



**St. Ann**  
**Faith Formation Handbook**  
**2021-22**

*“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*

**2021-22**

**Administrator** – Fr. Jude Meril Christopher Sahayam

**Coordinator of Faith Formation**– Marianne Hawkins

Shelly Beauchamp

Angie Burkhart

Kisch Elsenbroek

Cindy Barnes

Sally Brandenburg

### Religious Education Fees:

<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>1 child</b>
<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>2 children</b>
<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>3 or more children</b>

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 Marianne Hawkins, 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

## Formed

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[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

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### 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 Sunday, September 12 following the 9am Mass to provide information. Classes will begin the following week at 6:30pm.

## Children's Sunday Morning Religious Education

Children in Preschool through grade 12 will meet each Sunday from 9:45-11:00 a.m beginning Sept 12 and running through May 1. 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 Marianne Hawkins

mhawkins@stannindy.org or 317-821-2909

January 2	No Class
	9 Class
	15 5th/6th grade Retreat
	16 Class
	23 Class
	30 Class
February	5 Jr High Rally
	6 Class
	13 Class
	19 Confirmation Sponsor/Candidate Day
	20 Class
	27 Class
March	2 Ash Wednesday
	6 Class
	13 Class
	20 First Communion Parent Meeting
	Class
	27 No Class
April	3 Class
	5 Lent Penance Service
	9 First Communion Retreat
	10 Class
	17 No Class
	23 First Communion, 4pm Mass
	24 Class
May	1 May Crowning/Last Day

## Calendar 2021-22

September	12	Sunday Morning Religious Ed
	19	Class
	26	Class
October	3	Class PreK-1st Guardian Angel Prayer at 9am Mass
	10	No Class
	17	Class-Group Project
	24	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting
	30	Saint or Ain't
	31	Class
	November	6
7		Class/Confirmation Parent Meeting
14		Class
21		Class
28		No Class
December	5	Class/Christmas child care
	11	First Reconciliation Retreat Sacrament
	12	Class
	19	Class
	26	No Class

## 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. Join our Remind App to receive updates on events and emergency situations. 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, a notification from Remind 101 will be sent. Please check your cell phone.**



# ***Curriculum***

## **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/Elisa Jiminez

October 3: Recite Guardian Angel Prayer during 9am Mass

## **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/Diseree Rojas

Oct 24- Reconciliation parent meeting

Dec. 11- First Reconciliation/Sacrament @ St. Ann

Mar 20- First Communion parent meeting

April 19 First Communion parent retreat @ St. Ann

April 23-First Communion at 4 p.m. Mass @ St. Ann

# **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.

## 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 2024

If your schedule is not conducive to this process, please contact Marianne at [mhawkins@stannindy.org](mailto:mhawkins@stannindy.org)

Catechists: Marianne Hawkins/Drew Bex

## **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: Kisch Eldenroek/Mwelissa Jiminez

Nov 6 & Jan 15-Retreats

### **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/Karina

Retreat-TBA

Jr High Rally: February 5

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# Prayers



## Preschool-1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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





## **Prayer 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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.