

St. Joseph, Maybee
Religious Education Handbook
2007-2008



Religious Education Faculty

Parish Administrator: Rev. Robert A. Bauer

Director of Religious Education:

Mrs. Patricia Eisenhauer
587-6254 (Monday Evening)
587-8835 (All Other)

2007/2008 Catechists:

Kindergarten/1st Grade:	Mrs. Theresa Gross	587-2067
2nd Grade:	Mrs. Lisa Hoffman	344-6221
	and Mrs. Melissa Borbely	587-2898
3rd Grade:	Ms. Margaret Burger	587-3132
4th Grade	Mrs. Nancy VanDaele	587-3767
5th Grade	Mrs. Catherine Fix	587-2141
6th Grade	Mr. Ed Lefere	587-7290
7th Grade	Mr. David Martell	587-2487
8th Grade	Miss Maryann VanDaele	755-5735

Our Mission:

Our Religious Education Program seeks to assist the students in growing toward maturity in their faith. Growth is a process that happens developmentally. Therefore, the approach to religious formation and will be in accord with how the children grow and develop spiritually.

The purpose of our Religious Education Program is to assist parents/guardians in the religious formation of their children attending public school. This is done by providing formation instruction in grades K-8.

Parents are the primary educators of their children in the faith. The Pastor, Faith Formation Coordinators and the Catechists are partners with you in handing on the Catholic faith to your children. It is expected that parents be interested and actively involved in their children's religious education and faith formation. This is done by talking to the children about their classes, helping with assignments, teaching them the traditional prayers of our Catholic faith and attending the various parent meetings.

Family Commitment to Religious Education

Registering for RE indicates a commitment on the part of your family to participate fully in the program. While we recognize that family life can be busy, we ask that you make the religious education of your children a priority. Please make every effort to free your children's schedule of activities during RE times.

Curriculum:

The students from Kindergarten through 8th Grade are using the series *Faith and Life* published by Ignatius Press.

Policies:

Attendance is very important for the educational and spiritual growth of your child. If a student misses a week of class, please contact the teacher for makeup work so he or she won't fall behind.

Students should be in their classrooms before 6:00pm so classes can begin on time. Dismissal will be at 7:15pm.

Students are to show respect to all adults and fellow students at all times. Proper behavior and courtesy is to be observed at all times. Parents will be notified if their student displays unacceptable behavior. Then together we, the teacher and parents, can decide how to deal with the situation.

- If a student verbally or physically threatens an instructor, aide or another student, we will assume the student intends to follow through with his/her threat and the student will be escorted from the classroom. The parents/guardians will be contacted and, if necessary, the police will be called.
- If a student leaves Madonna Hall during class time without proper permission, we will assume the student intends to leave the church property. We will call the police immediately and then contact the parents/guardians.

Students are not to bring any unnecessary items to class. Things such as food, drinks, gum, toys, iPod/mp3 players, hand held games, perfume, nail polish and make up should be left at home. If your child has to carry a cell phone, it must be turned off and kept out of sight. No calls or text messages are allowed during class. Any unnecessary items seen (or heard) by teachers or aides may be confiscated. Items will be returned to parents (not students) at the end of the class period.

Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately: Shoulders must be covered; tank tops, spaghetti strap top and muscle shirts are not acceptable unless they are under (or over) another shirt which covers the shoulders. No bare midriffs. No “heelies”. Skirts must extend beyond the girls fingertips. Please don’t allow your student to wear shorts on days they will be in church (ie Mass, Confession or May Crowning). If it is cold outside, please be sure your student has a coat. If you have any questions about appropriate attire please contact your student’s teacher or the Director of Religious Education.

Since we do have some students with allergies, please check with your student’s teacher before sending any snacks to class.

Open Door Policy

Our policy is to always offer an open door to anyone with questions, concerns or problems. Please feel free to contact the Religious Education Office or your child’s catechist.

Emergency Closing:

When Monroe Public Schools are closed because of poor weather conditions, such as heavy snow or icy roads, our classes will be cancelled. You will be called, at the home number listed on your registration form, if classes are cancelled. You can also check our parish website (www.stjosephmaybee.org) for closing information.

