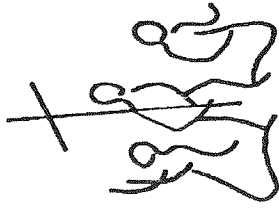


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**St. Kathryn Religious Education (1-6)
2011-2012 Class Schedules**



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Office Hours 8am - 12 noon & 1pm - 4pm M-TH

Please Note:

"On-time" arrival to class & programs is greatly appreciated.



Sowing the Seeds of Our Catholic Christian Faith

Is God calling YOU to share our faith with the children of St. Kathryn's? Please consider joining our team of elementary religious education teachers and teaching assistants. We have 200+ elementary children who are currently being formed in the faith. They are your children and the future of the Church! We will train you, support you and give you all the materials that you will need to have a successful experience.

Please call Nancy in the office to discuss how you can share in the responsibility of **Sowing the Seeds of Our Catholic Christian Faith!** The future of your child's faith development depends on it.

Thank you,
The children of St. Kathryn's

First Grade / FIRST YEAR

This is the year when St. Kathryn Parish joins your family in the on-going religious education of your child. This year we will help you to establish a firm foundation in the teaching, traditions, sacramental and prayer life of your child. This year begins the preparation for your child's second grade/second year sacramental program experience.

Our Heavenly Father of the "Faith and Life Series" from Ignatius Press is the curriculum that will be used during this year. You will find the text and accompanying activity book solid in the teachings of faith for your child with references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for your on-going adult education. The reading level and activity book pages are designed to have your child read and work along with you. The religious art can be used to enhance the understanding of the printed material of the chapter. Be sure to enrich your faith sharing with this valuable tool.

The program will be offered in a traditional classroom setting for 2 hours on Sundays twice a month with a possible option for a weekly Monday night class (depending on enrollment.) The complete Program Schedule is on the adjacent page. Father Gary will offer parent education sessions periodically during the year. An Advent and Lent Family Experience will help you and your child to deepen your relationships within community. The First Grade Year will culminate with Easter School.

Children learn a great deal through hands-on exploration of their environment. To enhance your child's understanding of Holy Mass and the church environment, you will be given a journal to record your visits to the church twice a month. Fr Gary will distribute these during your meeting with him in September. Please note this parent meeting in the Additional Program Schedule below.

We are anxious to partner with you in the religious education of your child. Classroom experiences, family gatherings and Easter School are enriched with your participation. Please step forward with your time and talent!

*Children and their parents are expected to attend Mass on Sunday and all programs listed. If you or your child misses a program, a time to meet with the director will be arranged.

Additional Program Schedule

September 18th (Group #1) 11:40-12:00 - Father Gary meets with parents in the chapel.

September 25th (Group #2) 11:40-12:00 - Father Gary meets with parents in the chapel.

Saturday, December 3rd 5:30-7:00 - Advent Family Gathering

Sunday, March 4th 4:30-6:00 - Lenten Family Gathering

Sunday, April 1st 1:30-3:00 - Easter School

FIRST GRADE-FIRST YEAR PROGRAM SCHEDULE

All assignments are to be completed before the scheduled class time. Text books and activity books are to be brought to every class.

CHAPTERS:	GROUP #1	GROUP #2
1 & 2 (will be done in class)	9/18	9/25
3, 4, & 26	10/2	10/16
5 & 6	10/23	10/30
7 & 8	11/6	11/13
9, 10 & 11	Saturday 12/3 -5:30-7:00 Advent Family Gathering	
	"My Visits to the Church" journal due	
12 & 13	1/22/12	1/8/12
14 & 15	2/5/12	1/29/12
16 & 27	2/19/12	2/12/12
17, 18 & 19	Sunday 4/1 - 1:30-3:00 Easter School	
	Sunday 3/4- 4:30-6:00 Lenten Family Gathering	
	"My Visits to the Church" journal due	

Second Grade/Second Year Sacramental Programs

The sacramental programs of Penance and Eucharist are built upon the teaching and preparation from the first grade/first year program. The sacramental preparation programs continue to emphasize the formation of faith within the family setting. As parents are the first teachers of the faith for their children, they are expected to attend sacramental instruction and will be provided with materials and books to enable them to teach their children at home.

Jesus Our Life of the "Faith and Life" series from Ignatius Press is the curriculum that will be used during this year. First grade will begin using Ignatius Press curriculum as well during this religious education year. You will find the text and accompanying activity book solid in the teachings of faith for your child with references to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for your on-going adult education. Both of the sacramental programs are contained in one text and activity book. The beautiful religious art can be used to enhance the understanding of the printed material of the chapter. Be sure to enrich your faith sharing with this valuable tool.

Children and their parents are expected to attend Mass on the weekends and all program offerings. Text books and activity books are expected to be brought to all programs with the assigned chapters completed prior to class. The director will notify all absentees of make up dates and times.

Program Schedule at a Glance 2011-2010 (Please save and post for quick reference)

Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance

SUN	Sept. 18	1:30-4:00	Opening Program Parents & Children. Chapters 4, 5, & 6 will be covered in program
SUN	Oct. 16	1:30-4:00	Workshop for children only chapters 8,9,17 & 32
SUN	Nov. 20	1:30-4:00	Workshop for children only chapters 18, 19 & 20
SUN	Dec. 4	1:30-4:30	Retreat experience prior to the Sacrament. Parents join at 4:00.

Time Options for Reception of the Sacrament as a Family

FRI	DEC. 9	6:30PM
SAT	DEC. 10	10:30AM
		2:00PM
		5:30PM

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist

SUN	Jan. 8	1:30-4:00	Opening Program Parents & Children. Chapters 16, 21 & 22 will be covered in program.
SUN	Jan. 29	1:30-4:00	Workshop for children only chapters 25 & 26
SUN	Feb. 12	1:30-4:00	Instructional Mass for all families preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist
SUN	Mar. 11	1:30-4:00	Workshop for children only chapters 27, 28 & 31
SUN	Mar. 25	1:30-4:30	Retreat experience. Chapter 33 *Parents at 3:30*
SAT	Apr. 14	1:00-2:30 or 4:00-5:30	Blessing Cup Meals
SAT	Apr. 28	10:30-12:00 or 1:00-2:30	Rehearsal
SAT	May 5	10:30	First Eucharist
SAT	May 12	10:30	First Eucharist

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Those families who wish to prepare their children for this sacrament are required to attend the Opening Program with their child/children on September 18th from 1:30-4:00. Parents will receive training from Fr. Gary, pastor and Nancy Schulz, director of the sacramental programs at St. Kathryn parish. The children will experience 4 workshops designed to introduce them to the sacrament. If illness prevents you from attending the Opening Program, participation in a make-up program will allow your child to proceed in his/her preparation.

Children are expected to bring their books with the assigned chapters completed to all subsequent preparatory programs. If a child misses a program, a time to meet with the director of the program will be arranged.

Families will experience the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation by selecting one of the preceding time and day options. Fr. Gary will lead groups of 10 families in a brief prayer service. Following the prayer service, each family member will be afforded the opportunity to receive the sacrament. Families will sign up during the Opening Program. The time and days are on the preceding page.

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Preparation for this sacrament begins with a mandatory Opening Program on January 8, 2012 from 1:30-4:00PM. The format and requirements are as described above. Children are expected to bring their books with the assigned chapters completed to all subsequent preparatory programs. If a child misses a program, a time to meet with the director of the program will be arranged.

On Sunday afternoon, February 12th at 1:30PM all families enrolled in the sacramental program gather to share Eucharist and detailed instruction on the parts of Holy Mass. This Instructional Mass is celebrated by Fr. Gary and designed to allow families to share in the instruction together and for the children to actively participate in the liturgy. This is your Mass for the weekend.

Parents are expected to join their child/children for the last hour of the retreat experience on Sunday, March 25th from 3:30-4:30.

You will be notified of your 1st Eucharist Sacrament date at the Instructional Mass in February. Requests for a specific date will be honored if group numbers permit.

Grades 1 and 3-6
SUNDAY 10 AM – 12 Noon - GROUP 1*

Sun. Sept. 18
Sun. Oct. 2
Sun. Oct. 23
Sun. Nov. 6
Sun. Nov. 20
Sun. Dec. 4
Sun. Dec. 18 Christmas Prayer Service
Sun. Jan. 22
Sun. Feb. 5
~~Sun. Feb. 19~~
Sun. Mar. 11
Sun. Mar. 25 Easter Prayer Service

Grades 1 and 3-6
SUNDAY 10 AM – 12 Noon - GROUP 2*

Sun. Sept. 25
Sun. Oct. 16
Sun. Oct. 30
~~Sun. Nov. 13~~
Sun. Nov. 27
Sun. Dec. 11 Christmas Prayer Service
Sun. Jan. 8
Sun. Jan. 29
Sun. Feb. 12 ← Feb 19
Sun. Mar. 4
Sun. Mar. 18 Easter Prayer Service

*Parents will be notified by mail of Group 1 or Group 2 assignments. Children in the same family who are enrolled in Sunday traditional class will be assigned to the same group.

**** April 16 Snow Day Make-up**

Grades 3-6 - MONDAY *

5:00 – 6:15 PM Classes

NOTES

Mon. Sept. 26
Mon. Oct. 3
Mon. Oct. 17
Mon. Oct. 24
Mon. Oct. 31
Mon. Nov. 7
Mon. ~~Nov. 14~~
Mon. Nov. 21
Mon. Nov. 28
Mon. Dec. 5
Mon. Dec. 12 **Christmas Prayer Service**
Mon. Dec. 19
Mon. Jan. 2
Mon. Jan. 9
Mon. Jan. 23
Mon. Jan. 30
Mon. Feb. 6
Mon. ~~Feb. 13~~
Mon. Feb. 20
Mon. Mar. 5
Mon. Mar. 12
Mon. Mar. 19
Mon. Mar. 26 **Easter Prayer Service**

****April 9th Snow Day Makeup**