

Parents:

The goal of religious education is to bring the Body of Christ to faith. The members of the CCD Staff will support you in the nurturing of the Catholic Faith by sharing the Lord's message with the young people in the Parish family.

There are two aspects that we ask of the parents. First and foremost is to have a Christ like atmosphere at home. Second is to be servants of God both spiritually to your family and financially to the parish.

Servant of God:

Families will be asked to pay registration fees. These fees help to offset parish expense that incur throughout the year such as heating, lighting, paid staff, office supplies. The registration fee that St. John asks pays for only a fracture of CCD expenses.

To help offset those expenses further we ask every family to sell their raffle tickets for the parish/school benefit that is held the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. There will be a CCD only raffle—this is a fun way to help with this fundraiser.

The varied experiences in the classroom will become meaningful when CCD members and their families come to worship together, especially at the Weekend Mass. Children's liturgies during Advent and Lent will be celebrated, which you are most welcome to attend. With cooperation among parents, children and the CCD staff, this year of religious education will be a time of learning the Word of God, Spirit-filled, growth in our Catholic Faith and sharing in the love of Christ has for each one of us.

Parents are asked to be active participants in the Religious education program. Each family should incorporate meaningful religious rituals in their home. Children will often bring examples of rituals home with their work. The times of Advent and Lent can bring the family together in special ways of observing these yearly church periods. A practice of making the Sign of the Cross on your child's forehead and/or praying before he/she leaves for school is a simple yet meaningful practice of placing your child under God's protection each day. Eating as a family and beginning each meal with a prayer. Saying morning prayers and night prayers with your child also reinforces the concept that we live each day for God. Parents should assist their child by praying and aiding in the memorization of our Catholic prayers. Parents need also to assist their child by participation in the weekly weekend Mass and reception of Sacraments.

It is our hope that parents will take an active interest in what is being taught to their children and will help their children learn the important lessons that are being taught. May God bless our work and the power of the Holy Spirit be recognized in our lives and that of our parish community. Please become familiar with the contents of this handbook and use it as a handy reference during the year. The prayers that the children should learn are also on the website.

By signing the note I am agreeing to increase our family efforts to reinforce what is learned in CCD classes and attend weekend Mass.

Mom's Signature (if Catholic) _____ Date _____

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Please return your registration form (yellow sheet) and verification of Parent Safe Environment Training form (blue sheet) the night of registration **September 18, 2019**. Thank you.