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K-6 Grade Faith Formation 2011-2012

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Faith formation for kids in grades K—6 is essential in teaching basic principals of what we believe, learning who God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is and learning how to pray. During this time in their lives they begin to learn how to live faith in their day to day interactions with others.

Children learn best through repetition and imitation. That is why the work of teaching faith is not just what is taught in a classroom—but what is taught, shared and lived in the family home. With that in mind, take a moment to reflect on the following:

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and
I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and
I learned to trust Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you give your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I felt you kiss me goodnight and
I felt safe and loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw you do when you thought I wasn't looking."

www.lherra.com/whenthoughtwasntlooking.htm

Class Schedule

Sunday Mornings (9:10-10:20)

September 18 & 25

October 2, 9, 16, & 30

November 6, 13 & 20

December 4, 11 & 18

January 8, 15 & 22

February 5, 12 & 19

March 4, 11 18 & 25

April 15 & 22

Protection of Children:

In the interest of the Protection of Children all Catechists and other volunteers who work with children or youth in the parish are required to attend VIRTUS training and have a background check completed. Parents are encouraged to attend a VIRTUS training as well. For a list of training dates please contact the DRE. If you are interested in more information regarding keeping children safe visit the VIRTUS website: www.virtus.org. This website provides articles that focus on keeping children safe, there are new articles available every other week.

St. Henry Catholic Church Mission Statement

We, the community of St. Henry's Parish are brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and chosen people of God. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit we are committed to personal conversion to Jesus Christ, to sanctify our homes, parish, community, to learn and worship together, to be good stewards of our time, talent and treasure, and to spread the good news to the world we touch.

Kindergarten Prayers

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father/The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Grace Before a Meal

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for grades 1-6 can be found on page 4

General Guidelines

Arrival:

Classes will begin at 9:10am. Students should all gather in the gym and will be dismissed to their classrooms from there.

There will be days when the 8am Mass may run long (*Palm Sunday, for example*) and students who are attending Mass in the morning should come to class as soon as Mass is completed.

Attendance:

If you know ahead of time that your child is going to be absent, please call (753-7374) or email (sthenrysre@marshallnet.com) to let us know. At the beginning of class, catechists will take attendance, and the charts will be picked up shortly thereafter.

After missing twice a student will need to make up the work missed. Ideally they will receive the chapter they missed at the next class. They can bring it home and work on it with parents. You can get make-up work by contacting the catechist or DRE. Once make-up work is done the absence will be excused.

Cancellation of classes:

If classes are canceled due to inclement weather, you can usually find the information at:

- TV: KCCI (channel 8) or WHO (channel 13)
- Radio: KDAO (99.5 FM) or KFJB (1230 AM) / KIX (101.1 FM)
(*you can also check the corresponding website for any of these TV or Radio stations*)
- Email: if you receive the Family Newsletter via email you will receive email notice
- Answering Machine: You can call the parish office (753-7374 extension 106), any cancellation will be on the out-going message.

Dismissal:

Students in grades K-4 should be accompanied by an adult when leaving the building. Parents are asked to come to the classroom to pick up their child.

Students in 5 & 6 will be dismissed from their room at 10:20

Early Departure:

If you need to pick up your child early from class for any reason, please have your child bring a note or speak directly with the catechist or DRE.

Illness or injury:

If your child is ill and cannot attend class, please feel free to contact the DRE: 641-753-7374 or sthenrysre@marshallnet.com

If your child becomes ill while in class he/she will be brought to the DRE office until the end of class time. If the child is vomiting or seriously ill, parents will be contacted to pick up their child before class is over.

Phone:

All students are asked to keep cell phones off and put away during class. Any student needing to make a phone call can do so before or after class. A phone can be made available for students as needed.

Lost Articles:

Lost and found articles are kept in the Religious Education Office or in the lost and found box at the Church.

Communication:

Catechists and parents are encouraged to meet each other and openly talk about what is happening in classes. Feel free to talk to the catechist in your child's room or contact the DRE if there are any concerns or questions.

A Faith Formation newsletter, will be sent out to all families in the parish in September, November, January and March. Supplemental or K-9 specific information will be sent in the fashion you chose on your registration form.

Discipline:

Discipline is usually handled by the catechist. A child may be sent to the DRE if their behavior is serious or causing a disruption to the rest of the class. The process which is outlined below.

Prayers, Beliefs and Practices:

Prayer is to be an integral part of every lesson at all age levels. Parents/guardians are to help their child learn their prayers. Please see the Prayers at the end of this booklet. Use this at home to introduce new prayers to your child and to assist your child in learning them and knowing them to the best of their ability.



*Attendance for Religious Education
Adopted August 20, 1996
St. Henry Parish Board of Education*

In accordance with Archdiocesan Policies & Guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation and Archdiocesan policy 5144, enrollment in the Religious Education program is required as preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Three (3) absences a year, without make-up work being completed and turned in by the last class, would be considered grounds for dismissal from that year.

Curriculum:

We are using the Harcourt series Call to Faith for grades 1-6.

Students will be able to write in the books and bring home the Chapter that they are working on each week. There is a Family Faith page at the end of each Chapter that will give parents an update and suggestions for carrying faith throughout the week.

Safe Environment:

The safe environment curriculum will be covered in grades 1, 3, & 5 during the month of October. Parents have an option of choosing to not allow their children to participate in this curriculum. A form is available for opting out of this

curriculum. If you would like a form it can be found on the parish website or contact the DRE.

Sacramental Liturgies:

All families are invited to join the St. Henry Parish community at the celebration of Eucharist before or after classes. There are Parish Communal Reconciliation Services during Advent and Lent.

Field Trips:

If a field trip is planned, parental permission forms are to be signed and returned prior to departure. Any student without a signed permission form will not be allowed on the field trip. Adult chaperones and drivers are often needed

Guests:

Sometimes children like to bring a friend or cousin to class with them. We would appreciate knowing in advance so that the Catechist can prepare for an extra student.

In order to assure the safety of a guest we do request that you provide emergency information:

- Student's name
- Name and number of contact person

All guests must remain in the classroom for the duration of the class or be picked-up early.

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Archdiocesan Policy 5144 states discipline provides for a safe and productive educational environment.

In accordance with Archdiocesan policy 5144.1 most discipline will be addressed by the student's catechist.

Recurring discipline problems will be handled with the following procedure:

First Offense:

When discipline becomes a problem with a student, they will be sent to the Religious Education Office. A *First Offense Notice* stating the reason the student was sent out of the classroom will be completed at that time. The student is responsible for giving the slip to his/her parent/guardian and a copy will be placed in the student's file. The Religious Education Office will notify his/her parent(s) within three (3) days by telephone.

Second Offense:

In the event a student is sent to the office a second time, a *Second Offense Notice* will be completed following the same procedure as the first offense. This slip must be signed by the student's parent/guardian and returned to the Religious Education Office before the student can re-enter the class.

Third Offense:

If a student is sent to the Religious Education Office a third time, it will be cause for dismissal. A *Third Offense Notice* will be completed and a parent/guardian will be called immediately to pick up the student and a letter will be sent by mail. Copies of the *Notice* and the letter will be filed in the student's record.

A review of the decision for dismissal can be made only after requests by both student and his/her parent(s) are submitted to the Religious Education Office, and a meeting is held with the student, his/her parent(s), the catechist, Director of Religious Education and Pastor.

**We're on the web:
www.sthenrychurch.com**

Help for Victims of Sexual Abuse:

The Archdiocese of Dubuque has established a program of pastoral assistance to people who believe they or those in their care have been sexually abused as minors by clergy or other Church personnel. This assistance will include help in informing civil and Church authorities. Victim Assistance Coordinators are trained to facilitate access to appropriate professional mental health services, social services agencies, support groups and/or individuals who can provide spiritual care. Any individual desiring help from this program is invited to call toll free 800-803-6758 or 866-319-4536 to report an allegation or receive assistance. This program is part of the new "Policy for the Protection of Minors."

1st Grade

Grace After a Meal

We give thee thanks, for all thy benefits, Almighty God, who live and reign for ever.
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.

2nd Grade

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. Amen.

3rd Grade

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

How to Pray the Rosary:

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the Apostles' Creed.
3. On the first bead, say an Our Father.
4. Say three Hail Mary's on each of the next three beads. Say the Glory Be.
5. Go to the main part of the rosary. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery, then say the Our Father. While fingering each of the ten beads of the

decade, say ten Hail Mary's while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a Glory Be.

6. Announce the second Mystery and continue in the same way until each of the five Mysteries of the selected group or decades is said.

After saying the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen.

4th Grade

Stations of the Cross

1. Pilate condemns Jesus to die
2. Jesus accepts his cross
3. Jesus falls the first time
4. Jesus meets his mother
5. Simon helps carry the cross
6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
7. Jesus falls the second time
8. Jesus speaks to the women
9. Jesus falls the third time
10. Jesus is stripped of His garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus is taken down from the cross
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.

Act of Hope

O Lord God, I hope by your grace for the pardon of all my sins and after life here to gain eternal happiness because you have promised it who are infinitely powerful, faithful, kind, and merciful. In this hope I intend to live and die. Amen.

Act of Love

O Lord God, I love you above all things and I love my neighbor for your sake because you are the highest, infinite and perfect good, worthy of all my love. In this love I intend to live and die. Amen.

5th Grade

Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary . . .

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to thy word. Hail, Mary . . .

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us. Hail, Mary . . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

6th Grade

Joyful Mysteries

(recited Monday and Saturday)

The Annunciation

The Visitation

The Nativity (birth of Jesus)

The Presentation

The Finding in the Temple

Mysteries of Light or Luminous

(recited Thursday)

The Baptism of Jesus

The Wedding Feast of Cana

The Proclamation of the Kingdom, with the call to Conversion

The Transfiguration

The Institution of the Eucharist

Sorrowful Mysteries

(recited Tuesday and Friday)

The Agony in the Garden

The Scourging at the Pillar

The Crowning with Thorns

The Carrying of the Cross

The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries

(recited Wednesday and Sunday)

The Resurrection

The Ascension

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption

The Crowning of Mary Queen of Heaven and Earth

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O holy Mother of God. *R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ our Lord.*