



Our 150th Anniversary
Congratulation to our St. Patrick Family!

Faith Formation Handbook 2007-2008

Preschool through Grade 12



"Let the children come to me"
The words of Jesus from Matthew 10: 14

St. Patrick Catholic Church
Troy, Ohio



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PLEASE NOTE... Tuesday night Faith Formation
and FF events will be cancelled IF Troy City
Schools have cancelled school on that same day due
to weather, regardless of the weather that evening.

Sunday Morning Preschool and Kindergarten Program

During the 9:30 AM Mass

Preschoolers in the school K Room

Kindergarteners in the school GR1 Room

It is recommended that the grade of Faith Formation matches the school grade the child is entering.

**Requirement for all adult volunteers:
Archdiocesan Fingerprinting and Child Protection Video**

Preschool: age 4 by Sept. 1

Kindergarten: age 5 by Sept. 1

September 16, 23, 30

October 7,14,21,28

Nov 4, 11, 18

December 2, 9, 16

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17, 24

March 2, 9, 16

April 19- Special Family Event, 6 PM.

Elementary Faith Formation, Grades 1-6

Tuesday evenings, 7-8:15

School and Parish Center

It is recommended that the grade of Faith Formation matches the school grade the child is entering.

**Requirement for all adult volunteers:
Archdiocesan Fingerprinting and Child Protection Video**

September: 11,18,25

October: 2,9, 23,30 (*No class on the 16th. Families are encouraged to attend our Parish Mission, Oct. 14,15, and 16).

November: 6,13,20,27

December: 4,11,18

January: 8,15,22,29

February: 5,12,19,26

March 4,11,18

April 8,15,22,29

Grade 7-8 Faith Formation

The required events for youth who attend public school are listed below, but youth who attend Catholic or private schools are welcomed as well. Friends are encouraged at all events, too!

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SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

These requirements help youth to establish a basic pattern of service in their lives. In this way they can carry on the work of Jesus in the world. We ask that all service be unpaid. If money is accepted we ask that it is donated to the youth's favorite charity. Basic household chores "don't count," although we hope teens will always do their part at home. We believe that teens should serve their family AND reach out to others through their church and through their civic community. We hope they grow as Christians from these experiences.

Fourteen service hours per year are required. Youth Ministry will provide opportunity for four of those hours:

ONE HOUR: Provided by Youth Ministry. On November 20, grade 7 and 8 classes will visit a nursing home with their small group. (A social will follow).

ONE HOUR: Provided by Youth Ministry. On February 9, grade 7 and 8 classes will visit a nursing home with their small group. (A social will precede this event).

TWO HOURS: Provided by Youth Ministry. Grade 7 youth are asked to work a 2-hour shift at

Grade 7/8 Continued

the Face and Arm Painting Youth Ministry Booth of the Troy Strawberry Festival, June 7 and 8. Grade 8 youth are asked to work a 2-hour shift at the Children's Games booth of the St. Patrick Festival, May 16-18. These experiences help youth to support their parish.

TEN HOURS: Initiated by the youth. A sign-up sheet is available at each Super Sunday with service opportunities for youth. Once completed, youth record their service on blue cards at each class.

Previous summer service counts up to 5 hours.

KING'S ISLAND THANK YOU TRIP (June, 2008
Cost: only \$15 plus food money).

Grade 7 and 8 youth who fulfill the above requirements AND do one of the following are invited to this trip:

- *Attend Youth Council meetings and participate in Youth Council-sponsored events.
- *Assist at mass as a server with good attendance.
- *Participate as regular members of the Youth Choir.
- *Serve as a Clubhouse leader, working one day per week for a session.
- *Work an additional 10 hours of service

Super Sundays: Junior High youth enter the school playground door at 9:15 AM. Youth mass begins at 11:30 AM and parents are asked to attend this mass also. Super Sunday ends at the close of the Youth Mass. Each youth is to bring a Bible to class for each class. Bookmarks will be distributed at each Super Sunday class as a simple Bible homework assignment.

**SUPER SUNDAYS AND EVENTS FOR
GRADES 7-8**

Parents: Please call the Youth Ministry voicemail number 335-2833 ex. 106 before an event if your youth will not be able to attend one of the below events. Completing make-up work is necessary and is found on the parish website, Youth Ministry Make-Up Work page.

Sunday, September 9 Event: Parish Picnic at the Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal, 3505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls, OH 45339. Please bring a covered dish, lawn chairs for all, and this FF Handbook. 10:45 AM Parent and Youth Meeting (childcare during this meeting is provided). Noon Outdoor Mass. 1:00 PM pot-luck and outdoor activities.

Super Sunday, September 23

Super Sunday, October 14

Saturday, October 27 Event: Parish 150th Birthday Celebration. Pot-Luck dinner in the Parish Center. Please bring a covered dish. Entertainment and stories that highlight our parish's past. Special parishioner recognition. Please bring the whole family!

Sunday, October 28, 1 PM Sesquicentennial Mass with Archbishop Pilarczyk (no 11:30 AM mass this day).

Super Sunday, November 4

Super Sunday, November 18

Grade 7/8 Continued

Tuesday, November 20 Event: 6:45 PM Nursing Home visits (locations TBA), followed by BIG social in the Parish Center.

Saturday, December 1 Event: Parish Advent Program. Pot-Luck dinner, theater-style. Film and discussion "The Nativity." Please bring your CHD donation in the box created in the November class.

Monday, December 17 Event: Parish Reconciliation Service, 7 PM in church.

Super Sunday, January 13, 2008

Super Sunday, January 27

Saturday, February 9 Event: Lazer Tag/Quest outing, followed by Nursing Home Valentines Parties.

Friday, February 22 Event: 5:30 PM Parish Lenten Dinner pot-luck, followed by The Way of the Cross led by the Jubilee Singers.

Super Sunday, March 2

Monday, March 10 Event: Parish Reconciliation Service, 7 PM, Church.

March 20-22, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil: We ask junior high youth to go to one of these special services. Please bring your Rice Bowl donation.

Super Sunday, April 13

Grade 7/8 Continued

Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20, Event: Net Ministries Retreat, begins at 4:30 mass, continues at the Pleasant Hill 4-H Camp, concludes by early afternoon Sunday.

Sunday, May 4 Event: Morning Field Trip. Grade 7 to the Maronite Catholic Church of Dayton and Grade 8 to the Precious Blood Sisters Motherhouse.

May 16-18 Friday-Saturday-Sunday Event: Grade 8 youth are asked to work a two-hour shift at the Children's Games booth of the Parish Festival.

June 7-8 Event: Grade 7 Youth are asked to work a two-hour shift at the Youth Ministry Face and Body art booth of the Strawberry Festival.

SUPER SUNDAY SNACK SCHEDULE

Please bring 1 dozen donuts, pastries, or fruit:

9-23—Grade 9 boys // 10-14—Grade 9 girls

11-4—Grade 9 boys (*Grade 9 girls will bring more to the Mishpachah/Relationship retreat)

11-18—Grade 7 boys // 1-13—Grade 7 girls

1-27—Grade 8 boys // 3-2—Grade 8 girls

4-13—Grade 8 boys (*Grade 8 girls will bring more to the 4-H camp retreat).

Grade 9 Faith Formation and Confirmation Preparation:

The required events for youth who attend public schools are listed below. Youth who attend Catholic or private schools are welcomed as well. Friends are encouraged at all events, too!

Requirement for all adult volunteers: Archdiocesan Fingerprinting and Child Protection Video.

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

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Youth are asked to contribute to each of the below four projects, plus provide four hours of additional service per year to others.

A LITURGICAL MINISTRY: Youth will be trained in the Liturgical Ministry of their choice: server, lector, youth choir member, children's liturgy team leader, usher-and-seasonal decorating help.

WORLD HUNGER RELIEF EFFORT: A retreat that includes service is being planned and will be announced soon. Youth need to support various parts of the retreat.

Grade 9 Continued

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL FLOAT

CONSTRUCTION: Youth will study the work of the Miami County Right to Life and will design and build a float that celebrates the Right to Life's respect for all human life and their great outreach.

ST. PATRICK SOUP KITCHEN: Youth need to assist for a meal at the St. Patrick Soup Kitchen during the summer of 2008.

FOUR HOURS: Initiated by the youth. A sign-up sheet is available at each Super Sunday with service opportunities for youth. Once completed, youth record their service on blue cards at each class.

Service from the previous summer will count up to 2 hours.

KING'S ISLAND THANK YOU TRIP (June, 2008
Cost: only \$15 plus food money).

Grade 9 youth who fulfill the above requirements AND do one of the following are invited to this trip:

*Participate in the entire World Hunger Relief
Retreat

*Attend Youth Council meetings and participate in Youth Council-sponsored events.

*Serve as a Clubhouse leader, working one day per week for a session.

*Work an additional 10 hours of service for the year.

Super Sundays: Freshman youth enter the parish center at 9:15 AM. Youth mass begins at 11:30 AM and parents are asked to attend this mass also. Super Sunday ends at the close of the Youth Mass.

Each youth is to bring a Bible to class for each class.

Bookmarks will be distributed at each Super Sunday class as a simple Bible homework assignment.

SUPER SUNDAYS AND EVENTS FOR GRADES 9

Parents: Please call the Youth Ministry voicemail number 335-2833 ex. 106 if your youth will not be able to attend one of the below events. Completing make-up work is necessary and is found on the parish website.

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Super Sunday, October 14

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Super Sunday, November 4

Sunday, November 18 Event: Evening Mass at the University of Dayton; a food court visit and a tour/presentation by Fr. Joe on the Marianists. Times TBA.

Grade 9 Continued

Saturday, December 1 Event: Parish Advent Program. Pot-Luck dinner, theater-style. Film and discussion “The Nativity.” CONFIRMATION SPONSORS discussed. Please bring your donations to CHD in the container created in class previously.

Monday, December 17 Event: Parish Reconciliation Service, 7 PM in church. FRESHMAN LEAD THIS SERVICE. 4 pm pizza and practice in the Undercroft beforehand.

DUE TO OUR CONNECTION TO RIVERSIDE SCHOOL AND MISHPACHAH, A DRAMA TROUPE, WE DO NOT KNOW OUR SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULE YET. BELOW IS ONLY A PARTIAL LISTING OF SECOND-SEMESTER EVENTS:

Friday, February 22 Event: 5:30 PM Parish Lenten Dinner pot-luck, followed by The Way of the Cross led by the Jubilee Singers.

Monday, March 10 Event: Parish Reconciliation Service, 7 PM, Church.

Holy Thursday, March 20, Grade 9 featured participants. Please bring your Rice Bowl donations.

Summer Soup Kitchen Event: St. Patrick Soup Kitchen. Youth serve a meal with their small group.

Grade 9 Continued

SUPER SUNDAY SNACK SCHEDULE

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11-18—Grade 7 boys

1-13—Grade 7 girls

1-27—Grade 8 boys

3-2—Grade 8 girls

4-13—Grade 8 boys (*Grade 8 girls will bring more to the 4-H camp retreat).

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Youth are asked to perform a ministry at least twice before they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They are encouraged to continue this ministry after Confirmation to become the next generation of leaders in our church. They are very appreciated by the St. Patrick family.

Parents: Please call the Youth Ministry voicemail number 335-2833 ex. 106 prior to an event if your youth will not be able to attend one of the below events.

Grade 10 Continued

Sunday, September 9 Event: Parish Picnic at the Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal, 3505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls, OH 45339. Please bring a covered dish, lawn chairs for all, and this FF Handbook. Noon mass followed by 1 PM Sophomore Parent and Youth Meeting (childcare during this meeting is provided). The meeting will conclude by 1:45 PM so Sophomores and their families can enjoy the pot-luck cook-out (the buffet line will be shorter by 1:45!).

Wednesday, October 24, Fazoli Night in the Undercroft: 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Please bring \$6 for the food and presentation fee. Topic: The Confirmation Mass

Sunday, November 18, 11:30: Recognition Mass for High School Learning and Service.

Wednesday, November 20, Fazoli Night in the Parish Center, 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Please bring \$6 for the food and presentation fee. Topic: Seeking the Spirit

Saturday, December 8: Candidate/Sponsor Dinner and Rehearsal, 5:30 to 8 PM, Undercroft. Dress is "sporty casual" and we will take a group picture of the candidates. Please bring a dish to share:

Candidate first name A through K: Main entrée serving 6

Candidate first name L through R: Fruit or vegetable dish serving 8

Candidate name S through Z: Dessert serving 8

Grade 10 Continued

Sunday, December 9, 2:30 PM Confirmation Mass with Archbishop Pilarczyk. Candidates and sponsors need to be present in the Undercroft by 1:45. Attire should include shirt and tie for boys and dress or dressy slacks for girls. There are no limits as to how many family members can attend. Following the mass, please take advantage of a photo op with our Archbishop. Also, please take home the Prayer Flags made by the candidates hanging from the center aisle pews. Finally, please join the reception where a slideshow and gifts are offered.

Special items needed for this day:

***Baptismal candles:** candidates should place these candles in their designated seat in the pews before mass begins. Back-up candles will be provided in the pews for those who can't locate their Baptismal candle. Please mark each candle with initials at the bottom. *** 3 dozen cookies** for the reception that follows the mass. Candidates should bring these to the Undercroft before mass begins. *** A camera:** While no photos can be taken during the mass except at the Processional and Recessional, photos are encouraged immediately after the mass when the Archbishop will take family pictures. *** A gift for the Confirmandi:** Sponsors and family members may choose to give a gift to the newly-Confirmed youth. Please visit M'n'J's gift shop on east main (across from Kay's) for Confirmation items. Also, check out St. Mark's Bookshop in downtown Dayton or JUSTCATHOLIC.COM.

Grade 11-12 Faith Formation

All youth (no matter the school they attend) and their friends are invited to learn and serve through our upper high school program!

Requirement for all adult volunteers: Archdiocesan Fingerprinting and Child Protection Video.

The Christian Service and Learning Award:

An award from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry, issued at St. Patrick Church this fall and spring.

Award description: A pin, a certificate listing all service and learning events, and recognition at a Youth Mass.

Award requirements:

- *Two unpaid acts of ministry or service for or through the St. Patrick community
- *Two learning experiences, at least one that includes a dinner talk.
- *Informal sharing at a dinner talk about recent service and learning and it's relationship to Christianity.

Award Recognition Masses: 11:30 Mass on November 18 and May 4. Parents of youth who earn this award will be notified several days before the mass.

PLEASE NOTE: Because there is no registration fee for grades 10-12, all upper high school events must be self-paid. Most service events will not require money, however. ALSO NOTE: An RSVP is required for all learning events and some service events. Simply call Mrs. Mengos' voicemail (335-2833 ex. 106) by midnight the day before an event.

Grade 11 and 12 Continued

Service and Ministry : Youth are encouraged to continue their ministries from their Confirmation preparation or to switch to a new ministry. Individual service opportunities will also be posted via Sign-Up Sheets on the internet and bulletin notices.

Learning Events: Dinner Talks (RSVP Required)\$6 to cover the carry-in food and a speaker fee. All dinner talks are in the Undercroft from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Once youth arrive (by 6:15 at the latest) youth need to stay until the end of the program.

- Dinner talk topics are meant for discussion and are chosen by the Youth Council. All views will be respected. A church understanding of these topics will be provided by a speaker or by good materials. A bit of church history and a closing prayer will also be included.
- Thursday: September 20: Cohabitation
- Monday, October 15: Mission Speaker
- Tuesday, November 13: Personal Self-Defense and Working for Peace
- Wednesday, January 9: Movie night—movie TBA
- Sunday and Monday Feb. 17-18—BERGAMO RETREAT FOR UPPER HIGH SCHOOL—THE WORLD'S GREATEST!—This outstanding event combining youth from all around Dayton counts as two dinner talks!
- Thursday, March 13: Natural Family Planning
- Wednesday, April 16—College Student Presentation.

Grade 11 and 12 Continued

In order to pay for the Bergamo retreat, youth and parents are encouraged to assist at a January 26 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in the Parish Center. Many hands are needed!

Other Learning Events (RSVP also required):

*Fall group participation in a Christian Band Concert at the Avenue (date TBA)

* Fall field trip to a synagogue or an orthodox church (date TBA)

* Martin Luther King Day speeches in downtown Troy, Monday, January 21, 2008

* Dayton Urban Way of the Cross, Good Friday, March 21, 2008

* Memorial Day speeches, Monday, May 26, Riverside Cemetery in Troy

KING'S ISLAND THANK YOU TRIP (June, 2008
Cost: only \$15 plus food money).
Grade 10-12 youth who earn a fall and spring NCLS award in one year are invited to this fun day.

The Youth Council

Open to all youth, this advisory service group meets one Sunday morning a month from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Youth Ministry Sofa Room. Officers provide light breakfast fare while the group plans future events and critiques past events. Members are asked to participate in special outreach projects, which are also open to all teens in the parish. Parent support is needed. Youth from each grade are desired. Call Diane Mengos, 335-2833 ex. 106 to join this group.

Youth Council Meeting Dates:

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Dec 16, Jan. 6,

Feb. 3, Mar 9, April 6, May 18 elections.

Fair Trade sales—Youth Council workers needed after a mass: Nov. 10 and 11, and April 26-27

Leaders

Open to youth in their junior and senior year of high school, these young people are a treasure to our parish. They assist at grades 7-10 events approximately 5 times per year by creating fun interactive activities, giving witness presentations, and leading prayer experiences. Contact Mrs. Mengos (335-2833 ex. 106) to become a leader.

Teachers

Our adult staff of volunteer teachers work very hard to be prepared for each Super Sunday event. The commitment is usually around 8 classes per year. We are always looking for additional catechists. Please give your thanks to this year's teachers: Chris and Anne Mix, Mark and Mary McCormick, Angela and Nate Tremblay, Karen Nagul, Kim Roeser, Leslie Barringer, Pam and Bob LaLumiere, Mary Ann Gerlach, and Tim and Miriam Grunkemeyer.

Youth Intern Opportunity

St. Patrick Church administration graciously allows a few interns to be paid for their hourly work on behalf of Youth Ministry. Hours are limited so that the costs to our parish are not high. Interns are asked to not work an outside job unless the job is very flexible. Interns must be seniors in high school who have a record of active parish service and learning since Confirmation. Interns grow in their experiences of faith and leadership. They must be willing to work at a variety of tasks and at a variety of times. See Mrs. Mengos for details.

Volleyball

Girls Volleyball is open to parish girls (and their friends) in grades 4-8. Practices are held once or twice per week in our parish center gym. The volleyball season begins in late January and ends around Eastertime. Usually there are about 4 or 5 away games on Saturdays or Sundays and a few home games. The cost is currently less than \$50. A clinic and an end-of-season party highlight the season. For more information, please contact Carol Schumacher, 335-2833 ex. 130, dschumacher@woh.rr.com

Summer Activities

- The Children's Bible Camp—usually the third week in June, mornings only. Lots of teen leaders are needed.
- Junior High Mission Trip—a long weekend in Beattyville, Kentucky to assist with painting and beautification projects.
- A High School Mission trip—destination TBA
- Miami County Habitat for Humanity—for high schoolers and older, usually the last week in July.
- Troy Lunch Club—Please help with this important, short lunchtime activity—contact Mrs. Pat Smith for more information 335-2833 ex. 104, RSmith3055@aol.com
- Archdiocesan camps—go with a friend! Camp themes include music, leadership, and service.
- Youth Council and Leaders Party

Other Noteworthy Events

The Life Chain quiet pro-life prayer on Main Street: Sunday, October 7, 2-3 PM by the Courthouse

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil at the Hayner Center, Sunday, Jan 20, 2-3 PM

Parish Mulching Day: Saturday, April 12, 9 AM to 5 PM

Graduate Mass and Brunch: Sunday, April 13, 9:30 Mass followed by brunch and gifts, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

The Parent Advisory Board for Youth Ministry

Please send your constructive criticism, praise, and brainstorming ideas to the parents on this board before each of the scheduled meetings. Board members and their contact information will be available at the Parish Picnic meeting.

Meetings are Sunday, Nov.11 and Sunday, April 6, 8:30 to 9:30 AM in the Youth Ministry sofa room. Paid staff are not present for the first half of the meeting so visitors can speak to the Board freely. Follow-up to parent comments is important.

All parents are encouraged to become Board members if they are interested. Please see the Youth Ministry coordinator for more information.

Young Adult Activities

Young adults ages 18-22 will be invited to get-togethers at local festive restaurants. We are working toward big crowds and fun experiences.

Young adults who seek to participate in a church ministry or a small group Bible Study will be given information at the social gatherings.

A small group Bible Study for young adults is held at the home of Scott and Laura Schulze of Troy. Please contact Scott and Laura at 339-5851, spya409@yahoo.com

History and Mission of Faith Formation

Historically, Catholic religious education in the United States was called “CCD,” or Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It was developed in the 1500’s and was made part of Church law. In 1935, the United States bishops made this the model of religious education for Catholic youth attending public schools. The primary emphasis was memorization of Catholic doctrine. Recent developments in youth religious education have revealed that the foundation of all our faith formation is based on LIVED practice of our Catholic faith. Further studies have proven that when children and youth process the values and beliefs in everyday experiences, they begin to develop an identity with their Catholic faith.

Because of this research, St. Patrick began referring to religious education classes as “Faith Formation.” This program is not about memorization of facts, but of total Catholic knowledge from our history, beliefs, and sacraments. It is about our Church’s standing on issues and how, in a Christian manner, we can put our faith into action, word, and deed in our everyday lives.

Our Faith Formation Mission: to assist in the total faith development of our youth parishioners by offering social, service, worship, and religious education opportunities which relate to the world we now live in and to our Catholic faith.

The success of the Faith Formation Program lies in all the people of the parish since everyone has unique gifts to add to the program through numerous volunteer and support opportunities. The more adults involved, the more young people can be reached.

Events will be planned with the help of the Archdiocesan guidelines and outstanding resources and publications as well as input from both youth and adults. All activities will be published and friends are always welcome. The Faith Formation team is eager to hear the comments and suggestions of any parishioner so that the program can continue to grow in faith and fun.

Program Policies

Registration:

All families who have children enrolled in religious education classes must be registered in the parish or pay an additional fee.

Attendance /Absence:

The religious education program builds year upon year and lesson upon lesson. Therefore, it is important for students to attend classes regularly. We keep attendance records for the Archdiocese and for our parish. Parents will be contacted if a prolonged absence from class is noticed. If your child will be missing a class, please contact the Faith Formation coordinator. Make-Up work may be necessary for missed sessions.

Cancellations:

Weather related closings are displayed on WHIO, Channel 7. On Tuesday nights there will be no faith formation if Troy City Schools are cancelled due to weather.

Child/Youth Welfare and Safety:

Any child/youth who reports or is suspected of being abused or neglected will be reported to the proper authorities. It is the legal responsibility of the Program Coordinators to report any suspected incidents. For the safety and welfare of any youth/child of divorced or separated parents, it is the responsibility of all custodial parents to provide a copy of any Court Orders pertaining to the child in confidence to the Program Coordinator.

Program Policies, Continued

Curriculum:

Course curriculum follows the Graded Course of Study for Religious from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the textbooks are chosen from the Preferred Religious Textbook/Program list. Further information concerning the curriculum is available from the Coordinator of Faith Formation.

Sacramental Policy:

Active participation in Faith Formation sessions is necessary for the reception of sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Therefore, those who desire to receive these sacraments should be active continually, but especially the year prior to sacramental preparation. Therefore, Grade 1 activity is important prior to Grade 2 sacraments and Grade 8 activity is important prior to Grade 9 Confirmation prep.

Parents and/or guardians are a vital part in preparing a child for a sacrament and are given the opportunity to become more familiar with our program through several meetings held throughout the year.

Parent/Family Volunteers

We have many opportunities for parents and families to volunteer throughout the year. Parents/guardians will be able to choose areas of interest at registration. Faith formation at St. Patrick's is not possible without the support and help of parents/guardians. Without proper supervision, we will have to cancel events if there is a shortage of parent/adult chaperones.

CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

It is the expectation of the Program Coordinators that all persons in the Faith Formation program respect the rights, privileges, and dignity of others. We believe that the Gospel is the foundation of our ministry and community both within and outside of the program. Therefore, in order to assure that the rights, privileges, and dignity of each person, youth and adults, are maintained, we have created the following Seven Guidelines:

1. All persons will be treated with love, charity, and respect at all times by staff, catechists, and peers. All are to refrain from disrespectful talk, distracting behavior or sarcasm.
2. No person is permitted in any other area of the parish campus unless approved by the Program Coordinators
3. No child/youth is permitted to leave the parish property without written and dated permission from their parents/guardians. If an early dismissal is requested or if transportation will be provided by someone other than parents (not including regularly scheduled carpools), written permission should be given to the Coordinator.

Students and catechists are expected to refrain from gum chewing, smoking, eating, or drinking while in the Faith Formation sessions. If the Program Coordinators or instructors give consent for snacks, then there will be designated persons to supervise clean-up

Christian Behavior, Continued

4. All property of the parish and participants is to be handled with care and respect. In the event of accidental damages, the person is to immediately report the damage or breakage to the Program Coordinator.
5. No person is permitted to smoke on the premises or to be under the influence of alcohol or nonprescription drugs or to distribute or attempt to distribute any of the above.
6. In the event that a student has in their possession any item that is causing a distraction, the instructor will remove the item until a time is appropriate for its return.

Violations of the Seven Guidelines—Preschool and Gradeschool classes:

1. First Offense—Student is temporarily removed from class to meet with the program Coordinator. Notice will be given to the parent/guardian.
2. Second Offense—Student is removed from the class and parent/guardian is called to pick them up. A meeting must occur between the program coordinator, teacher, student, and parent/guardian before the student may attend further classes.
3. Third Offense—Student removed from class and parent/guardian called to pick them up. Another meeting must occur between the Program Coordinator, teacher, student and parent/guardian to discuss parent supervision in class or homeschooling.

Violations of the Seven Guidelines—Youth Ministry Events

1. The teacher gives the youth a verbal or non-verbal warning during the event. If the youth changes his/her behavior, the teacher will discuss the problem privately at the next breaktime, asking for positive behavior. If the youth doesn't correct the behavior after the warning, the teacher will call a coordinator to remove the youth from class and be taken to the Make-Up Work room. The teacher will talk to the youth there if possible at breaktime. Make-up work for the present class will be assigned.
2. The parents of any youth who is sent to the Make-Up room for misbehavior will receive a phone call. Parents are asked to talk to the youth to encourage better behavior at the next class.
3. If behavior is still a problem at the next class, the Program Coordinator will recommend parent supervision in class or homeschooling.

Fees

Faith Formation fees were raised this year so that they contribute to a reasonable portion of the total cost of providing quality personnel and materials. Materials include: classroom Bibles, texts, teacher manuals, postage, printing, phone service, computers and printers, AV aids, prayer table supplies, craft supplies, folders, pens and pencils, workshops for teachers, rental of facilities, gym supplies, tableware, linens, bus driver fees, bus fuel, speakers, award costs, back-up food, sacrament certificates, AV equipment,, props, small celebration gifts, and many other needs.

Fees should never stop a child from fully participating in our faith formation activities. Please see Patty Chappie (Preschool and Gradeschool) or Diane Mengos (Youth Ministry) for opportunities to spread out fees or to receive a discount.

Fee Schedule

Preschool...	\$60
Kindergarten...	\$60
Grade 1....	\$60
Grade 2...	\$70 (to cover the two sacrament textbooks)
Grade 3...	\$60
Grade 4...	\$60
Grade 5...	\$60
Grade 6...	\$60
Grade 7...	\$100 plus a Bible is needed
Grade 8...	\$100 plus a Bible is needed
Grade 9	\$100 plus a Bible is needed
Grade 10	\$20 (to cover final Confirmation prep and Confiramtion weekend)
Grade 11-12	No fee--pay per event
Total.....	_____

Family Discounts	2 registered children Minus \$15
	3 registered children Minus \$30
	4 registered children Minus \$45
	5 registered children Minus \$60
Total Discounts.....	_____
Final Amount Due.....	_____