



August 10, 2017

Fall Religious Education 2017-2018 Grades 1 –7

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to St. Catharine's Fall Religious Education Program! We would like to let you know that your child/children will be attending classes on Monday afternoons.

We would like to take this time to go over a few details with you. This will help to alleviate some of the confusion that may take place, especially on the first day of class.

Prayers: We still have work to do!!! All students are expected to be **at their current grade level** and proficient in their prayer knowledge. (Of course, if there are special circumstances, please let us know). Please help support us by praying together with your child/children before meals and at bed-time. We will continue on our end helping the students to "understand" the meaning of the prayers. There is a definite difference in the faith formation and spiritual growth of the children who have mastered their prayers. *(Please see the prayer list by grade with a review check off list attached.)*

Class assignments: Your child/children will be contacted by their teacher after September 6th. The teacher will introduce him/herself to you and let you know the classroom number.

All 3rd grade students will need to bring in the Bibles' they received in grade 2. (Please be sure their names are on it.)

All 6th grade students will be evaluated by Msgr. Vaughan during the weeks of September 25 and October 2 (dates are subject to change) to ensure that they are on target with their prayer knowledge before moving on to grade 7. If special arrangements need to be made because of learning issues, please contact me personally before the fall program begins. We thank you for your continued support and encouragement!!! It means more to your children than you think!!! 😊

All prayers are listed on our website by grade level to help you and....FYI, the children LOVE praying the Rosary!!!

Behavior Contract: We have implemented a new behavior policy to help support positive behavior. All parents and students will need to sign this contract during the first week of classes. Please review the Behavior Contract on our website.

Supplies: Please send in a composition notebook, pocket folder and 2 pencils with your child/children.

- **Classes begin on Monday, September 11 - from 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.**
- **Parent Orientation will be held on Monday, September 11 at 5:00pm in the Church.**
All important information will be discussed including the Behavior Contract at this meeting.
- **Parent Open House will held on Monday, September 11 at 5:30pm in the classrooms.**
This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to learn about the curriculum and what you can expect this year.

All of our information, including calendars, general information, absenteeism, curriculum, etc. can be found on the St. Catharine's website: www.stcatharine.net. (Please read all information carefully.)

Safety is our top priority. Please follow these guidelines for arrival and dismissal:

Arrival Procedures:

Please park in the back parking lot and walk your child/children through the Back Entrance of the Religious Education Building. All students need to enter through the back entrance as the Atrium Entrance will be locked.

(All PETS must remain in the car while you walk your child/children into the building.)

Dismissal Procedures:

Older Siblings - (siblings of children in grades 1 & 2) will be dismissed first and will wait with the hall monitor until it is time to pick-up younger siblings.

Grades 1 & 2 - Will remain in their classrooms. Parents/Guardians will enter the Parish Hall Entrance and will pick-up their children in the classrooms when it is announced.

Grades 3 -7 - Classes will be dismissed from the back of the Religious Education Building. (Please park your car and walk up to the coned area to meet your child/children at the Back Entrance.)

As volunteering is such an important part of the success of our program, we will be contacting you shortly for your assistance. We ask all parents to contribute at least 2 hours per year in a volunteer capacity. If you can offer more, either as a Teacher or Hall Monitor, please contact us immediately. (We are still in need for the upcoming school year.)

Note: *Please read all important parent letters and information on our webpage.*

I look forward to a wonderful year together and hope that you continue to enjoy the beautiful summertime weather!

Blessings and Peace,

Dominica Vullo

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Coordinator of Religious Education

Dear Parents,

We can pray with any words that come to mind. Sometimes, when we find that choosing our own words is difficult, we can use traditional prayers. Likewise, when we pray aloud with others, we rely on traditional prayers to unite our minds, hearts, and voices. Memorizing traditional prayers can be very helpful. When we memorize prayers, we take them to heart, meaning that we not only learn the words but also try to understand and live them.

Listed below are all the Prayers by grade. For your convenience we have listed all the Prayers in one file: "Prayers to Take to Heart" on our website.

Grade 1 - Prayers to Take to Heart

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals

Grade 4 - Prayers to Take to Heart

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed

Grade 2 - Prayers to Take to Heart

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition

Grade 5 - Prayers to Take to Heart

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed

Grade 3 - Prayers to Take to Heart

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Apostles' Creed

Grade 6 - Prayers to Take to Heart

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed

Grade 7 - Prayers to Take to Heart

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Prayer to the Holy Spirit
- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed

Grade 8 - Prayers to Take to Heart

- Sign of the Cross
- Lord's Prayer
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be to the Father
- Grace Before Meals
- Act of Contrition
- Prayer to the Holy Spirit
- Apostles' Creed
- Nicene Creed

Student Name: _____
Student Name: _____
Student Name: _____
Student Name: _____

Grade: _____
Grade: _____
Grade: _____
Grade: _____

Parent Signature

Date: _____

*****Please send in with your child/children on the first day of class*****

Prayers to Take to Heart

Sign of the Cross

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

Lord's Prayer

*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
trespass against us;
and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*

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 death.
Amen.*



Prayers to Take to Heart

Glory Be to the Father

*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.*

Grace Before Meals

*Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts
which we are about to receive from your goodness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

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.*

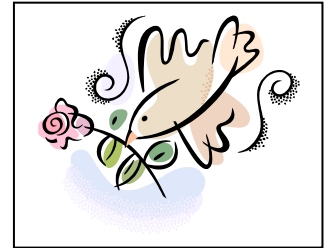


Prayers to Take to Heart

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.
Let us pray.*

*Lord,
By the light of the Holy Spirit
You have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
Help us to relish what is right
And always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



Prayers to Take to Heart

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come 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 body,
and life everlasting. Amen.*



Prayers to Take to Heart

Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.*

*I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.*

*For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.*

