

Family Handbook
Religious Education Program
First Grade through Grade Eight



Saint Francis of Assisi
1501 West Boughton Road
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630 – 759 – 7588 ext 109

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi's Religious Education. This handbook is a way for us to inform you of our policies. You will find all the information you need for our program in this book. Please hold on to this book for the time that your child/children are in the Religious Education Program. My intent is that this will cover all the requirements necessary for completing each grade and the sacraments.

Please be aware of any announcements or changes in schedule in the bulletin and through emails. There will be a section in the bulletin with Religious Education news and updates weekly.

We are looking forward to a faith-filled year!

God bless,

Theresa Palicka
Director of Religious Education.

Religious Education Office Hours

Call 759 – 7588 ext 109

Monday

11:00am - 7:30pm

Tuesday	11:00am - 7:30pm
Wednesday	11:00am - 7:00pm
Thursday	will vary
Friday	closed

Fees

Tuition for Religious Education Program is:

\$250.00 for one student

\$300.00 for two students

\$350.00 for three or more students

Sacrament fees are: Reconciliation and First Holy Communion \$35.00

Confirmation \$60.00

Pick-up and Drop-off Procedures

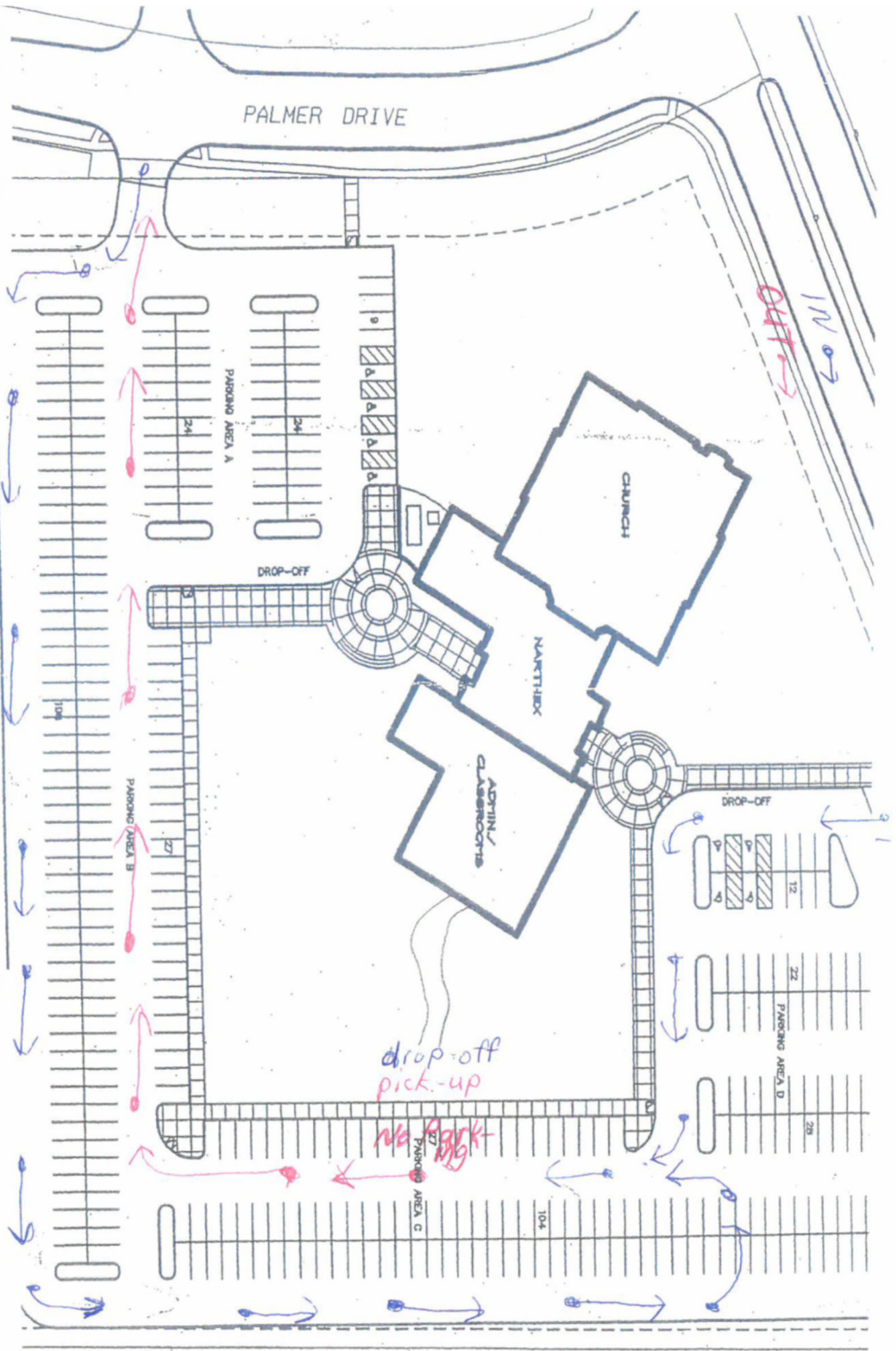
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There will be no parking in the six spaces that are directly in front of the sidewalk. If you park in the role after the aisle, please come to the sidewalk to escort your child(ren) across traffic.

Parents of 1st grader please come in to pick-up your child or you may have an older child walk the 1st grader out.

Please follow these directions for the safety of our children. See map on next page.



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Religious Education Guidelines

What do we expect of the children?

1. Arrive on time ALWAYS with textbook.
2. Attendance
 - A. If a child is going to be out of class for illness, a death in the family or some other reason, please contact the Religious Education at 759- 7588 ext 109.
 - B.. If a child is absent and no one has called to inform us, a phone call will be made during the class time.
 - C. There are no make-up classes available. Parents are responsible to go over the material at home with their child.
3. Respect and courtesy at all times, for catechist, for all adults, and for all other children.
4. Cooperation with classroom rules. We insist on respect for textbooks, Bibles, and all materials used. If a student defaces a book, he/she must purchase a new one.
5. Respect for the Church environment. The Blessed Sacrament is present. No running or shouting.
6. Do not bring gum or candy into Church or classroom. The catechist will permit treats on occasions, but only at the end of class to be taken home.
7. If a student has a health problem, someone at the R. E. desk will contact a parent. **We must have an emergency phone number on file.**
8. Children are asked to use the bathroom before class. There should be FEW emergency visits. If there is a serious problem, please notify us. Otherwise they may not leave the classroom.
9. If there is a discipline problem, a student will be given appropriate attention at the office and/or a parent will be called. *We reserve the right to move a student to another class or send him/her home if a problem persists. This will only be done after consulting a parent.*

What do we expect of the parents?

1. To be sure child(ren) are on time for class.
2. To be responsible to make all scheduled meetings, including and especially sacrament parent meetings if your child is in a sacrament grade.
3. To pick-up child(ren) on time, if you will be late in picking up your child(ren) please notify the office so arrangements can be made.
4. Parents of First Graders must come in the building to pick-up your child. If an older child (4th grader or above) is registered, he/she may pick-up the first grader.
5. Please follow drop-off and pick-up procedures found on page 7.
6. Please stand next to your car as children are dismissed. This will eliminate confusion for the children.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL

On each grade level the children and young students are required to study and to commit to memory a certain body of facts related to Catholic teaching. This body of knowledge contains a balance of Scripture, Doctrine, Church Law, and Liturgy/Sacraments/Prayer. These are taught at an appropriate grade/age level according to the children's ability to understand. This scope of knowledge increases just as the understanding of these teachings continues to grow throughout a person's life.

Since the published programs available are numerous and need to be changed at times, this handbook will not cover all of the requirements for each grade. Most programs follow the same themes for each grade level, these are:

- Kindergarten: God loves us
- First: God – Creator
- Second: Jesus
- Third: Church
- Fourth: Morality
- Fifth: Sacraments/Beatitudes/Commandments
- Sixth: Scripture/Liturgy
- Seventh: Creed and New Testament
- Eighth: Morality and Confirmation

Prayers, Liturgy, Doctrines, and Church Law to be mastered at each grade level:

- Kindergarten: Sign of the Cross and Our Father
- First: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Prayers before and after meals
- Second: Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Prayers before and after meals, Act of Contrition (Sorrow), and Simple form of the Commandments
- Third: All of the above plus The Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
- Fourth: All of the above and Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary
- Fifth: All of the above and Seven Sacraments (definition and the outward signs of each), Jesus' law of love, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Order of the Mass, and the Church Year
- Sixth: same as fifth grade
- Seventh: All of the above and the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, and be familiar with the New Testament
- Eighth: Immediate focus is Confirmation, students are to know all of the above and the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the Church Organization

Sacramental Requirements

Reconciliation and First Communion

Parent meetings

One for Reconciliation

One for First Communion

Home Study for both

Complete progress poster for both

Class attendance

Be enrolled in religious education for two consecutive years (including the sacramental year)

Child can not miss more than 3 classes in the sacramental year.

Confirmation

Parent/Confirmandi Meeting

Sponsor/Confirmandi Meeting

Work with/in sponsor book

Service projects – 15 hours

Retreat

Saint report (**must be on their Confirmation name they choose**)

One Letter to Pastor

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