

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH
URBANA, IL
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK
2009-2010



Building on the foundation of love
of Christ Jesus, our Lord.

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Also visit the CREW website at www.stpaturbana.org/crew

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Mission Statement

The St. Patrick's Religious Education Program exists as an integral part of the Ministry of Faith Development of St. Patrick's Church, Urbana, Illinois, Diocese of Peoria. The purpose of the program is to provide Catholic religious education for students of the parish (pre-K to 12). Through doctrinal instruction, prayer experiences, sacraments and service opportunities the program assists parents with their responsibility to educate their children in the Catholic faith.

Ministry of Faith Development (MFD) Core Purpose

To lay a foundation of faith and develop Disciples of Christ.

MFD Big, Hairy, Audacious Goals

- 1) By the end of 2014 to have a foundational adult formation program that will support our ministry community.
 - a. Implementation of "Growing Faith Project" through 23rd Publications. 9 classes a year of faith development of our volunteers and catechists.
- 2) By the end of 2014 to significantly increase the participation level in all of our programs, especially in the Religious Education Programs.
- 3) By the end of 2014 to have an effective leadership/volunteer training program.
 - a. Implementation of catechist/volunteer training sessions twice a year, in early September and in January preferably on Sunday afternoons from 2-4:30pm; to be lead by Diocesan trainers. Topics will vary and will determine which ministry groups will attend.

MFD Vivid Description of the Future

The Ministry of Faith Development using the tools of effective communication and collaboration will assist in the dynamic creation of a stronger, faith-filled community. Our parishioners will have a deeper foundational knowledge of their faith including active participation in the Eucharist. The people of St. Patrick's parish will be living their faith as active Disciples of Christ. We will engender a stronger, consistent leadership base amongst our programs. Through the support, growth and strengthening of volunteers we will reinforce a commitment to the Catholic faith and our parish community.

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Dear Parents,

By enrolling your child(ren) in the St. Patrick'/St. Joseph Religious Education Program, you are joining a faith community! Your family, our catechists, the parish staff, and other parish families will work together to pass on the rich traditions of our wonderful Roman Catholic Faith.

There is no question that a child's faith is grown and nurtured best by parents who lead the way. Since becoming a parent, have you heard yourself say, "Whoa...I sound just like my Mom" or "I just did exactly what my Dad would have done!"? It is amazing just how much children absorb by watching what their parents do, and listening to what they say. Please show and teach your child the joy of the Mass, the healing power of Reconciliation, the closeness to God and peace that can be found in prayer!

All of us involved in the Religious Education Program are honored to be a part of your family's faith journey. With your help, we will do everything we can to help your child(ren) come even closer to God. We offer assistance by instructing children in basic Catholic doctrine using age-appropriate teaching methods and materials. We will provide opportunities for learning, prayer, activities, fun, and of course the Sacraments.

In this Parent/Student Handbook, you will find schedules for classes and prayers. I ask that you actively help your child(ren) learn the prayers and terms. Say the prayers together. Remember the old saying you may have heard from your parents or grandparents: "The family that prays together, stays together!"

God bless each of you this year, as you continue your faith journey.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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Religious Education Year 2009/2010

Dear Parents:

Welcome to another year of religious education with the family of St. Patrick's Parish! We hope you had a relaxing and fun-filled summer break. We too have rested up, planned our programs and are now ready for another great year of catechesis.

Our religious education programs strive to educate and instill our Catholic faith in our parish children. To this end, we provide many avenues to help understand and live out a Christian, faith-filled life. All of our programs provide our children with: prayer (both spontaneous and formal), art activities, skits, music, specialized masses, service learning opportunities, times to socialize and have fun, scripture study, retreats...the list could go on and on! Your Religious Education Coordinators also believe strongly in the role of yourselves as parents in the faith development of your children. Taking your children to Sunday mass, praying at meal times, discussing what they are learning at church school, and the hundreds of informal ways we instill our faith in our day-to-day lives are the primary tasks of Catholic parents. To this end, if there are additional ways that we can help you in your jobs as parent catechists, please let us know! We are always searching and striving to improve our programs, our outreach and our evangelization of Christ's good news.

Our programs are only as strong as our volunteer helpers. Here at St. Patrick's we are so blessed to have many faith-filled volunteers who give of their time and talent to teach our parish children the Catholic faith. But please also consider how you can help with your child(ren)'s religious education program this year. Could you help as an aide in a classroom? Help with orchestrating a Children's Mass? Help with a retreat or sacramental service? Bake cookies for an event? Help with fund raising for the Mission Trip? Please consider donating some of your own time and talent to our religious education programs this year and see where the Holy Spirit guides us all!

In Christ's Love,

Suzanne D'Andria
Children's Religious Education Coordinator

Peggy Loftus
Coordinator of Senior High Youth Ministry

Children's Religious Education Calendar 2009-2010

Urbana Campus, Classes Sunday Morning 9:15 – 10:15am
St. Joe Campus, Classes Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:30pm

Urbana Campus	St. Joe Campus
August 22/23 rd , Religious Education Registration, Before/After All Masses	
9/13 – First Day of Class	9/16 – First Day of Class
9/20	9/23
10/4	10/7
10/11	10/14
10/18	10/21
11/1	11/4
11/8	11/11
11/15	11/18
November 15, Reconciliation Retreat, 1-4pm St. Patrick's Church	
Reconciliation Ceremony DATE AND TIME TBA	
11/22	12/2
12/6	12/9
12/13	1/6
12/20	1/13
1/3	1/20
1/10	2/3
1/17	2/10
1/24	2/17
2/7	3/3
2/14	3/10
2/21	3/17
3/7	3/24
3/14	4/7
3/21	4/14
4/4	4/21
4/11	
4/18	
April 18 First Communion Retreat, 1-4pm St. Patrick's Main Hall	
April 20 & April 21 First Communion Rehearsal and Pictures	
April 24 First Communion Ceremonies Times TBA St. Patrick's Church	
April 25 Children's Mass 10:30am	
End of Year Picnic at St. Patrick's Church 11:30-1pm	
June 21-25 Vacation Bible School	
June 27 VBS Children's Mass 10:30am	

CREW 2009/2010 Calendar

August 22/23 (Sat/Sun)	Religious Education Registration Weekend (before/after all masses)
September 9 (Wed)	CREW Parent's Information Night 7-9pm, Main Hall
September 14 (Sun)	CREW Kick-Off Party & Confirmation Invitation 1, 5-8pm, Main Hall
September 19/20 (Sat/Sun)	Mission Trip Reports at all Weekend Masses
September 20 (Sun)	Confirmation Invitation 2, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
September 21 (Mon)	SALT Leadership Training, 6-7pm, St. Luke Classroom
September 27 (Sun)	Fall Retreat @ Homer Lake Forest Preserve – Salt Fork Center Noon to 7pm (Confirmation Invitation 3 & 4)
October 4 (Sun)	"Mission: Possible" Parish Event, 4-7pm, Main Hall
October 5 (Mon)	Confirmation Formation 1, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
October 10 (Sat)	Date Night Babysitting, 6-8pm, Main Hall
October 11 (Sun)	Mission Meeting, 6-6:30pm, Lounge Confirmation Formation 2, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
October 18 (Sun)	Evergreen Fundraiser Sales Before/After All Masses CREW Mass and Dinner, 6:30-8pm, Church
October 20 (Tues)	SALT Leadership Training, 6-7pm, St. Luke Classroom
October 25 (Sun)	Evergreen Fundraiser Sales Before/After All Masses Personal Evergreen Orders turned in by Noon
October 26 (Mon)	Vivo/CREW Parent's Night Guest Speaker: Kathy Jobin "Teens and Alcohol", 7-8:30pm, Multipurpose Room
November 1 (Sun)	Evergreen Fundraiser Sales Before/After All Masses CTC Event: St. Mary's Pesotum 6-9pm
November 3 (Mon)	Jr/Sr High Parent's Night: Guest Speaker: Judy Schmidt (U of I Extension) on Adolescent Development: Will We Ever Survive These Years? 6:30 – 8pm, MPRoom
November 8 (Sun)	Mission Meeting, 6-6:30pm, Lounge Confirmation Formation 3&4, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
November 14 (Sat)	Date Night Babysitting, 6-8pm, Main Hall
November 15 (Sun)	Confirmation Formation 5, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
November 16 (Mon)	SALT Leadership Training, 6-7pm, St. Luke Classroom
November 21 (Sat)	Lock-in at St. Matthew's Parish – more details will be announced
November 22 (Sun)	Confirmation Formation 6, 6:30-8pm, MultiPurpose Room
December 6 (Sun)	Evergreen Distribution 8a-1p, Main Hall CTC Event: St. Patrick's, Urbana, 4-7pm
December 12 (Sat)	Date Night Babysitting, 6-8pm, Main Hall
December 8 (Mon)	Final Exam "Care Packages" Assembly 7 – 9pm, MPRoom
December 13 (Sun)	Confirmation Formation 7&8, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
December 14 (Mon)	SALT Leadership Training, 6-7pm, St. Luke Classroom

December 20 (Sun)	Service Event: Decorate Cookies for Catholic Worker House 5 - 6pm, Kitchen at St. Pats, Depart for CWH at 6:15pm Decorate Catholic Worker House 6:30 – 7:30pm
January 2 (Sat)	Date Night Babysitting, 6-8pm, Main Hall
January 3 (Sun)	Mission Meeting 6 – 6:30pm, Lounge Confirmation Reflection 1, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
January 8/9 (Fri/Sat)	Confirmation Retreat: Begins 4pm Friday to 6pm Saturday
January 24 (Sun)	Confirmation Reflection 2, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
January 25 (Mon)	SALT Leadership Training, 6-7pm, St. Luke Classroom
January 31 (Sun)	CREW Mass and Dinner, 6:30-8pm, Church
February 8 (Mon)	Vivo/CREW Parent's Night Guest Speaker (TBA), 7-8:30pm, MultiPurpose Room
February 13 (Sat)	Date Night Babysitting, 6-8pm, Main Hall
February 14 (Sun)	Confirmation Reflection 3, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
February 15 (Mon)	SALT Leadership Training, 6-7pm, St. Luke Classroom
February 19 (Fri)	Fish & Fellowship Lenten Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Lounge
February 21 (Sun)	Confirmation Reflection 4, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
February 26 (Fri)	Fish & Fellowship Lenten Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Lounge
February 28 (Sun)	Vivo/CREW Reconciliation Service & Dinner, 6:30-8pm, Church
March 5 (Fri)	Fish & Fellowship Lenten Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Lounge
March 6 (Sat)	Date Night Babysitting, 6-8pm, Main Hall Set up for Service Auction 8-9pm, Main Hall
March 7 (Sun)	Service Auction 1 st : 8:30 – 9:15am; 2 nd : 10:00 – 10:45am, Main Hall Confirmation Reflection 5, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
March 12 (Fri)	Fish & Fellowship Lenten Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Lounge
March 14 (Sun)	Confirmation Reflection 6, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
March 19 (Fri)	CREW Living Stations of the Cross, 5:15pm, Church Fish & Fellowship Lenten Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Lounge
March 26 (Fri)	Fish & Fellowship Lenten Bible Study, 6:30-7:30pm, Lounge
March 28 (Sun)	CREW Mass and Dinner, 6:30-8pm, Church
April 11 (Sun)	Mission Meeting, 6-6:30pm, Lounge Confirmation Reflection 7, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
April 17 (Sat)	CTC Service Project: Build-A-Shed, 9-5pm, Place TBA
April 18 (Sun)	Confirmation Reflection 8, 6:30-8pm, Main Hall
April 19 (Mon)	SALT Leadership Training, 6-7pm, St. Luke Classroom
April 25 (Sun)	Vivo/CREW Mass and End of Year BBQ, 6:30-8:30pm, Church
May 2 (Sun)	Vivo/CREW Graduation Mass, Noon Mass Luncheon for Grads and their families to follow in Main Hall
May 8 (Sat)	Date Night Babysitting, 6-8pm, Main Hall

Vivo Youth Group Calendar 2009-2010

Sunday September 13 – Class 6:30–8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday September 20 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday September 23 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday September 27 – NO CLASS

Sunday October 4 – Corn Maze! Meet at the church at 5:30pm, return at 8:30pm. Parents needed for driving ☺

Sunday October 11 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday October 18 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday October 25 – NO CLASS

Monday October 26 – Vivo/CREW Parent’s Night: Guest Speaker Kathy Jobin, “Teens and Alcohol” 7-8:30pm Multipurpose Room. (Parents only)

Sunday November 1 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday November 8 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Saturday November 14 – 5-10 pm Mini Lock in. Lock-in at Parish Hall. Mass at 9 pm in the church. Parents pick up at 10 pm at the church.

Sunday November 15 – NO CLASS

Sunday November 22 – St. Vincent de Paul Service Project 6:30-8pm Main Hall

Sunday November 29 – NO CLASS

Sunday December 6 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday December 13 – Christmas Party 6:30-8pm Parish Center.

No Class until January 10

Sunday January 10 – Special Event 6:30-8pm Multipurpose Room

Sunday January 17 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday January 24 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday January 31 – NO CLASS

Sunday February 7 – NO CLASS Superbowl

Monday February 8 – Vivo/CREW Parent’s Night: 7-8:30pm Multipurpose Room (Parents only)

Sunday February 14 – Class 6:30-8pm (President’s Day Weekend)

BOOK DRIVE AT ALL MASSES. We will use class time to sort and organize the books for distribution.

Sunday February 21 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday February 28 – Vivo/CREW Reconciliation Service 6:30-8pm Church

Sunday March 7 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday March 14 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday March 21 – NO CLASS Spring
Break

**Thursday March 25 – Spring Break “Get
Out of the House” Movie TBD**

Sunday March 28 – NO CLASS Spring
Break (Palm Sunday)

Sunday April 4 – NO CLASS Easter

Sunday April 11 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday April 18 – Class 6:30-8pm
Multipurpose Room

Sunday April 25 – End of Year Mass and
BBQ with CREW. 6:30-8:30pm.

Sunday May 2 – Vivo/CREW Graduation
Mass at noon. Luncheon for Graduates &
families following in Parish Center. All 8th
graders are invited to attend with their
families.

Vivo!

In choosing this name for the St. Patrick’s Junior High Youth Group, we hoped to emphasize the need to embrace the call to be holy by simply living out what God has called us to be – completely ourselves. Through the service of others, community events, and weekly religious education meetings, we hope to inspire in ourselves and others a deep love of LIFE, by being vibrantly alive and therefore, glorifying our Lord. In doing so, we will discover what it means to be a great sister, brother, friend, classmate, student, athlete, musician, citizen, human and Catholic.

“The Glory of God is man fully alive.” St. Irenaeus

Meaning Us.

We are Vivo!!

We are alive.

Classroom Assignments

Grade	Room Name
Preschool – Age 4	Blessed Mary
Kindergarten	St. Joseph
1 st Grade	St. Luke
2 nd Grade	St. Mark & St. Matthew
3 rd Grade	St. John
4 th Grade	Basement Main
5 th & 6 th Grade	Basement 1
Junior High - Vivo	Meetings begin in MultiPurpose Room
Senior High - CREW	Meetings begin in Main Hall

Please Note:
 St. Joseph Campus Classes will be held at the St. Joseph Middle School.

Basement: Enter building to the Lobby, go through door by volunteer’s desk and take the stairs down. Basement Main is the large open area in the basement. Classrooms 1 and 2 are located on the far end of the basement.

Classrooms: Enter building from North entrance. **Please note that the classrooms have been renamed, please look for name plates on each classroom.**

Multi-Purpose Room: Enter building to the Lobby, at first hallway turn right and go through double glass doors.

Lounge: Enter building to the Lobby and turn left, lounge located straight ahead.

Religious Education Annex: Located behind the church, across the alley. White house set back a bit behind the white garage.

Covenant Promise

As parents we are aware of the need for continuing Christian conversion and development in our own lives and we are aware of our responsibility to share our faith by word and example with our children.

We are deeply concerned about the religious development of our children. We appreciate the assistance of dedicated fellow Christians who so generously share their time and effort to help us in this most important work and with them we make this covenant promise before God.

By sending our children to the Religious Education Program we do not in any way lessen our own parental responsibility. We recognize it is both our obligation and privilege to instill in our children knowledge of God and the Church's teachings – to hand on to our children our Catholic heritage as we promised at our child's baptism.

We will share our beliefs and help our children learn the lessons and prayers identified on the following pages.

We pledge to assure in every way possible that a positive attitude and respectful behavior of our children will be exercised during classes, liturgy, sacramental and prayer experiences. Each week we will discuss the lesson taught that Sunday and assist with the memorization of prayers and lessons (as needed). We will completely support the Religious Education Program at St. Patrick's Parish.

We are aware of our own need for continuing religious growth and development as we share our faith with our children. Therefore, we pledge to work on our own continuing faith journey so that we may always give good example and share our religious faith with our children.

To this end we pledge:

- † To attend Mass weekly on Sunday and Holy Days with our children
- † To pray daily (privately and as a family) and to teach our children the importance of this habit in their lives

Signature of Parent(s)

Signature of Rel. Ed. Coordinator

Basic Content by Grade Level

Kindergarten – Jesus Loves Us

Content: God Gives Us Many Gifts; God is Our Creator; Jesus Shows Us God's Love; Jesus Wants Us to Share God's Love

First Grade – God Loves Us

Content: Jesus Teaches Us About God's Love; We Are Followers of Jesus; We Belong to the Church; We Celebrate and Live Our Faith

Second Grade – Jesus Shares God's Life

Content: Jesus is With Us Always; Jesus Calls Us to Penance and Reconciliation; Jesus Give Himself in the Eucharist; We Live Our Catholic Faith

Third Grade – We Are The Church

Content: Jesus Gives us The Church; We Are Members of the Church; The Church Leads Us in Worship; We are Called to Discipleship

Fourth Grade – God's Law Guides Us

Content: Growing in Jesus Christ; The Commandments Help Us to Love God; The Commandments Help Us to Love Others; We Are Called to Holiness

Fifth Grade – We Meet Jesus in the Sacraments

Content: Jesus Christ Shares His Life with Us; Confirmation and Eucharist Complete our Initiation; The Sacraments of Healing Restore Us; We Love and Serve as Jesus Did

Sixth Grade – We Are God's People

Content: Forming the Covenant; Building the Covenant Nation; Redefining the Covenant People; The Covenant Fulfilled in Jesus

Vivo

Jesus: Fully Human and Fully Divine; Our Life in the Catholic Church; Living the Teachings of Christ

CREW – Confirmation (Year Long Preparation)

Content: Confirmation will follow a process of Invitation Classes; Reflection Classes; and Formation Classes. Topics will include such things as: Personal Identity; Faith; Trusting in God; Revelation; The Reign of God; Sin; The Resurrection; The Holy Spirit; Prayer; Morality; Service; Sacraments.

Prayers and Memory Work by Grade Level

Grade	Prayer	Memory Work
Pre-School 4	Sign of the Cross Spontaneous Prayer	
Kindergarten	Sign of the Cross Our Father Meal Prayers Spontaneous Prayer	
1 st Grade	Sign of the Cross Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be Meal Prayers Spontaneous Prayer	
2 nd Grade	Sign of the Cross Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be Act of Contrition Meal Prayers Spontaneous Prayer	Responses at Mass Genuflection
3 rd Grade	Sign of the Cross Our Father Hail Mary Glory By Act of Contrition Apostle's Creed Meal Prayers Spontaneous Prayer	Responses at Mass Genuflection Marks of the Church Seven Sacraments Great Commandment
4 th Grade	Sign of the Cross Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be Act of Contrition Apostle's Creed Meal Prayers Spontaneous Prayer	Responses at Mass Genuflection Marks of the Church Seven Sacraments Great Commandment Ten Commandments Corporal Works of Mercy Spiritual Works of Mercy

5th/6th Grade

Sign of the Cross
Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be
Act of Contrition
Apostle's Creed
Meal Prayers
Spontaneous Prayer

Responses at Mass
Genuflection
Marks of the Church
Seven Sacraments
Great Commandment
Ten Commandments
Corporal Works of Mercy
Spiritual Works of Mercy
Beatitudes
Gifts of the Spirit
Laws (Precepts of the Church)
Holy Days of Obligation

7th/8th Grade

Sign of the Cross
Our Father
Hail Mary
Glory Be
Act of Contrition
Apostle's Creed
Guardian Angel Prayer
Meal Prayers
Act of Faith
Act of Hope
Act of Love
Prayer for the Faithful
 Departed
Angelus
Regina Coeli
Hail, Holy Queen
Memorare
Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Prayer to St. Francis

All of the above plus:
Responses at Mass
Genuflection
Order/Meaning of the
 Mass
Morning Offering
Rosary: Joyful,
Luminous,
 Sorrowful,
 Glorious

Senior High

All of the Above

All of the Above

St. Patrick's Religious Education Program Information, Policies and Regulations

The policies and regulations section is designed to assist parents and students who have enrolled in the Religious Education Program at St. Patrick's. Information contained within is to be followed by all who participate in the Religious Education Program.

Arrival & Dismissal

Class hours for Children's Religious Education – Urbana Campus are 9:15am to 10:15am on Sunday mornings. Students are not allowed in their classrooms unless their catechist or aide is present. Students that arrive early should wait with their parents in the Main Hall until their teacher and/or aide have arrived. Classes will be dismissed at 10:15am. As a safety precaution, students who have not been picked up by 10:25am must wait in the Main Hall for their parents.

Class hours for Children's Religious Education – St. Joseph Campus are 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings. Please note: St. Joseph classes will be meeting at the St. Joseph Middle School this year.

Class hours for Vivo and CREW are 6:30pm to 8pm on Sunday evenings. The building will be opened by 6:15pm. Vivo students meet in the MultiPurpose Room of the Parish Center and the CREW students begin their meeting in the Main Hall. Any changes in room assignments throughout the course of the year will be posted on signs on the doors as the students enter the building. As a safety precaution, students not picked up by 8:15pm must wait in the Parish Lobby for their parents.

Attendance

Regular class attendance is required. Weekly class attendance is taken and recorded.

It would be appreciated if catechists or staff can be notified of expected absences a week in advance.

Books and Materials

We ask you to be sure your child comes to class prepared with his/her folder and any completed assignments or paperwork.

Have your child write his/her name and phone number in their folder, so if they are left in class or in church, they can easily be returned.

Cell Phones in Class

Students who bring cell phones to class in any Religious Education program, should either turn the phone off or place it in “silent” mode. Students who are caught texting or making calls during classes, mass or other events will first be asked to put the phone away. If they have to be told a second time, the phone will be taken from them and returned at the end of the event.

Change of Address and Phone Number

Any change of address, phone number or emergency phone number should be given immediately to the Religious Education staff or to the Parish Office, 367-2665.

Children’s Masses and Teen Masses

Children’s Masses are generally held the first two weekends of each month at the 10:30am mass. (Please check bulletin for any changes.) Children and families are welcome to sit together or the children are invited to come forward and sit on the steps leading up to the altar. Children ages 3 and under should be accompanied by an adult. All children who sit on the steps should be instructed by their parents to be quiet and respectful during mass.

Teen Masses are generally held four times during the school year at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings. The mass is followed by a dinner for all the teens and helpers. (Please check calendar for exact dates.) All teens from all the parishes in town (and beyond) are welcome to attend our teen masses. The Teen Masses allow for a closer connection with the mass and the songs, homily, etc are geared toward the younger generation. Teens are asked to bring some of their allowance or earnings from a job to give at the offertory collection. A goodwill donation of \$5 is also asked for the dinner to help offset the cost of the meal.

Classroom/Building Usage

St. Patrick's Urbana Campus teachers and students share their classroom space with the entire parish and other events and groups. Therefore, all property should be respected. Classroom books and supplies and teacher/student belongings should remain in their classrooms and not be moved about the building. Classroom windows and blinds may only be operated by the catechist or another adult. *Students may not enter classrooms without the catechist present.*

St. Patrick's St. Joseph Campus teachers and students share their classroom space with the teachers and students of the St. Joseph Middle School. Therefore, personal property of the teachers and students should be respected and not disturbed. The opening of desks, whether teacher or students, is not allowed. Classroom books and supplies, teacher and student belongings, lockers, etc. are other areas that should not be disturbed.

Communication with Catechist or Religious Education Staff

Formal parent conferences are not scheduled. At the beginning of the year, the catechist will inform parents in a written letter the best means for parents to communicate with the catechist during the year.

The Religious Education Staff are available during class times or by phone. Messages can be left for the staff with the Parish Office (367-2665). The Parish Office is open Monday-Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Covenant Promise

The Covenant Promise is an overview of the commitment we ask you and your children to make as part of your yearly commitment to the Religious Education Program.

Parents are asked to read and sign the Covenant Promise at the beginning of each year of Religious Education. The Covenant Promise will also be signed by the coordinator of the specific program. Signed Promises are returned to the RE staff and kept on file.

CREW

CREW (Christ Renews Everyone's World) is the name of the Senior High School Youth Group at St. Patrick's. CREW offers a well rounded youth group experience through: fund raising activities, service events, religious education, Confirmation, a Summer Mission Trip, participation in the Champaign Vicariate Catholic Teen Connection (CTC) events, retreats, bible studies, teen masses, social events, teen leadership training (SALT Team) and much more. CREW evenings incorporate different forms of opening and closing prayers, song and praise, small and large group discussions, hands-on activities and ice-breakers.

Discipline

The educational goals, philosophy and policies of the parish teach responsibility and self-discipline. These are the keys to good conduct, consideration of others and learning. Therefore, the following rules are the basis in providing a Christian setting and a learning environment that will benefit each person in the Religious Education community.

General Rules:

- Students will respect self and each other.
- Students will respect persons in authority in all areas of the parish.
- Students will be courteous and mannerly.
- Students will take good care of property and possessions.
- Students do not take things that belong to others.
- Students will walk in the halls in an orderly and quiet manner.
- Students do not settle matters with violence, therefore, students will not exhibit any physical or verbal aggressive behavior. (As members of a Christian community, we will settle our differences in a peaceful manner.)

In the Classroom:

- An orderly classroom is essential to learning. No student will interfere with another student's right to learn and a catechist's right to teach.
- Students will keep classroom rules they develop in cooperation with their catechist.
- Students are expected to complete any assignments given by the catechist and to bring their Religious Education folder to class each week.

Parish Property:

- Students will show respect and courtesy to one another.

Students will stay on the parish grounds (or school grounds for the St. Joseph classes) during class time unless given permission to do otherwise.

Students will follow safety rules set up by the parish or catechist.

Students who are unable to follow classroom rules or are disruptive will be asked to sit with the Religious Education Staff in the Main Hall for the remainder of the class period. The student will rejoin their class the following week.

Staff and volunteers will respect and uphold the dignity of each student in their care. Staff and volunteers will also inform parents of any issues or problems that may arise during the course of the year.

Drugs, Alcohol and Weapons

The parish recognizes the adverse effects of chemical abuse. Therefore, the parish prohibits the possession, use, passing or selling of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or other narcotics in any form by students. (Matches, cigarette lighters, knives or other sharp or harmful objects are also prohibited.) If there is any violation of this rule, parent(s) will be notified. The student may be suspended from the Religious Education Program.

Emergency Closings – Weather Related

Please use general common sense in regards to weather related closings (ie: if streets are not clear or severe weather is in the area.) An announcement will be made at church after the 7:30am mass and before the 9:00am mass.

Religious Education staff will be at the school in case students and/or parents arrive for classes. Signs will also be posted on the entrance doors.

St. Joseph Campus follows all school closings. Please be attentive to radio/TV announcements for school closing information.

Emergency File

An emergency file is kept by the Religious Education staff in case parent(s) need to be reached during classes. This information is obtained from the Religious Education Registration Form.

Emergency Procedures

Fire, storm and tornado procedures are reviewed with catechists and students each year. Each class will go over the procedure for exiting the building in an emergency or moving to a safety location within the building.

Harassment/Sexual Harassment

It is every child's right to a classroom and environment in Religious Education which is free of tension and fear. In keeping with this principle, St. Patrick's Parish, will neither condone nor tolerate any form of harassment towards students, parish staff or catechists by parish employees, volunteers or students.

Harassment is engaging in, having part in, or committing any act that intimidates, injures, degrades or disgraces any other person physically or verbally.

Sexual harassment means any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature.

Any such conduct witnessed must be immediately reported to the Religious Education staff or Pastor. A written report of the incident will be taken in regards to all persons (adults/students) involved.

Homework

Homework is an extension of classroom work. It is given to reinforce, review or practice ideas or concepts taught in class. The amount of homework will be appropriate to the grade level of the child. It may be memorization and/or written work or a family project.

Information Being Sent Home

Students will bring home information in their Religious Education folders. It is imperative that parents check these folders for current information for their student(s).

Lost and Found

Any lost items will be turned into the Religious Education staff and sent to the Parish Office Lost and Found (located in our Parish Secretary's office). Through out the course of the year unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Medical Needs

Please notify the Religious Education staff if your child has any medical needs that have an impact on their ability to participate fully in the Religious Education program. Most importantly, please notify the staff if your child has an allergy condition that needs to be paid attention to during the year.

Ministry of Faith Development

The Religious Education Program exists as a part of the Ministry of Faith Development. The Ministry team is made up of one or more Parish Council members, the Religious Education staff and a parish-wide representative. The Ministry of Faith Development meets once a month to discuss, review and recommend action in any and/or all the Faith Development areas: Children's Religious Education; Holy Cross and St. Thomas More Education Commissions; Marriage Prep; Mystagogia; Pre-Baptism Classes; RCIA; Vivo; and CREW. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting or voice any concerns, comments or feedback can contact the Religious Education staff for meeting times and dates.

Mission Trip

The CREW Youth Group offers the opportunity for all high school teenagers to attend a Summer Mission Trip beginning with the summer after their freshman year to the summer after their senior year. Teens must fulfill fund raising, service and religious education requirements in order to attend the trip. These requirements are not meant as a hindrance, but as a means to bond the teenagers together both as participants of the Mission Trip and to the CREW Youth Group. Mission Trips rotate through the following schedule: Memphis, TN; East St. Louis, IL; Detroit, MI; and a Wild Card Year. The Wild Card destination is chosen by the Mission Advisory Board (a group of parents and chaperons who help to make decisions about the Mission Trip). Because teens and their families help with fund raisers for the Mission Trip, each teen is only required to pay a \$100 non-refundable deposit on the trip. Mission Trip meetings are held usually on the first Sunday of the month and important

information about the Mission Trip is given out at those meetings. Either the teen or their parent is strongly encouraged to attend Mission Trip Meetings in order to stay informed about current programming and news about the Mission Trip.

Parent/Friend As Class Visitors

All classes are open to visits by parents at all times.

Friends may visit classes as well. The catechists and Religious Education staff ask that a week's notice be given in advance of the desired date.

Permission Slips

Students need to fill out Diocesan permission forms any time students meet at the Urbana campus to attend an event not on parish grounds OR meet at an event that is sponsored or endorsed by the Religious Education Program. With any activities that include over night stays, specific forms will need to be filled out and notarized by a Notary Public.

Prayer in the Classroom

Traditional, contemporary and spontaneous prayer will be a part of the child(ren)'s experience in the Religious Education Program. Definite prayer times are planned as part of each class time and the use of spontaneous prayer when the occasion is appropriate.

Registration

Formal registration for Religious Education classes is usually held in the late summer. Registration can be handled by the Religious Education Staff throughout the year as well. Once classes have begun for the year, new registrants will be allowed to join the Children's Religious Education classes on the first Sunday of the following month. For instance, if a family registers for classes on Nov 15th, their child will begin classes on the first Sunday of December. This is in order to create a stable classroom experience for all the children. Late registrants for the Junior and Senior High Programs can begin the following Sunday after their registration.

Sacramental Preparation

Before a child receives any sacrament, he or she is required to be regularly attending a Religious Education Program. This Religious Education may be completed either through Holy Cross Catholic Grade School, The High School of St. Thomas More or the St. Patrick's Religious Education Program.

Parent(s) and child weekly Sunday Mass attendance is an automatic prerequisite for the child's reception of the sacrament.

First Reconciliation

The child must be baptized, be at least a second grader and attending the current year of Religious Education.

If the child was baptized at another parish, a copy of their baptismal certificate must be turned into the Children's RE Coordinator before the sacrament of First Reconciliation can be received.

Parents also need to be actively involved in the reconciliation preparation process. The parish provides a retreat day (for parent and student) to help educate and assist parents in their role as teacher.

Celebration of First Reconciliation is usually in November.

First Eucharist

The child must be baptized, be at least a second grader, attending the current year of Religious Education and have received First Reconciliation.

If the child was baptized at another parish, a copy of their baptismal certificate must be turned into the Children's RE Coordinator before the sacrament of First Eucharist can be received.

Parents also need to be actively involved in the Eucharistic preparation process. The parish provides a retreat day (for parent and student) to help educate and assist parents in their role as teacher.

Celebration of First Eucharist is usually held in late April.

Parents of the 3rd Grade Religious Education Program will be requested to help with the current year's ceremony and retreat experience.

Confirmation

Confirmation at St. Patrick's Parish is held every two years for the 9th and 10th grade students of our parish. The young adult must have

received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist prior to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. The young adult should be attending the current year of Religious Education through the CREW program.

Preparation for confirmation has several components. Confirmation preparation classes begin in the fall semester. There are also 2 Confirmation Retreats planned, as well as other preparation classes throughout the semester.

The Confirmation date is set by the Bishop and the Pastor.

SALT (Student Action Leadership Team)

SALT is the student leader component of the CREW Youth Group. All teens are welcome to join the SALT team beginning with the summer after their 8th grade graduation. The SALT team helps the CREW Youth Minister make decisions about and run the CREW Youth Group. The duties of the SALT team include: attending the Summer Retreat; be an active participant of CREW; help the catechists throughout the year; make decisions about the CREW calendar; create a theme and t-shirt each year; complete all ministry assignments. The responsibilities of the SALT team include: be welcoming; be respectful; be open; be honest; and be understanding. The Youth Minister provides monthly leadership trainings in order to build the leadership skills of the teenagers on the SALT team.

Student Safety

Students in the primary grades (PreK – 2) should be brought to the classroom and picked up from the classroom by an adult or an older sibling. Older students can arrange meeting places with their parents after classes have let out (this can include the parish hall, lobby, the sidewalk in front of the parish center, church, etc.)

In the case of evening classes (Junior and Senior High), the Religious Education Staff will not leave the building until all students have been picked up.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is traditionally held during the last week of June each summer. Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are welcome to attend VBS. The VBS program

consists of songs, skits, bible stories, arts and crafts, games, snacks and other activities in order to help build the faith of our Catholic youth. Youth in 4th grade and up are encouraged to help as volunteers in the VBS program.

Vivo

Vivo is the name of the Junior High Youth Group at St. Patrick's. "Vivo" means alive in Spanish. The Vivo Youth Group is for the 7th and 8th grade teenagers in our parish. The Vivo Youth Group meets on most Sunday nights throughout the school year. In addition to religious education, they also have occasional social and service activities.

Prayers of the Church

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Our Father (the 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 thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Glory Be (Trinity Prayer)

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

Acts of Contrition

Primary Grades

O 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 and 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.

Junior and Senior High

My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee.
I detest all my sins because they offend thee, my God,
who art all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of thy grace,
to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin.
Amen.

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of slavery. Worship no god except Me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to 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 tell lies against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or husband.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry.
Give drink to the thirsty.
Clothe the naked.
Help those imprisoned.
Shelter the homeless.
Care for the sick.
Bury the dead.

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Share knowledge with others.
Give advice to those who need it.
Comfort those who suffer.
Be patient with others.
Forgive those who hurt us.
Give correction to those who need it.
Pray for the living and the dead.

The Beatitudes

Happy are those who are poor in spirit; the kingdom of God belongs to them.
Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them.
Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised.
Happy are those who do what God wants; God will satisfy them fully.
Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will have mercy on them.
Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God.
Happy are those who work for peace; they will be called children of God.
Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God wants; the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

Apostle's 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
and 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 body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Marks of the Church

One: Our Church is one in Jesus. We are united in faith and love. We are to be signs of God's kingdom of Love.

Holy: Our Church is holy in Jesus. We are holy because we share in God's life. We try to live as Jesus did.

Catholic: Our Church is catholic in Jesus. Jesus' message is for all people. Our community must invite everyone to belong, as Jesus did.

Apostolic: Our Church is apostolic in Jesus. It shows it is faithful to the mission given to the apostles. Our pope and bishops carry on the work of the apostles.

Seven Sacraments

Sacraments of Initiation:	Baptism Eucharist Confirmation
Sacraments of Healing:	Reconciliation Anointing of the Sick
Sacraments of Service:	Holy Orders Matrimony

Great Commandment (Law of Love)

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.

The Laws (Precepts) of the Church

1. Celebrate Christ's resurrection every Sunday (or Saturday evening) and on Holy Days of Obligation by taking part in Mass and by avoiding unnecessary work.
2. Lead a sacramental life. Receive Holy Communion frequently and take part in the celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation regularly. Catholics must receive Holy Communion at least once a year at Lent-Easter. We must confess at least once a year if we have committed any serious, or mortal, sin.
3. Study Catholic teachings throughout life and continue to grow in faith.
4. Observe the marriage laws of the Catholic Church and give religious training to one's children.
5. Strengthen and support the Church: one's own parish, the worldwide Church, and the Holy Father – the Pope.
6. Do penance, including fasting and not eating meat on certain days.
7. Join in the missionary work of the Church.

Holy Days of Obligation

On these days, Catholics must celebrate the Eucharist just as on Sunday.

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| 1. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God | January 1 |
| 2. Ascension | During Easter season |
| 3. Assumption of Mary | August 15 |
| 4. All Saints Day | November 1 |
| 5. Immaculate Conception | December 8 |
| 6. Christmas | December 25 |

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my Guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day be at my side
To light and guard and rule and guide.
Amen.

Meal Prayers

Bless us O Lord, and these thy gifts,
Which we are about to receive,
From thy bounty, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. I believe that Thy Divine Son became Man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

Act of Hope

O my God, relying on Thy almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace, and Life Everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

Act of Love

O my God, I love Thee above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Morning Offering

O my Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for Thy greater honor and glory, the salvation of my soul, for the intentions of our Holy Father, and for the poor souls in Purgatory.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace! Amen.

Rosary

Joyful Mysteries

Annunciation
Visitation
Nativity
Presentation
Finding in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries

Agony in the Garden
Scourging
Crowning with Thorns
Carrying of the Cross

Crucifixion
Glorious Mysteries
Resurrection
Ascension
Descent of the Holy Ghost
Assumption
Coronation

Luminous Mysteries
The Baptism in the Jordan
The Wedding at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Regina Coeli

Queen of heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia.

Hath risen as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

R. Because Our Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, who by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, great, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy!
Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished
children of Eve, to thee do we send
up our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this valley, of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us; and
after this our exile show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus;
O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breath into me Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work too, may be holy.
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.
Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

Prayer to St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.