

2018-2019
RELIGIOUS FORMATION
Grades PreK-5th

PARENT HANDBOOK



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Calendar for Elementary Formation 2018-2019

PreK - 5th GRADE

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“Our faith is peace, joy, love and life.” St. John XXIII



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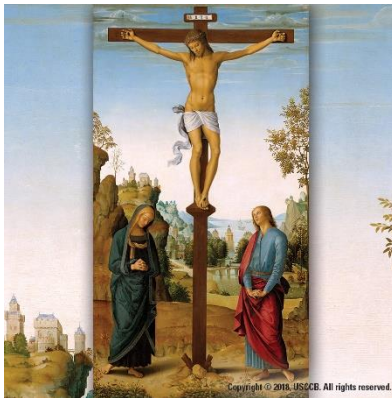
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Elementary Religious Formation program at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. We are looking forward to a wonderful year filled with blessings and faith filled opportunities to share and grow in our faith. Every year, Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month of September. This year we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on the weekend of September 16, 2018. The theme for this year is: *Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ*.

As children of God we are called to Witness not just by our words, but also by our way of life. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians "Therefore, I urge you, be imitators of me." (1 Cor. 4:16), he urged them to do something he was already putting in practice. May this year we all grow in our imitation of Christ.

Please intercede for all our Parish Catechists and lift them up in prayers as they share their faith with the children and youth of our parish. As well as all of our Parish Families



Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

Prayer for Family Commitment

Loving and merciful Father, who instituted the family as an instrument of your fruitful love and raised it to be a sacrament of the love of your Son for his Church, send forth your Holy Spirit to forgive us for our sinful failures, to heal the personal and social wounds that afflict us, to bring consolation to the vulnerable among us, and to enable us to reach out in compassionate care to all those families in need. Make possible within us and or us what only you can do. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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You are in our prayers, your sisters in Christ,

Joana Mireles
Coordinator of Elementary Formation

Adi Bonilla
Elementary Formation Assistant

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Immaculate Conception Parish, as the body of Christ, is to be visible in our community through evangelization and service. We nurture and support family life and draw our strength from the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist, and the full Liturgical Life of the Church.

ELEMENTARY FORMATION VISION

The family is the primary place for formation of children. Parents have shared natural life with their children; and through the Sacrament of Baptism, have given them the gift of sharing in God's life. The *Rite of Infant Baptism* makes five different references to the duties of parents, assisted by godparents, in bringing up their children in the Faith in which the children are being baptized. Through the love and example of their parents, children come to know the love of God and develop the capacity to trust in His goodness. Pope John Paul II called the family "a school of Christian values." Formation in the Faith takes place in the family through family prayer, reading Sacred Scripture, stories of the lives of the saints, and practice of the virtues.

As children reach pre-school and school ages, they become more active participants in the wider community of faith, and at this time, their formation in the family needs support and celebration in the parish community. Parish formation programs for children do not replace their formation at home, but supplement it and celebrate it through involvement in the parish. In formal religious formation, the children encounter the example of other loving adults (catechists) who reinforce the truths of the Faith. They also form, with other children in the Faith community, a peer group with whom they learn and celebrate their developing faith.

ICC's parish elementary formation begins at age four. Pre-K and Kindergarten students receive catechesis focused on the God as the loving creator and our dignity as created in His image and likeness. First through 5th graders receive systematic catechesis that unfolds all the teachings of the Catholic Faith in an organized way. Through this more formal instruction they come to know the Person of Jesus and to experience him with the Church, the community of Faith.

At ICC we use the word "Formation" to capture all the elements of growth in the Christian Life. Many grew up going to CCD classes, Sunday school or religious education; all are various names for programs of catechesis, which remains at the heart of Formation. Formation, then, involves teaching and being taught, so that the disciple (the person being taught) may have certainty about the truths of the Faith. The goal of formation is not mere knowledge about the Faith, but relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ, who leads us to the love of God the Father in the Holy Spirit.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Office:

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Religious Formation Class Hours Pre-K thru 5th Grade:

Sunday:
English: 8:30-9:45am Spanish: 10:30 – 11:45am
Wednesday:
English & Spanish: 5:30pm – 6:45pm

ATTENDANCE:

Parents please understand that religious formation is a *progressive program*. Each day that your child is participating in formation class is like setting a stepping stone towards their Christian way of life. Each class period is linked to the previous and following class; therefore missing one class will make it harder to follow in the continuous flow of the program. In order for your child to get the whole experience of our religious formation program and to start to develop a well formed Catholic centered life *regular attendance* is **required**. We understand that circumstances may occur that will cause your child to be absent; in that case we ask that you follow these procedures:

1. Turn in a letter to your child's catechist the next class. Excused absences are only for illness, school event, or family emergencies (Funeral). You may call in advance to notify of your child's absence but for documentation purposes a letter is needed.
2. If there are an excessive number of absences a special conference will be held with you (parent), your child's catechist and the religious formation coordinator to see whether this year will count as a full year of formation. **If your child is in sacramental preparation, more than three (3) absences may delay his/her readiness for the sacrament.**

DROP OFF PROCEDURE:

1. On Wednesday you may enter thru the School's main front entrance, and on Sundays through the gym.
2. For the security of the children **please walk your child to their class**. Never leave your child unattended. If your child's catechist has not arrived please wait with your child until their catechist arrives.
3. Please have your child arrive promptly to class. We ask that children not arrive earlier than 15 minutes prior to class. **Arriving more than 10 minutes late to class will result in an absence.**
4. Magnetic lock will turn on 5 minutes after class has begun, not allowing access into the building until the end of class.

PICK UP PROCEDURE:

1. Magnetic lock will be turned off 5 minutes before class is over, which will give you access to enter the building.
 2. Children are not allowed to leave the classroom unless an authorized adult or older responsible sibling (*18 years of age or older*) has arrived for them.
 3. Please make sure that your child is picked up promptly at the end of class and no later than 10 minutes after class is over. Many of our catechists also have duties in the Mass and they need enough time to close and get over to the church in time. **We assess a charge of \$1 for every minute that you are late.** The funds go towards Religious Formation.
- We realize that at times traffic or unexpected delays may occur. If you are going to be late please call the office – **(940) 535-7046**; and let us know.
 - After 3 times of being late, we will need to report negligence to Child Protective Services and the Diocese of Fort Worth.

BEHAVIOR/DISCIPLINE:

Our religious formation classes share classrooms with Immaculate Conception School. It is expected that our students act in an appropriate Christian manner at all times. Each child is to respect their fellow students, their catechist, the catechist's aide, any other adult in the classroom, as well as the classroom surroundings (desks, furniture, materials, etc.). In order to keep our parish and school beautiful and clean we ask that the students not bring **gum, food or drinks** in the ***classrooms***. We also ask that children not bring any toys or electronic devices with them. Failure to abide by this, the catechist will take the item away from the child and take it to the religious formation office, and the parent will then have to sign a release form to get the item back.

In cases of disruptive behavior the following procedures are used;

- 1st Grievance: Verbal reminder from catechist
- 2nd Grievance: Time out (time will be determined by child's age)
- 3rd Grievance: Sent to Religious formation office
- 4th Grievance: Discipline/ incident Report write up
- 5th Grievance: Meeting with parents, catechist and Coordinator of Formation

COMMUNICATION:

It is our goal to serve you and your child the best that we can. This PARENT HANDBOOK provides many answers for you. Additionally, we will send information to you via e-mail, FLOCK NOTE, announcements on parish website, Parish APP, flyers, notes, and through the parish bulletin. If a personalized note is being sent we will ask that the person receiving the note please sign to verify receiving the note.

If you have questions or concerns not covered in the handbook or materials please contact the elementary formation staff by e-mail, phone call or by an appointment. We do not make appointments during instructional time; please call the office to set-up an appointment. We ask that you understand that, all catechists and office aides are volunteers and therefore the best person to contact regarding a question is the Coordinator or Assistant.

EMERGENCY CLASS CANCELLATION

For information on closings please listen to 88.1 FM KNTU or watch channel 8 WFAA. For weekday formation classes, if the Denton ISD is closed due to weather or an emergency situation, religious formation classes are generally cancelled as well. The parish website will be updated by 3pm to indicate cancelation of class. If inclement weather arose during religious formation the students will be dismissed early.

Please keep your contact information up to date, that way we are able to reach you in case of class cancelation.

HEALTH AND MEDICATION

If your child is sick please use your own judgment on whether or not they should attend class. We ask that the child be fever-free for 24 hours in order to help stop the spread of any illness that may be contagious. We do not accept nor dispense any type of medicine from the formation office. If you have a special case regarding medicine please talk to the coordinator or assistant of formation as soon as possible.

PARISH GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

In accordance to our Diocesan Policy we ask that children never be left alone on parish property. Please be punctual when dropping off and picking up your child for religious formation, retreats, or other events. Please help us care for our parish by not walking through the flower beds and not playing with the Water in the Mary Garden. Please dispose of gum before entering any building.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents who have children in the Religious Formation Program at Immaculate Conception are expected to:

1. **Attend Mass weekly on Saturday/Sunday!** As members of the Catholic Church, participation of the Liturgy manifests the communion in Christ between God and men, which then engages the faithful in a new life (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1071). “The Church obliges the faithful to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days” (CCC 1389). Attending Mass on Sunday as a family is a stepping stone in your child’s spiritual formation. Schedule of Mass is as follows:
 - a. Saturday
 - i. 4:00 pm – English
 - ii. 6:00 pm – Spanish
 - b. Sunday
 - i. 8:00 am – English
 - ii. 10:00 am – English
 - iii. 12:00 pm – Spanish
 - iv. 2:00 pm – Spanish
 - v. 4:00 pm – LIFE TEEN
2. Be participating in Adult Formation and active in the various parish programs.
3. Be active with your child’s formation. Ask what they are learning in class and work on “Parent Section” at home to reinforce material that is learned.

PROGRAM GOALS

Our goal is to support families as they grow together in their faith. Being a resource to the parents and helping them guide their children, *“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule.”* (CCC 2223). Contrary to what we might believe, religious formation does not begin until the child formally enters a classroom. *“Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel...Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God.”* (CCC 2226) The primary task of our parish religious formation is to:

- Proclaim Christ’s message
- Participate in efforts to develop community
- Lead the children to worship and prayers
- Motivate the children to become a community of believers that serve others.

CURRICULUM

Publisher – Our Sunday Visitor

Allelu (Pre-K)

For more information please go to www.allelu.com

PreK– Allelu (Our Sunday Visitor)

This program is focused on early childhood and will engage our 4 year olds to help build up their faith. It also allows for family participation. Each week the child will take home a placemat that they can use at home with activities that they can do at the dinner table with their family to extend the lesson they previously learned.

Finding God de Loyola Press (Kinder – 5th)

This information can be found in the Scope and Sequence of each program. For a more in-depth explanation please feel free to visit www.loyolapress.com, click on “Finding God”. Each of the programs from Kinder to Fifth grade consists of five units and an additional unit with lessons for our liturgical celebrations. Each of the lessons are encourage the children to engage, explore, reflect, and respond as well as they tie the lesson to the liturgical celebrations which highlight the connection to the Mass. The Seasonal Sessions provide additional options for the children to learn about our liturgical year and special feast.

Kinder: *Program helps kindergarteners to explore and understand that God calls us. To become familiar with the foundations of Faith.*

- Unit 1: Focuses on God’s creation and the fulfilled promise of Jesus Christ.
- Unit 2: Focuses on saying yes to God as Mary and Joseph did.
- Unit 3: Focuses on what we are called to do as People of God.
- Unit 4: Focuses on the sacraments, which we celebrate as members of God’s family.
- Unit 5: Focuses on following Jesus’ example in offering forgiveness, help, and love.

First Grade: *Program helps first graders to explore and understand that God Found everything Good. To see God as our Creator.*

- Unit 1: Focuses on God as our Creator and Father, on his creation and on learning to care for his world.
- Unit 2: Focuses on Jesus: his birth and the Holy Family, the words and meaning of the Lord’s Prayer, and Jesus dying and rising from the dead for the forgiveness of sins.
- Unit 3: Focuses on what it means to be a follower of Jesus.
- Unit 4: Focuses on the meeting Jesus in the sacraments and in prayer.
- Unit 5: Focuses on Jesus calling us to make good choices by following the commandments, understanding that Jesus loves us and our families, and doing our part to honor all of God’s creations.

Second Grade: *Program helps second grades to understand that Jesus is the True Vine. With a focus on the sacraments of Eucharist & Reconciliation*

- Unit 1: Focuses on God’s creation and our responsibility to love and care for it.
- Unit 2: Focuses on how we can follow God’s way through Jesus’ example of love.
- Unit 3: Focuses on staying close to Jesus through the sacraments.
- Unit 4: Focuses on meeting Jesus in the Sacraments of Initiation.
- Unit 5: Focuses on living like Jesus.

Third Grade: *Program helps third graders to understand that they are called to be Fisher of Men. The lessons will help them grow closer to the Church and the Holy Spirit.*

- Unit 1: Focuses on God as our Creator and Father with an emphasis on how we can love and care for his creation, the world he gave us.
- Unit 2: Focuses on the call to serve the Kingdom of God.
- Unit 3: Focuses on continuing Jesus' mission by being active members of the Catholic Church.
- Unit 4: Focuses on meeting Jesus in the sacraments and responding to him by living a life of service to others.
- Unit 5: Focuses on living like Jesus.

Fourth Grade: *Program helps fourth graders understand how to live as Jesus taught focusing on the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments.*

- Unit 1: Focuses on God as a Creator and Father with an emphasis on how prayer brings us closer to God.
- Unit 2: Focuses on what Jesus taught us about God's love and forgiveness.
- Unit 3: Focuses on our call, as members of the Church, to follow Jesus and to serve others.
- Unit 4: Focuses on how Jesus and the Church are one and how we meet Jesus in the sacraments of the Church.
- Unit 5: Focuses on living like Jesus by following the Ten Commandments.

Fifth Grade: *Program helps fifth graders understand that Jesus is the Bread of Life through lessons that focus on the Sacraments and Worship.*

- Unit 1: Focuses on creation and emphasizes that God the Father created us and continues to care for us and call us to live in God's kingdom.
- Unit 2: Focuses on the mystery of the Incarnation and our encounter with Jesus in Baptism and Confirmation.
- Unit 3: Focuses on following Jesus and serving others as a member of the Church.
- Unit 4: Focuses on meeting Jesus in the sacraments.
- Unit 5: Focuses on living like Jesus and making good moral decisions.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Our sacramental preparation works hand-in-hand with our religious formation program. We expect the Candidate to have finished one full year of formation prior to the year of Sacramental Preparation. A candidate's eligibility is based on their active participation in Religious Formation classes. More than three absences will delay your child's receptions of the sacraments.

"Catechesis is intrinsically linked with the whole of liturgical and sacramental activity, for it is in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, that Jesus Christ works in fullness for the transformation of men" – (John Paul II, CT 23).

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES CANDIDATES AND PARENTS

Requirements and norms for First Reconciliation and Communion Candidates:

1. Candidate is baptized in the Catholic Church.
2. Candidate demonstrates a desire to celebrate the sacrament and has reached a level of moral development.
3. Candidate must have reached age of discretion, 7-8 years of age, at least in second grade and attending their second continuous year of formation.
4. Candidate must be prepared for and encouraged to participate in the sacrament of Penance as well as knows how to celebrate the Rite of Reconciliation (being able to follow the procedure)
5. Candidate is participating in Sunday Eucharistic liturgy (Mass) on a weekly basis.
6. Candidate has not missed an excessive number of days in religious formation. No more than three (3) absences.
7. Candidate knows how to receive communion.

Parent Requirements and Norms:

1. Parents must attend **MANDATORY SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION** meeting.
2. Parents not only have the right but also the responsibility to be intimately involved in preparing their children for their First Communion. Therefore they should participate in the adult catechesis/ parent meetings for each sacrament; Reconciliation and Eucharist.
3. Parent should not miss mandatory parent meetings. *If there is a problem with scheduling please try to make up meeting another time. There will be several options for participating in Parent Meetings.*
4. Be an ACTIVE Catholic Adult who is willing to support the minor's faith journey.
5. Attend both the Reconciliation and First Communion Retreat with their child.

Catechesis concerning the Eucharist must be ongoing throughout formal elementary, middle and high-school religious formation. Progressive and Integral formation is needed to establish good faith roots.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES

All candidates are expected to attend Religious formation classes (parish classes, homeschool or ICCS) along with their Sacramental Preparation Classes. There will be options to when the Sacramental Preparation classes will be offered during the school year and the summer. Families who have children eligible to prepare for their First Reconciliation and First Communion will be notified of the Parent Meeting to sign-up for Sacramental Preparation Classes.

During the year that your child prepares for the reception of their Sacraments they will attend Religious Formation class along with the additional Sacramental Prep classes. The Sacramental Preparation classes will meet for five classes in the fall and five classes in the spring. This class is in addition to their formation class – Sunday mornings, Wednesday mornings or homeschool.

God gives us the sacraments to sustain and strengthen our life of faith. It is in the sacraments that we receive God's grace, which allows us to act in the will of God. For that reason, proper preparation of the sacraments is important. To understand what each sacrament means will help us to participate fully in the sacrament.

"The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination of both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit." CCC 1325

CHILDREN STEWARDSHIP

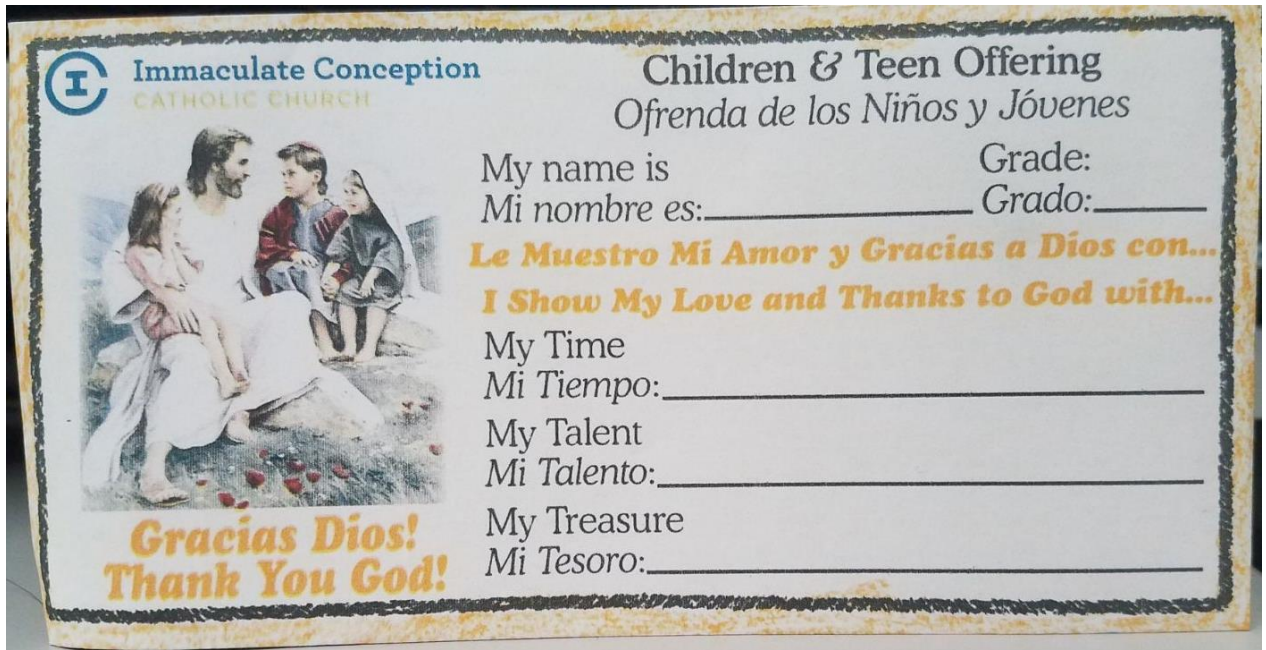
We want to share with children at a young age how they are called to be good stewards of their Time, Talent and Treasure. Weekly your child will be sent home with an envelope that they will then drop in the Children’s Collection during Mass. Please help your child fill out their envelopes.

In the line: **My time** help them write what they did with their time to show their love for God. Such as time spent in prayer (morning, evening, before meals), did they go to Adoration during the week, did they pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, did they offer prayers for someone, did they spend time reading the Bible.

In the line: **My Talent** help them write what they did to help others in a way that glorifies God. For instance, did they help at home with an extra chore, did they help a friend at school, did they put the needs of someone else before them, did they use their own talents to help someone else.

In the line: **My Treasure** help them write what they sacrificed to be able to give financially. For instance, did they sacrifice from buying something (candy, snack, toy), to offer their money. Did they use their allowance to donate to the Church or a Charity? Help them think of ways that their money was used to better serve God.

Our parish is trying to form our children in the way of stewardship, to make it a constant lifestyle of thanksgiving and blessing! Parents, we ask that you help us to make this a meaningful, heartfelt, and prayerful action and offering as a family.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Please be on the look out for the upcoming events. These are ways for your family to get more involved with the rest of your Parish Family.

- **Catechetical Sunday** – Sunday, September 16
- **Parish Picnic Celebrations** – September 22-23
- **Children’s Holy Hour** – Friday, October 5 at 6pm
- **Family Movie Night** – Friday, November 30 a las 6pm
- **Parish Posada** – Sunday, December 16 at 6pm
- **Mother Daughter Tea** – Saturday, January 19 at 11am
- **Daddy Daughter Dance** – Saturday, February 9 at 5:30pm
- **Family Movie Night** – Saturday, March 9 at 7pm
- **VBS** – June 17-21



CALLED TO PROTECT

Our Catholic tradition has always affirmed the dignity of the human person as created in the image and likeness of God. Every person with whom we come in contact deserves to be seen by us with the eyes of God. We know that ministry with children and youth, in particular, is a sacred trust. We at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church are committed to preserve, at all times and in all places, this sacred trust which is rooted in our faith in Jesus Christ.

In 2002, the United States Bishops approved The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in an effort to protect children and youth from sexual abuse at all levels of church life and to restore trust in a Church scarred by the scandal of clergy sexual abuse. Article 12 of the Charter directs all dioceses to create programs and processes to teach children and youth about sexual abuse and its prevention. In the Diocese of Fort Worth, this program will be integrated into the religious formation classes each year in all parishes.

We thank you for your support and interest as we partner to give our children the safest possible environment to grow in faith, in parishes, in our homes and in our communities.

We truly value that you give us the opportunity and trust to walk along with your family in their journey of faith. We want you to be assured that the care and safety of your children is important to us there for all our volunteers who serve in our Parish are asked to go through Safe Environment, in years past it has been called Keeping Children and Youth Safe or Safe and Sacred.

Starting August 2018 our Safe Environment program will be called Virtus. Any one who is interested in volunteering in any ministry in the Parish is required to be up to date with their Safe Environment Certification. If you would like to know if you are up to date with your certification or this is the first time that you volunteer please contact our Parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Terry Scaggs. Mrs. Scaggs can be reached at the Parish Office at (940) 565-1770 or via e-mail at safeenvironment@iccdenton.org.

We thank you for your cooperation in serving and protecting all who you are called to serve. We could not minister to so many without the help of all of you.

GENERAL VISION OF PROGRAM

*Class will be given on the following dates:
August 26 (Sunday) or August 29 (Wednesday)*

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten: RULES ABOUT THE BODY

Lesson overview: The focus of this program is building physical boundary skills. The corresponding lessons are designed to reinforce the concept of rules and how rules help keep us safe. Children will review the rules that keep their bodies safe and healthy, including how to take care of the body and establish rules for appropriate touch.

Objectives:

- Review the concept of rules, how rules work, and how to respond when someone is breaking rules.
- Participate in activities that will enforce the rules that protect the body.
- Respond to situation where someone is breaking the rules that protect the body.

First Grade: RULES FOR INTERACTING WITH OTHERS

Lesson overview: The focus of this program is about starting to build emotional boundary skills. The corresponding lessons are designed to reinforce the concept that interaction can affect how we feel. Children will review the basic types of feelings. In addition, they will review the concept of bullying and how it makes kids feel. Children will learn how to tell someone about people or events that make them feel mad, sad or scared.

Objectives:

- Review the concept of feelings and what makes them feel good or bad.
- Learn the rules for how they're supposed to treat each other.
- Learn about bullies and how they break rules for how people treat each other.

Second grade: LISTENING TO YOUR INTUITION

Lesson overview: The focus of the program is to continue to build behavioral boundary skills. The corresponding lessons are designed to reinforce the concepts that because we know our feelings, we sometimes feel funny if we are asked to do (or we do) something that breaks a rule or seems dangerous.

Objectives:

- Learn what intuition is and how to listen to it.
- Learn how to say no when intuition tells them to.
- Learn how to tell a trusted adult when they feel their intuition is warning them about something.

Third grade: SECRETS, THOSE YOU KEEP AND THOSE YOU SHARE

Lesson overview: The focus of this program is continuing to build emotional and behavioral boundary skills. The corresponding lessons are designed to reinforce the concept some secrets are good while others are not. The accompanying activities help the students learn how to make decisions about which secrets can be kept and which should be told to a trusted adult.

Objectives:

- Learn about different types of secrets
- Learn how to recognize a bad secret
- Learn how to tell a trusted adult when someone has asked them to keep a bad secret

Fourth grade: HEALTHY FRIENDSHIP

Lesson overview: The focus of this program is behavioral boundary skills. The corresponding lessons are designed to reinforce the concept of peer to peer interactions and how some are healthy and some are not. The accompanying activities help the students learn good boundaries with friends and adults.

Objectives:

- Learn what makes a healthy friendship with peers
- Learn to identify a safe adult
- Learn how to respond to situation that make them feel uncomfortable

Fifth grade: HEALTH PRIVACY

Lesson overview: The focus of this program is behavioral boundary skills. The corresponding lessons are designed to reinforce the concept of appropriate privacy – what can, and should be kept private, and what cannot. The lessons continue to develop the fact that children must tell adults some things that are private or “secret.” In addition, the lessons caution fifth graders about giving out too much private information to people on the Internet.

Objectives:

- Learn what can and should be kept private and what needs to be shared with a safe adult
- Learn the rules for safety when communicating on the Internet
- Learn how to recognize and respond when someone want to much private information

VOCATIONAL CHALICE

Each classroom will have a Vocational Chalice and each student will get the opportunity to take home at least once throughout the year and pray for Vocations. This is the prayer that will be sent along with the Chalice.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving and Generous God,
it is You who calls us by name
and asks us to follow You.

Help us to grow in the Love
and Service of our Church
as we experience it today.

Give us the energy and courage
of Your Spirit
to shape its future

Grant us faith-filled leaders
who will embrace Christ's Mission
of love and justice.

Bless the Parish of Immaculate Conception

and the Fort Worth Diocese,
by raising up dedicated and generous leaders
from our families and friends
who will serve Your people as Sisters,
Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us to know You better
and open our hearts
to hear Your call.

We ask this through our Lord. **AMEN**

Remember to pray for the special intentions of:

- † Pope Francis
- † Bishop Olson
- † Fr. Tim Thompson – July 16
- † Father Khiem Nguyen – June 4
- † Father Federico Gayoso – September 17
- † Deacon Art – August 19
- † Deacon Barry – September 26
- † Deacon Alfonso – September 26

PRAYERS

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that “*Prayer is the life of the new heart. It ought to animate us at every moment...*” (CCC 2697). We are the examples for our children, they see how we pray and live out our faith. We encourage you to pray as a family and to grow together in the faith. The following are the suggested prayers that your children should know or should be familiar with depending on the grade level that they are in. Parents please pray with your children, recite the prayers to them so that they may learn and be able to pray.

PreK

- Sign of the Cross
- Amen
- Guardian Angel Prayer
- Blessing before and after meals

Kindergarten

- All previous Prayers
- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be

First Grade

- All previous Prayers
- Alleluia
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- Lord Hear our Prayers (*prayer petitions*)
- Recognize Prayers of the Mass (start to follow along with the parts of the Mass)
- Become familiar with the Rosary

Second Grade

- All previous Prayers
- Act of Contrition
- Understanding of Genuflection before the Blessed Sacrament as prayer of reverence
- Practice the following:
 - Spontaneous – silent prayer, song, gesture, visits to the Blessed Sacrament
 - Understand four reasons of prayer: to praise God, to thank God, to ask God for blessings, and to say “I’m sorry”

- Begin the habit of personal prayer
- Prays to the Holy Spirit
- Recognizes the Prayers and Parts of the Mass

Third Grade

- All previous prayers and forms of prayer
- Nicene Creed
- Kinds of Prayer
 - Establish family prayer devotions (for instance First Friday Adoration)
 - Family Scripture reflections
 - Pray the Rosary
 - Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - Intercessions
 - Praise and Worship
 - Honoring and Praying to the saint of the day
 - Stations of the Cross
 - Mass participation
 - Angelus
 - Prayer with Sacred Scripture (Bible)
 - Prayer with Sacred Music

Fourth Grade

- All previous prayers and kinds of prayers
- The Apostles Creed
- All 20 Mysteries of the Rosary
- Morning and Evening Prayer (including examination of Conscience)
- Hail Holy Queen
- Acts of Faith, Hope, & Love

Fifth Grade

- All previous Prayers
- Incorporate the books of Psalms, Proverbs and Wisdom into your prayers
- Memorare
- Anima Christi
- Divine Praises
- St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

Whether prayer is expressed in words or gestures, it is the whole man who prays. But in naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often of the heart (more than a thousand times). According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays. CCC 2562

PRAYERS

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN

GLORY BE

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

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who are in heaven,
hallowed by 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 thee.
Blessed art thou 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

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 our salvation he came down
from heaven: *and became man, and* by the power of the
Holy Spirit *was incarnate* of the Virgin Mary, and became
man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilot, he
suffered *death* and was buried, *and* rose again *on the third*
day in accordance of the 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 gloried, *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

PRAYERS

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.

I CONFESS

I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters, that I have *greatly* sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore* I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. AMEN.

SACRAMENT

The Sacraments are special occasions for experiencing God's saving presence.

BAPTISM
RECONCILIATION
EUCCHARIST
CONFIRMATION
MARRIAGE
HOLY ORDERS
ANOINTING OF THE SICK



10 COMMANDMENTS OF GOD

The first three commandments show us how to love God and the others show us how to love ourselves and others.

- 1st I am the Lord your God; you shall not have strange gods before me.
- 2nd: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 3rd: Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- 4th: Honor your father and your mother.
- 5th: You shall not kill.
- 6th: You shall not commit adultery
- 7th: You shall not steal.
- 8th: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9th: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
- 10th: You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

- 1st: Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy days of obligation
- 2nd: Confess your sins at least once per year.
- 3rd: Receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the East Season.
- 4th: Observe established days of fasting and abstinence.
- 5th: Help provide for the needs of the Church.