



St. Ann
Faith Formation Handbook
2023-24



"Let the Children Come to Me."

Matthew 19:14

Parish Mission Statement

"We, the parish family of St. Ann Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, exist to love God and one another, to grow in our personal relationships and in our Lord, and to strengthen our community through prayer and worship.

"As Christians, we are committed to reaching out to those in need in the larger southwestern Marion County area; and to demonstrate our concerns for the broader universal church and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in terms of sanctity of life, social justice, peace and love.

"Steeped in the traditional faith and Catholic heritage of our founding members, we pledge our individual talents to harmoniously work in Christ's image for the growth and betterment of our community.

"We accept the challenge of active stewardship of both our parish programs and property with time, talent and sacrificial giving and we pledge to preserve this legacy for future generations."

Faith Formation Commission

2023-24

Administrator – Fr. Jude Meril Christopher Sahayam

Coordinator of Faith Formation– Lucy Castaneda

Shelly Beauchamp

Jose Cruz

Kisch Elsenbroek

Cindy Barnes

Sally Brandenburg

Cindy Young

Jeff Regester

Ashley Gullifoy

Thomas Gullifoy

Religious Education Fees:

\$50.00 **1 child**

\$75.00 **Per Family**

If, for any reason, payment of fees are financially burdensome for your family, please contact the coordinator of religious education. Your child (ren)'s faith formation is of first importance. Children will not be denied access to the program for financial reasons.

Questions and Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns about the content of this handbook or if you would like more information about the Saint Ann religious education program please contact Lucy Castaneda, Coordinator of Faith Formation at the parish office.

Thank you for enrolling your child(ren) in Saint Ann's religious education program. Please let us know how we are doing and how you would like to be a part of this important ministry to the children of our parish

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I am a Parish

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January	7	Class
	14	Class
	21	Class
	28	Class
February	4	Class
	11	Class
	18	No Class
	25	Class
March	3	Class
	10	Class
	17	Class
	24	No Class
	31	No Class
April	7	Class
	14	Class
	20	First Holy Communion
	21	Class (No Class for 1st Communion)
	28	Class
May	1	
	5	Last Day/May Crowning/End of Year Celebration. All 1st communion students must attend, dressed in 1st communion attire

Responsibilities of Parents

1. Attend Mass with their children each Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation
2. Receive the Sacraments frequently
3. Attend parent meetings as required
4. Make sure their children attend Faith Formation Classes regularly and come prepared
5. Support the Coordinator of Religious Education/Youth Ministry

Responsibilities of Students

1. Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
2. Attend and participate in faith formation classes each Sunday
3. Complete homework assignments given by catechists
4. Display a Christian attitude towards your catechist and classmates
5. Attend Grade level retreats

Responsibilities of Catechists

1. Complete the Safe & Sacred training
2. Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
3. Be in good standing with the Catholic Church
4. Attend catechist trainings/meetings toward certification
5. Be prepared for class.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Adults who are interested in joining the Catholic Church may attend classes to prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. These will be administered during the Easter Vigil. Catholic adults who need only Confirmation are encouraged to attend.

We will have a Meet & Greet on September 7 at 6:30 pm to provide information. Classes meet every Thursday. We will meet at St. Ann from September to December 2023 & at St. Thomas More from January to April 2024.

Children's Sunday Morning Religious Education

Children in Kindergarten through grade 12 will meet each Sunday from 10:00-11:15 a.m beginning Sept 10 and running through May 5. These classes are provided to help parents with their children's faith formation and religious education. High School youth are encouraged to participate in Confirmation classes if they are not yet confirmed. Please refer to the Remind App for updates on Covid and weather cancellations

First Communion

First Communion/First Reconciliation class are prepared in the 2nd grade at the same time as the regular classes. See calendar for dates.

Missed Sacraments

Special classes are set up to prepare students who missed the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Reconciliation.

Please contact Lucy Castaneda

lcastaneda@stannindy.org or 317-821-2909

Calendar 2023-24

September	10	First Day of Class
	17	Class
	24	Class
October	1	Class
	8	Class
	15	No Class
	22	Class
	29	Class
		High Schoolers Have Net Retreat
November	5	Class
	12	Class
	19	Class
	26	No Class
December	3	Class
	10	Class
	17	Class
	24	No Class
	31	No Class

Policies

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Policy

Preschool through Grade 2

At the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education, we have instituted a drop-off and pick-up policy for all children in preschool through second grade. A parent or guardian (not an older brother or sister) is required to drop off and pick up their child(ren) at the classroom door each Sunday. There are many reasons for this policy, the most important being the safety of your child(ren).

If, because of extenuating circumstances (such as a restraining order), there is someone who is not permitted to pick up your child (regardless of grade), please notify the coordinator of religious education immediately. It would be prudent to inform your child(ren)'s catechist of the situation as well. We want to cooperate in keeping all children safe.

Attendance

It is very important in any educational program that students attend regularly to ensure their progress. This is especially true in a weekly religious program. Parental cooperation is anticipated to ensure that absentees are kept at a minimum.

If your child can only attend every other week, please contact your catechist so work may be made up.

Attendance in sacrament classes is essential (grade 2 and confirmation). If your child misses more than two class sessions per semester, please contact the catechist or coordinator for make up time.

Retreats, field trips, or special days are just as important as class. We expect everyone to be present.

It is common courtesy to contact the catechist or the office if a student is going to be absent.

COMMUNICATION

Communication between the pastor, coordinator, catechist, and parents is essential. Email is the preferred means of communication, but please call the office at any time with question, concerns, or suggestions.

Remind

In case of bad weather and emergency cancelations, please check your cell phone.



RCIA Schedule 2023-24

Thursdays - 6:30pm

Lessons based on [U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults](#)

Date	Topic	Prayer Experience	Presenter	Location
Sep 7	Meet-N-Greet Magnificat		RCIA Team	STA 6:30 PM
Sep 14	The Mass Explained	Mass	Fr Joe M/Fr Jude	STA 6:30 PM— MASS First
Sep 21	God Loves Us Chapters 1-2		Deacon Joe	STA 6:30 PM
Sep 28	Divine Revelation; Ch 3,6	The Creed	Brian Disney	STA 6:30 PM
Oct 5	I Believe in God; Ch 4, 5		Mary Bohney	STA 6:30 PM
Oct 12	I Believe in Jesus Christ; Ch 7,8	Mass	Fr Todd	STM 6:30 PM— MASS First
Oct 19	I Believe in the Holy Spirit; Ch 9	HS Rosary	Brian Disney	STA 6:30 PM
Oct 26	Heaven, Hell & Purgatory; Ch 13		Deacon Joe	STA 6:30 PM
Nov 1	All Saints Day Mass (Holy Day)	Mass	Fr Jude	STA 12PM STM 6:30 PM
Nov 2	All Souls Day Mass	Mass	Fr Jude	STA 12PM STM 6:30 PM
Nov 9	Covenants & the Eucharist	Mass	Fr Jude	STA 6:30 PM— MASS First

Confirmation

Confirmation is a 2 year process beginning in 8th grade.

1st Year:

All 8th graders will participate in their regular 8th grade religious education class. All high school will participate in the Confirmation curriculum. Services hours, a brief saint essay and attendance at a Sponsor/Candidate day are included in the 1st year.

2nd Year

8th Grade will move into the Confirmation curriculum while grades 10-12 move into a high school curriculum. Service hours and a retreat are done this 2nd year. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be received in May of 2025

If your schedule is not conducive to this process, please contact Lucy Castaneda at lcastaneda@stannindy.org

Catechists: Jeffrey Young & Jose Cruz

Prayers 5th & 6th Grades Should Know

Rosary

Prayers 7th & 8th Grades Should Know

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
 that never was it known that any one who fled to your
 protection, implored your help or sought your intercession
 was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence,
 I fly unto you, O virgin of virgins my Mother.
 To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
 O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
 but in your mercy hear and answer me.

Amen



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Date	Topic	Prayer Experience	Presenter	Location
Nov 16	I Believe in the Church; Ch 10, 11		Deacon Joe	STA 6:30 PM
Nov 19	Rite of Welcome/ Acceptance	Mass	Fr Jude	STA 9:00 AM STM 10:45 AM
Nov 30	Lit Year/ Advent/ Christmas		Mary Bohney	STA 6:30 PM
Dec 7	Our Blessed Mother Mary; Ch 12	Rosary	Brian Disney	STA 6:30 PM
Dec 8	Immaculate Conception Mass	Mass	Fr Jude	STA 12:00 PM STM 6:30 PM
Dec 14	Prayer; Ch 35,36		Andy Murrey	STA 6:30 PM
Jan 4	The Liturgy/ Sacraments; Ch 14		Mary Bohney	STM 6:30 PM
Jan 11	Sacraments of Healing; Ch 18, 19	Mass	Fr Jue	STM 6:30 PM— MASS first
Jan 18	Sacraments of Initiation/Oils; Ch 15-17		Mary Bohney	STM 6:30 PM
Jan 25	The Eucharist		Fr Jide	STM 6:30 PM
Feb 1	Sacraments of Vocation; Ch 20,21		Deacon Joe	STM 6:30 PM

RCIA Schedule

Date	Topic	Lesson	Presenter	Location
Feb 8	Lent/Almsgiving/ Fasting	Mass	Deacon Joe	STA 6:30 PM— MASS first
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday Mass	Mass	Fr Jude	STA: 12 PM STM: 6:30 PM
Feb 22	Sacraments & Devotion; Ch 22		Andy Murrey	STM 6:30 PM
Feb 29	Life in Christ; Ch 23,24		Deacon Joe	STM 6:30 PM
Mar 3	1st Scrutiny; Creed	Mass	Fr Jude	STA 9:00 AM STM: 10:45
Mar 7	Love of God; Ch 25-27		Mary Bohney	STM 6:30 PM
Mar 10	2nd Scrutiny/Our Father	Mass	Fr Jude	STA 9:00 AM STM 10:45
Mar 14	Love of Family; Ch 28, 30, 33		Lucy C	STM 6:30 PM
Mar 17	3rd Scrutiny	Mass	Fr Jude	STA 9:00 AM STM 10:45
Mar 21	Love of Neighbor; Ch 29,31,32,34		Deacon Joe	STM 6:30 PM
Mar 23	Retreat—The Paschal Mystery		RCIA Team	STM 3:00 PM Mass: 5:30 PM
Mar 24	Palm Sunday	Mass	Fr Jude	Mass Times
Mar 28	Holy Thursday (Last Supper)	Mass	Fr Jude	STA 6:30 PM
Mar 29	Good Friday		Fr Jude	STA 3:00 PM
Mar 30	Easter Vigil (Practice 10am)	Mass	Fr Jude	STM 8:30 PM
Apr 11, 25	Follow-Up		RCIA Team	STM 6:30 PM

Prayer 2nd Grade should know

Prayer of Sorrow (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.

Prayer 3rd & 4th Grades should know

Apostle's 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; on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father

almighty; from there he will 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 ever-
lasting.

Amen

Curriculum

Meal Prayer

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

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you 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.

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.

Pre/Kindergarten/First

Text: Pflaum: Promise

This is lectionary based curriculum designed to teach Creation, Trinity, Jesus Christ, Church, Christian Morality, Sacraments, and the Kingdom of God along with seasonal themes on a developmental level through the weekly Sunday readings.

Prayers: Sign of the Cross, Guardian Angel, Glory Be, Grace Before Meals, Hail Mary, Our Father

Catechist: Cindy Barnes

Second Grade

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This class follows a special curriculum book that each child will receive and use during class. The Mass is also explained.

Texts: Encounter with Christ: Reconciliation & Eucharist

Prayer: Prayer of Sorrow (Act of Contrition)

Catechist: Sally Brandenburg/Cindy Barnes

TBD- Reconciliation parent meeting

TBD- First Reconciliation/Sacrament @ St. Ann

TBD- First Communion parent meeting

TBD- First Communion parent retreat @ St. Ann

TBD -First Communion at 4 p.m. Mass @ St. Ann

Curriculum

Third/Fourth/Fifth Grades

Text: Pflaum-Good News

This is lectionary based curriculum designed to teach Creation, Trinity, Jesus Christ, Church, Christian Morality, Sacraments, and the Kingdom of God along with seasonal themes on a developmental level through the weekly Sunday readings.

Prayer: Apostle's Creed

Catechists: Ashley Guilfooy / Kisch Eisenbroek

Retreat: TBA

Sixth/Seventh/Eighth Grades

This is lectionary based curriculum designed to teach Creation, Trinity, Jesus Christ, Church, Christian Morality, Sacraments, and the Kingdom of God along with seasonal themes on a developmental level through the weekly Sunday readings.

Text: Pflaum-Venture

Prayer: Memorare

Catechist: Shelly Beauchamp

Retreat-TBA.

Prayers



Preschool-1st Grade should know

Sign of the Cross

In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Angel of God

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love,
commits me here.
Ever this day
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
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,
ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.