

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
FAITH FORMATION
HANDBOOK
2009-2010



The right and duty of parents to give education is essential, since it is connected with the transmission of human life; it is original and primary with regard to the educational role of others on account of the uniqueness of the loving relationship between parents and children; and it is irreplaceable and inalienable and therefore incapable of being entirely delegated to others or usurped by others.

(John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio* p.35)

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	George Twigger
	Kathleen Werner
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Sr. Youth Ministry

TEXTBOOKS USED IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Kindergarten-Eighth Grade-----Faith & Life Series, Revised Edition
Ignatius Press
Confirmation Supplement-----St. Joseph Confirmation Book
Catholic Book Pub. Co.

Cancellation of Classes

In the event Faith Formation Classes need to be canceled due to inclement weather, please watch or listen to the following channels on radio and TV stations. If Cabarrus County schools are closed, we are closed.

NBC-6@WCNC-TV Lite 102.9 WLYT-FMKAT Country WKKT-FM 96.9
WBTV-Channel 3 WBT-FM 99.3 FOX 18-WCCB Charlotte
Fox 99.7 WRFX-FM Magic 96.1 WMMG-FM The End 106.5 WEND-FM
If you have any doubts call the parish office. 704-720-0600, ext. 23

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

1. Your student should be in their class 5 minutes before class starts and must be picked up promptly at the end of class.
2. Students will not be released to anyone but a parent/guardian unless the Faith Formation office has been otherwise notified in writing.
3. Your student should bring his/her folder to class each week. Check your student's folder each week for homework assignments and important information.
4. Prayers and service project due dates are assigned by the teacher.
5. Perfect attendance is expected. Missing more than 8 classes (4 from September to December, and 4 absences from January to May), for the year without an acceptable written excuse, will result in the student repeating their grade.
6. Tardiness disrupts the class. Habitual tardiness may result in being sent to the Faith Formation office and a parent picking up their student.
7. If you do not have a Covenant of Faith on file please call the Faith Formation Office.
8. Parents are asked to teach through example by attending Sat. / Sun. Mass. Mass attendance is mandatory for sacramental years.
9. Watch the Bulletin every week for Faith Formation updates.

DISCIPLINE AND EXPECTATION

The goal of the Faith Formation Department is to provide a positive atmosphere where effective teaching, sharing, and learning can take place. Read the "Student's Behavior Expectations" and discuss them with your student. If at any time a catechist feels a student has violated any of the "Student Behavior Expectation's", that student will be removed from the classroom and sent to the Faith Formation Office. Repeat offenders will be sent home.

Note: Any gross violation of these "Student's Behavior Expectations" may forfeit your student's involvement in the Faith Formation program.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Students Behavior Expectations

I will be polite at all times.

I will listen courteously when others are talking.

I will treat teachers, fellow students, church buildings and grounds with respect.

I will be prepared for class.

I will arrive on time for class.

I will refrain from disruptive behavior.