

Important Info.

Mass Attendance Policy

Mass is the central focus of our Catholic faith and our religious education program. To that effect, we hope and expect that Mass will be attended regularly by students and their families. Our class times are conveniently built around our 10AM Family Mass and our 6:00 LIFE TEEN Mass, both of which offer homilies and music that cater to our young people.

Class Attendance Policy

Given the limited number of classes held throughout the year, it is imperative that student absences are limited to *no more than three for students grades 1-5 and no more than two for middle and high school students*. Excessive absences may require you to attend make up sessions or in some cases will result in the repetition of a program year.

Storm Cancellations

Weekend storm cancellations are broadcast on WBZ Radio and on Channel 4, 5, & 7 TV News. You may also call our office for updated voice messages concerning cancellations.

About Our Masses:

Family Liturgy: Sundays @ 10:00 AM

While geared to the developmental understanding of our children, this Mass offers each of us thoughtful insight as to how we can best carry out the Gospel message in our daily lives. The Children's Choir, Cantor/Accompanist and Adult Choir alternate providing uplifting worship music ranging from traditional to contemporary.

LIFE TEEN Liturgy: Sunday @ 6:00 PM

Although geared to our teens, LIFE TEEN Mass is enjoyed by parishioners of all ages. Homilies are relevant and aim to bring us to a deeper understanding of the Gospel message. Our LIFE TEEN band provides upbeat & contemporary music.

Traditional Masses are also held on Saturdays at 4:00 PM and Sunday mornings at 7:30 AM.

Sacred Heart Safety Policies

Parents are expected to bring their children to and from religious education classes by entering the building with them and waiting until the catechist/monitor on duty arrives before leaving them. **For safety reasons we cannot allow children to wait unattended in the parking area or in the building.**

Please note that we have volunteer parking lot monitors on duty at the beginning and end of all class sessions. The parking lot monitor helps to ensure the safety of our children and will direct traffic when needed. At the conclusion of Masses, the parking lot can be very dangerous. For that reason we do not allow children to walk to or from cars unattended. **We ask that parents park in marked spaces when coming to and from the building with their children.**

Additionally, for our children's safety, all catechist and volunteers working with children have submitted to CORI background checks and have participated in the Archdiocesan "Protecting God's Children" Program as well as parish safety programs.

Children in need of First Aid will be sent to the Rel. Ed Office. In the event of serious illness or injury parents or emergency contacts will be notified immediately. Fire and emergency safety codes are to be followed by all students and catechist. Emergency drills for safe exiting of the building will be reviewed in all classes.

Behavior & Discipline

Students are expected to display appropriate behavior suitable to a Christian environment during class time, retreats, special events, and at worship.

Parents will be notified if their child or teen is disruptive in class or disrespectful to their classmates, catechists, or to church property.

If repeated incidences occur students may be asked to be accompanied by parents to class, to repeat the curriculum year or they may risk expulsion from the religious education program. Extended guidelines and policies for day and overnight retreats will be issued at parent meetings in preparation for those events.

Sacred Heart Church

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Schedule

2011—2012

*(Revised 10.1.11)



Pre-K to Grade 5

Sunday Session A: 8:30-9:45 AM

Sunday Session B: 10:45-12:00 PM

Sunday Session C: 4:30-5:45 PM

The Edge—Grade 6-8

Sunday 4:30-5:45 PM

LIFE TEEN R.O.C.—Grade 9 & 10

Sunday 4:30-5:45 PM

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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES *Grades Pre-K thru 5*

October 2(Opening Event), 16, 23, 30*

November 6, 20

December 4, 11

January 8, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1, 22, 29

May 6 (*May Procession*)

Workshops: Grade 2 Only

*Sun., Oct. 30th—*Penance Workshop 11-12:30 PM*

*Sun., March 4th—*Eucharist Workshop 11-12:30 PM*

*The Gr. 2 Workshops take place on Sunday mornings for all grade 2 students in lieu of their regularly scheduled class session.

Sacraments of Penance & First Communion for Grade 2

Sacrament of First Penance & Luncheon

Sat. January 28th @ 11:00 AM

First Communion Rehearsals:

Wed. May 2nd from 5:30 –6:30 PM

Sacrament of First Eucharist:

Saturday, May 5th @ 11:00 AM

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES *The Edge (Gr. 6-8)*

September 17(Opening Event)

October 16, 30

November 20

December 11

January 22

February 5

March 11*(Edge Retreat 2-7 PM) , 25 (regular class)

April 1, 22

Special Liturgies for ALL grade levels

Oct. 2nd—*Blessing of the Pets Bring your pets to church with you at the 10AM Mass!*

Oct. 30th—*All Saints Parade Dress as your favorite saint and help us celebrate at 10AM and 6PM*

*Nov. 6th—*Grade 5 Masses for the Veterans*

*Nov. 20th—*Grade 2 Masses of Thanksgiving*

*Jan. 8th—*Grade 4 Masses for Those in Need*

*Feb. 5th—*Grade 3 Masses for Birthright and Boy Scout Sun. (during 10AM Mass)*

March 4th—*Girl Scout Sun. (during 10AM Mass*

*March 11th—*Grade 1&K Masses for Missions)*

April 1st—*Palm Sunday*

April 6th—*Good Friday:*

Children and their families are invited to participate in our annual Good Friday Kids' Craft Day held from 1:00-3:00 PM.

Living Stations of the Cross: Families and parishioners are also welcome to witness this powerful stations of the cross acted out by middle and high school teens on Good Friday at 3:00 PM.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES *LIFE TEEN:ROC (Gr. 9&10)*

September 17 (Opening Event)

October 23

November 6,

December 11 (Service Night)

January 8

February 5*Mass Only, 26

March 18

April 6 (Service Day)

Retreats & Meetings for Grades 9 & 10

Grade 9 Retreat

Sun. January 29 @Sacred Heart
1:00-7:00 PM in the parish hall

Grade 10 Parent Retreat & Meeting (no teens)

Tues. Dec. 6 OR Thur. Dec. 8
from 6 - 9:00 PM

Grade 10—Retreat Overnight

Friday, Jan. 13 @ 7:00 PM
thru Sunday, Jan. 15 @ 2:00 PM

Sacrament of Confirmation for Grade 10

GRADE 10

Confirmation Meeting & Rehearsal:

Sunday, April 1st from 6—8:15PM with Sponsor

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Saturday, April 21st at 4:00 PM