardian and other visitors must go directly to the religious education office or designated reception area.

Volunteers:

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- **Internet:** Valuable information, including calendars with event information, may be found at www.stpatrickssarasota.org.
- **Church Telephone:** 497-2931 **Office Hours:** Mon-Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VOUNTEER POSITIONS:



Special note: All adult catechists and volunteers, who work with the youth and/or vulnerable adults, are subject to a screening process, as required by the Diocese of Venice in Florida. This process includes electronic fingerprinting and participation in a "Safe Environment" course. Everyone is encouraged to continue their own learning by attending in-service workshops and courses offered through St Patrick's and the Diocesan Department of Catechetical Ministry.

VOUNTEER POSITIONS

Adult help is needed if our program is to be successful! Please look the list over to see in which area you or a family member (confirmed teen, young adult, grandparent, or even a friend or neighbor) can help.

- **Catechist/Facilitators**: Diocesan guidelines require that there be two adults present in each class, therefore more Catechists are always needed. One will be responsible for the lesson plans each meeting. Training, lesson materials, and textbooks are provided.
- **Substitutes**: Adults who are able to take the place of a catechist in teaching a lesson.
- Lesson plans will be provided by the main teacher/catechist for the class.
- **Assistant Catechist**: Adults and confirmed teens are needed to assist the Catechists and Facilitators. No lesson planning is required.
- **Office**: Clerical help with copying, filing, etc. on an “as needed” basis.
- **Telephone contacts**: Relay important information to all families on short notice.
- **Vacation Bible School**: If you are a teen who is going into Grade 6 in the fall, please consider volunteering your time for school community service. If you are adult you will need to get fingerprinted and take the Safe Environment training class before supervising children. Vacation Bible School is always the week after Father’s Day in June. Registration and applications are available on the parish web page at: churchofstpatrik.org under the Faith Formation link.