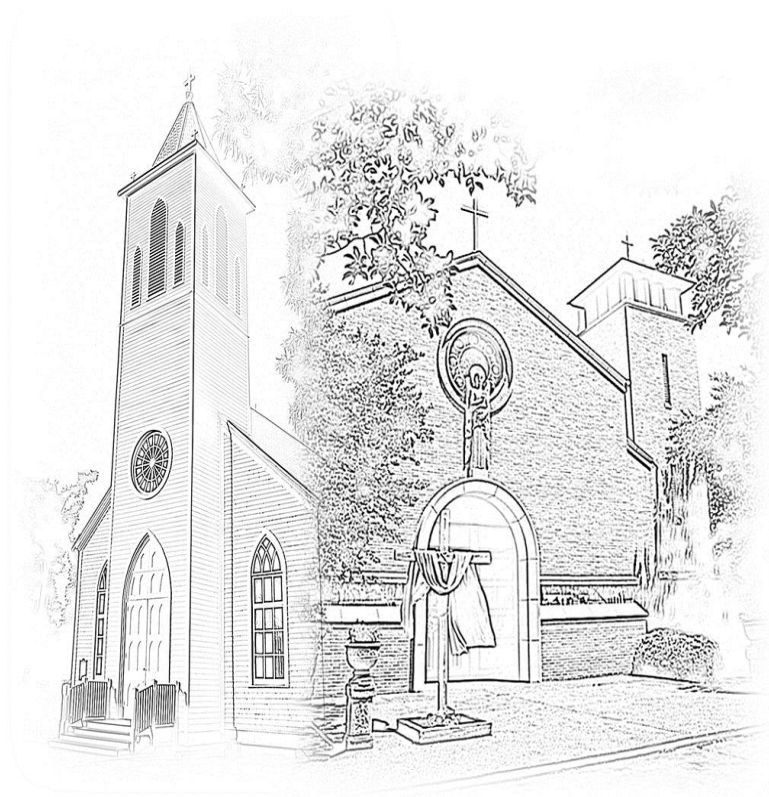


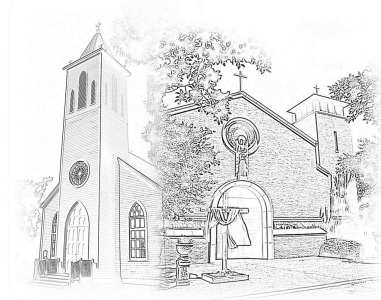
**ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION HANDBOOK**

Catechetical Year 2011 – 2012



**“DO THIS IN
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August 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to a new catechetical year. We are excited about and looking forward to this opportunity to share our faith with you and your family.

The Theme of this Catechetical year is "Do This in Memory of Me." The Mass is the summit and sourced of our Christian life. The theme of this Catechetical Year governs our story of how the Mass was celebrated throughout the ages. The goal of our program this year is to help our children respond to the eternal, Eucharistic love.

The Holy Eucharist makes present to us the redemption from sin and the divine life Christ won for us by his life, Death, and Resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit and the gift of faith, we experience Christ's historic redemptive act through our participation in the Mass. Each time we gather for classes we will help the children make the connection between what happens at Mass, in our homes, in our classes, and in our world.

You may have heard that beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, there will be some changes to the words we use at Mass. The Mass will not change, but the words will change. This year in addition to the individual topics covered in each grade level, we will also be teaching about the changes we will experience we when celebrate the Eucharist.

As we begin a new catechetical year, may we all be aware of the love God has for each of us, a love that transcends time as we all work together to build God's kingdom.

For your convenience, we have put together this booklet. We ask you to please take the time to review this material, especially with your children. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing where the love of God takes us this year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mrs. Myra Tircuit, D.R.E.

PERSONNEL LIST 2011 - 2012

First Grade
Second Grade
Third Grade
Fourth Grade
Fifth Grade
Sixth Grade
Seventh Grade
Eighth Grade
Ninth Grade
Tenth Grade
Eleventh Grade
Twelfth Grade

Mrs. Lydia Haydel
Mrs. Theresa Roy
Mrs. Kaye LeBlanc

Mrs. Sonya Granier
Ms. Sandra Alfred
Mrs. Shirley Gomez
Mr. David Olivier
Mrs. Jamie Flores
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Mr. Gary Mooney
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Support Staff

Mrs. Latricia Anthony
Ms. Chantelle Davidson
Miss Monica Tircuit

Grounds

Mr. Darwin Haydel

Subs

Ms. Dewanna Babin
Mrs. Debi Brouillette
Mrs. Ellen LeBlanc
Mrs. Sue Mooney



As of 8/10/11

**ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CALENDAR
2011 – 2012**

All students will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

JULY

10 Registration Begins

AUGUST

01 Registration Deadline – Returning Students

07 Registration Deadline – New Students

13 Religious Education Personnel Workshop

29 Student/Parent Orientation

SEPTEMBER

05 Labor Day

12 Classes Begin at 6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

19 Class

26 Class

OCTOBER

03 Class

10 Class

17 Class

24 Class

31 NO CLASS - Halloween

NOVEMBER

07 Class

14 Class

21 NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Holiday

28 Class

DECEMBER

05 Class

12 Class

19 NO CLASS - Christmas Holiday

26 NO CLASS – Christmas Holiday

JANUARY 2012

02 NO CLASS – Winter Break
09 CLASS - CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING
16 NO CLASS – Martin Luther King Holiday
23 Class
30 Class

FEBRUARY

06 Class
13 Class
20 NO CLASS – Mardi Gras
27 Classes

MARCH

05 NO CLASS – PARISH MISSION
12 Class
19 Class
26 Classes

APRIL

02 Class
09 NO CLASS – Easter Monday
16 Class
23 Class
30 Class

MAY

07 Religious Education Personnel – End of year evaluation/Dinner

If a schedule class will be cancelled your child's teacher will notify you.
PLEASE do not drop off students for class before 6:20 P.M. Students should be picked up at 8:00 P.M.

PLEASE be sure we have a contact number that you can be reach at between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

Each and every child plays an important role in our program: therefore attendance is an important part of our program.

If a student misses a class they are required to make up the missed work/activity. If a student misses three or more classes (excused or unexcused) and/or does not make up the work, the student may have to repeat the course.

Students and parents are reminded that when a student misses class, the format of our program makes it difficult for students to experience the full intent of the scheduled activities.

Students may not be excused from Religious Education Classes for extra-curricular activities – e.g. to work on school projects, plays, concerts, regular schedule sporting events.

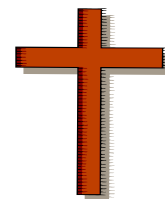
If a child needs to miss a class for illness or a family emergency, or a special event, please notify Myra PIROR to the beginning of class. Myra may be reached at 642-8441 before 12:00 P.M. on Monday; she may also be reached at 642-8410 after 5:30 P.M. on Monday evenings.

Tardy students must report to the D.R.E. before entering classes. If students are tardy twice – it will be counted as an absence. Students will not be permitted to enter classrooms 5 minutes or later after scheduled beginning of activity.

If participation and attendance in the program at St. Gabriel is inconvenient for your family, please contact Myra so that arrangements can be made for your child to continue receiving the necessary classes for their faith formation.

GUIDELINES FOR 2011-2012

1. Respect for yourself, and each other is expected at all times. Appropriate language and behavior is expected at all times.
2. Appropriate dress is expected. Short shorts, dresses, or skirts; or shirts that exposed the chest, shoulders, back or belly; or pants down below the waist will not be tolerated. See through clothing, pajamas or other sleep-wear is not permissible.
3. Keep your hands, feet and other objects to yourself. Horse-playing, bullying, teasing or fighting will not be tolerated.
4. Everyone is expected to be on time. Students will not be permitted to enter class more than five (5) minutes late. All students are expected to report immediately to assigned area upon arrival on the Church grounds. Staying in or around vehicles will not be permitted. If students drive to classes, they will not be permitted to go to their vehicles until the end of class.
5. Everyone should be on task at all times. Work quietly. Raise your hand to speak and wait to be called upon.
6. Destruction of property and/or equipment etc. will not be permitted.
7. Eating or drinking is not permitted in classrooms. Gum is not allowed.
8. Use of alcohol and tobacco products is not permitted.
9. Students should not bring Cell phones, beepers, or other electronic devices to class. Religious Education personnel should have their phones etc. on silent mode.
10. Students are not permitted to have visitors on campus or in the classrooms. **ALL** visitors should report to the office.
11. The DRE must be notified in writing if a student is leaving with a person other than their usual transportation. No one will be permitted to leave the church grounds walking.
12. Reckless and careless operation of vehicles will not be permitted.
13. Firearms or other weapons are not permitted on campus.



GUIDELINES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a baptized Catholic whose family is registered in St. Gabriel Parish.
2. Applicant must be a practicing member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church.
“Practicing” means regularly attends Mass on Sundays and Holydays.
3. Applicant must be in second grade or older
4. Applicant must have participated in and successfully completed a Religious Education Program (Catholic School or Parish School of Religion) for one year prior to application. Application must be participating in a Religious Education Program at the time of application and while participating in the Sacramental Programs.
5. A child will not be allowed in the program once classes have begun, unless transferring from another parish.

PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION

1. Introductory meeting for parents the first week in September.
2. Three instructional classes for candidates on a Saturday, once a month from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.
3. Parents to attend requested classes/reflections/meetings etc.
4. Morning of reflection/ practice prior to the reception of the Sacrament for Candidates and parents.

FIRST EUCHARIST

1. Introductory meeting for parents the first week in January
2. Three instructional classes for candidates on a Saturday, once a month from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.
3. Parents to attend requested classes/reflections/meetings etc.
4. Rite of Enrollment, which will be held on a Sunday during the 10:15 A.M. Liturgy, at which time candidates will be presented to the parish.
5. Candidates must be Gift Bearers at their assigned mass during Lent.
6. Attend the Seder Meal on Palm Sunday.
7. Morning of reflection/ practice prior to the reception of the Sacrament for Candidates and parents.

Absences could result in the deferment of the Candidate for Sacramental Preparation.

GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION



ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a baptized Catholic who is and whose family is registered in St. Gabriel Parish.
2. Applicant must be a practicing member of St. Gabriel Catholic Church. “Practicing” means regularly attends Mass on Sundays, Holydays, and regularly participates in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
3. Applicant must be at least sixteen years old or older and be participating in at least the eleventh grade level of a religious education program. Applicants 18 years old or older will be referred to the Adult Program.
4. Applicant must have participated in and successfully completed a religious education program (parish school of religion or Catholic School) for ten years prior to application. Applicant must be participating in a religious education program at the time of application and while participating in the program.

PREPARATION

1. All potential candidates must submit a letter of request outlining eligibility to the pastor and Confirmation
2. Parents and Candidates must attend an informational meeting
ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.
3. A personal interview with the pastor and/or DRE.
4. Fifteen Service hours which are broken down as follows:
Community – 5, Church - 5, Home – 5
5. Attend the two offered retreats.
6. Instructional classes.
7. Candidates are encouraged to participate in a ministry – Lector, Server, Usher, and Greeter
8. Participation in the Rite of Choice and Rite of Enrollment.

Absences could result in deferment of the Candidate for Sacramental Preparation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on October 1, 2011 for those who are a junior or Senior in fall 2011.

Confirmation is scheduled to be celebrated in the fall of 2013. Those students who will be a junior or senior in the fall of 2013 should monitor the parish bulletin, web-site and announcements beginning in February 2013.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents are responsible for the transportation of child(ren) for all scheduled activities. For safety reasons students should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the activity, and should be picked up immediately following the activity.

When entering the property, please enter on the road to the far right of the property (road that runs in front of New Activity Center) and exit on the road to the left of the property (road that runs closest to cemetery and Old Church). FOR SAFETY REASONS, PLEASE DO NOT CUT ACROSS THE PROPERTY OR THE PARKING LOT TO REACH THE ROAD. PLEASE STAY ON THE PAVED AREAS AT ALL TIMES.

Students are to be dropped off at the designed area. On clear days please drop students off at the first entrance of walkway into PAC. On rainy days, please drop students off under the covered area.

When picking up students, the first car may stop immediately in front of first entrance to PAC others should line up directly behind first car. On rainy days, please pick students up under the covered area. If it is your turn to pick up your children and they are not present, you will be asked to pull up to wait for your child to be brought to your car. Students will not be allowed to walk down the road to their ride.

Students will enter a vehicle with the permission of the adult on duty. No student will be allowed to walk un-supervised to a vehicle.

Teachers, other personnel and students should park in the spaces closest to the median of the parking lot.

Immediately upon dismissal from class - Student who drives to class should go to their cars and safely exit the property.

A requirement from the Diocese –

Designated individuals should be responsible for overseeing drop-off /pick-up Of participants. A child should only be released to an individual designate in writing by the parent/legal guardian.

To meet this requirement – Myra, Darwin and teachers will oversee the carpool line. Parents are asked to read carefully and complete the transportation information sheet in the back of this booklet to the parish office no later than September 5, 2011.

Staff will not leave until all students picked up.

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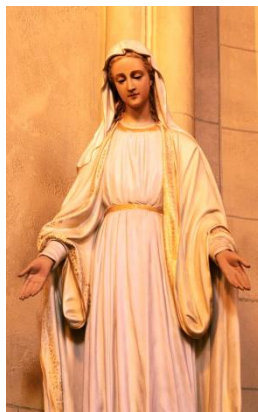
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BULLETIN: The River Catholic may be picked up weekly at Church

PLEASE NOTE: On Monday afternoons Myra can be reached in the Parish Activity Center – 642-8410 after 4:00 P.M. Remember she does not always check the voice mail in her office before classes on Monday evenings.



“TOGETHER WE CAN”

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 05, 2011.

I/we have read and we understand the handbook for the 2011– 2012 Religious Education Program. _____ YES _____ NO

I/We have received, read and under the Keeping our Children Safe material provided to us which contains information on parish and Diocesan policies and guidelines. _____ YES
_____ NO

I/we understand that we are responsible for the transportation of our child(ren) to and from scheduled activities.

I/we understand that my child should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before scheduled event and should be picked up immediately after the event ends. Failure to pick up my child on time may result in me being charged \$2.50 every 10 minutes I am late.

I/we understand that my child/ren will be released only to the individual(s) designated in writing by the parent/legal guardian. Phone calls, word of mouth, messages sent with students or other teachers will not be accepted.

_____ YES _____ NO

My child will be dropped off at class each Monday by:

My child will be picked up from class each Monday by:

I understand that sometimes photos may be taken of my child. Photos are used for but not limited to – placed in cards to our home-bound parishioners – seminarians – bulletin boards and parish bulletin. I/we give our permission for our child's picture to be used. _____ YES _____ NO

SIGNATURES:

STUDENT: _____

PARENTS/
LEGAL GUARDIAN _____
