

Drop Off & Pick Up: Please drop your child off near the parish center and see that they are safely inside. **PLEASE** come inside and pick up your child outside of their classrooms. The parking lot and road can be a dangerous place for the children.

Calendar: A yearly calendar is available. Classes are scheduled to conform to the policies set by the Diocese.

Class Attendance: Attendance will be taken and recorded. Parents are asked to contact the office (723.2619, ext. 114) or your child's catechist in the event of an absence.

Inclement Weather: Classes will be cancelled if the public schools are closed that day due to the weather.

Behavior: Behavior outside and inside the parish facility must at all times reflect the rights of others to be able to participate and learn. Students should always walk, not run in the parish center or outside by the parking lot. Students should respect the property as well as the property of others. Students should use acceptable language at all times. Parents will be notified if a problem arises.

Safety Regulations: Fire and tornado exit plans will be explained and shown to the children each program year.

Property Damage: Parents/Guardians of students will be held responsible for the replacement of property damaged.

Book Fee: A \$25 fee per student or \$50 per family is charged to assist with the program expenses.

Faith Formation
Kindergarten - 5th Grade
Wednesdays
6:15 to 7:30 pm
St. Joseph Parish Center



Faith Formation Program Year Schedule

September 18, 2019:

6:00 - 6:45 pm - Registration & Open House. Come meet your catechist!

7:00 - 7:30 pm - **Sacramental Parent Meeting for all families with children who will be celebrating a sacrament this school year.**

Father Zeljko would like to extend a bible study to all parents or grandparents who have children enrolled in Wednesday Faith Formation. The bible study will take place the same time as your child's class is taking place.

September 25, 2019: **Classes Begin**

October 2, 2019

October 9, 2019

October 16, 2019

October 23, 2019 - **Moms & Muffins (or Grandmas!)**

October 30, 2019

November 6, 2019

November 13, 2019

November 20, 2019

November 27, 2019 - **No Class ~ Happy Thanksgiving!**

December 4, 2019 - **Family Advent Workshop**

December 11, 2019

December 18, 2019

December 25, 2019 - **No Class ~ Merry Christmas!**

January 1, 2020 - **No Class ~ Happy New Year!**

January 8, 2020 - **Classes Resume**

January 15, 2020

January 22, 2020

January 29, 2020

February 5, 2020 - **Dads & Doughnuts (or Grandpas!)**

February 12, 2020

February 19, 2020

February 26, 2020 - **Ash Wednesday ~ Meet at parish center by 5:45 pm to attend Mass together**

March 4, 2020 - **Lenten Family Workshop**

March 11, 2020

March 18, 2020

March 25, 2020

April 1, 2020 - **No Class ~ Spring Break!**

April 8, 2020 - **Welcome Back!**

April 15, 2020

April 22, 2020

April 29, 2020

May 6, 2020 - **Year End Celebration ~ May Crowning & Ice Cream Social**

Circle of Grace

The Diocese of Gaylord has implemented the “Circle of Grace” curriculum for use with children in our parishes and schools. All children in Catholic school or religious education programs within the Diocese are to receive lessons using the “Circle of Grace” curriculum annually.

What is Circle of Grace? The Catholic Church teaches that God has created each of us as unique and special. Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created “male and female in God’s image” and that God saw this as “very good.” In that goodness, we are meant to respect ourselves and everyone else as persons created and loved by God. Adults assist children to recognize God’s love by helping them to understand that each of us lives and moves in a Circle of Grace.

Why is it important to help children understand the Circle of Grace? God intends our relationships in life to be experiences of divine love. Respectful, nurturing, loving relationships increase the understanding of our own value and help us to love others. It is never too early to help children understand how very special they are and how relationships in life are called to be sacred. Understanding this can help them protect the special person they are and to be respectful of others.

Adults, as they strive to provide a safe and protected environment, hold the responsibility to help children understand and respect their own dignity and that of others. A truly safe and protective environment is one where children recognize when they are safe or unsafe and know how to bring their concerns, fears, and uncertainties to the trusted adults in their lives.

The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.