

Dear Parish Family:

First of all, I want to say I am looking forward to working with all of your sons and daughters this year in the religious education program at St. Mary's. We have one person who will be receiving the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation. To the extent we have a theme this year, it will be Social Justice and we are planning some new "field trips" to underscore our theme.

Since it is that time of the year again, and we have some new "formalization" of religious education which the dioceses requires.

So at this time we are providing you, as parents, with the following:

- 1). Information About "Talking About Touching" and "Kid Safety" programs for the children. We are also enclosing an acknowledgment that you have been advised of the program, and if you so choose, you can "opt out" of the program.
- 2). A copy of the policies and procedures concerning Child Abuse and Civil Harassment. We are enclosing a form which acknowledges that you have been provided these policies.
- 3). A copy of the Addendum to the Child Abuse and Civil Harassment Policy. We are enclosing a form which acknowledges your receipt of the addendum.
- 4). A copy of the "Anti Harassment" policy. We are enclosing an acknowledgment that you have been provided with this policy.

To make matters easier, we have enclosed a return envelope to my office for you to return the four forms. It is vitally important that we receive these forms back from each family.

Following each religious education class, the children will be asked to participate in the mass, as they choose, as altar servers, readers and in the presentation of the gifts. They may also act as greeters for the parish. We will allow the children to do whatever they desire, depending on their age and comfort level.

In addition to the pile of documents, you will also find our schedule for the year. It is very important that the children attend each of these classes, and try to be on time. We also ask that outside of our classes, that you try to have the children participate in weekly mass to support what they are learning in class.

Please call me or send an e-mail to let me know if your child is going to participate this year. I need to know numbers to put their books together.

Thank you for allowing me to spend time with your children!

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**2018 -2019 Catechism Schedule
St. Mary's Parish**

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| October 28, 2018 | Regular Catechism Class |
| November 11, 2018 | Regular Catechism Class |
| November 18, 2018 | Regular Catechism Class |
| December 9, 2018 | Regular Catechism Class |
| December 24, 2018 | Christmas Eve Mass - Special Duties During Mass |
| December 28, 2018 | Trip to St. Vincent de Paul |
| January 06, 2019 | Regular Catechism Class |
| January 27, 2019 | Regular Catechism Class |
| February 10, 2019 | Regular Catechism Class After Mass - Additional Class for Sacraments |
| February 24, 2019 | Regular Catechism Class |
| March 10, 2019 | Regular Catechism Class After Mass - Additional Class for Sacraments |
| March 24, 2019 | Regular Catechism Class |
| April 14, 2019 | Regular Catechism Class - Palm Sunday Special Duties at Palm Sunday Brunch |
| April 21, 2019 | Easter Sunday - Special Duties During Mass |
| April 28, 2019 | First Communion |
| May 11, 2019 | Regular Catechism Class May Crowning |
| May 19, 2019 | Regular Catechism |
| June 9, 2019 | Regular Catechism Class |
| June 23, 2019 | Family Picnic |

**Regular class is on Sunday morning at 10:00 am at St. Mary's.
The family is asked to attend church following the class as a family.
All students who anticipate receiving any sacraments
need to consult with Father and the instructors.**

**Extra classes for children receiving Sacraments
are directly after Mass.**