

Emergency Closing

In case of an emergency weather closing or another emergency closing, please check the following resources:

The television and radio stations that will announce program closings are:

Television

WKYC-TV, Channel 3
WVPX-TV, Channel 23
WOIO-TV, Channel 19
WUAB-TV, Channel 43
WVIZ-TV, Channel 25

Radio

WTAM-AM, News Radio 1100 AM
WMVX-FM, Mix 106.5 FM
WMJI-FM, Magic 105.7 FM
WGAR-FM, Country 99.5 FM
WAKS, KISS 96.5 FM
WMMS, The Buzzard 100.7 FM
WHLO 640 AM
WKDD 98.1 FM
WCRF 103.3 FM
WCPN 90.3 FM

Closing information will also be listed at both www.wkyc.com and www.wtam.com

Parent Handbook Revised August, 2011

QUEEN OF HEAVEN

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

2011-2012



Parent Handbook And Calendar

<http://www.queenofheavenparish.org>

Director of Religious Education

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**PSR Schedule
2011-2012 (cont'd)**

February 5th	NO CLASS – Super Bowl Sunday
February 12 th	Class
February 19th	NO CLASS – Life Teen Retreat
February 26 th	Class
March 4 th	Class
March 11 th	Class
March 18 th	Class
March 25 th	Class
April 1st	NO CLASS – Spring Break
April 8th	NO CLASS – Easter Sunday
April 15 th	Class
April 22 nd	Class
April 29 th	Class
May 5 th	<i>Jesus Day - Communion Retreat for 2nd graders and parents - 9:00 a.m. to Noon, PLC</i>
May 6 th	Class- No class, 2nd grade only
May 13th	NO CLASS – Mother's Day
May 19 th	<i>First Communion - 10:30 a.m. - Church</i>
May 20 th	Last Class



**PSR Schedule
2011-2012**

August 28th	PSR/Life Teen Open House & Mass at 5 pm in PLC. Ice Cream Social to follow
September 4th	NO CLASS – Labor Day Weekend
September 11 th	Class
September 18 th	Class
September 25 th	Class
October 2 nd	Class
October 9 th	Class
October 16th	NO CLASS – Life Teen Retreat
October 23 rd	Vocation Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. (Students in 4th grade and up attend the breakfast, students in PreK through 3rd grade report to their classes as usual); No class in the evening
October 30 th	Class
November 6 th	Class
November 13 th	Class
November 20 th	Class
November 27th	NO CLASS – Thanksgiving weekend
December 3 rd	<i>First Reconciliation Retreat (2nd graders & parents) 9:00 a.m. to Noon</i>
December 4 th	Class - No class, 2nd grade only
December 10 th	<i>First Reconciliation (2nd graders & parents) 10:30 a.m. in the Church</i>
December 11 th	Class - No class, 2nd grade only
December 18 th	Class
December 25th	NO CLASS – Christmas Day
January 1st	NO CLASS – Christmas Break
January 8 th	Class
January 15th	NO CLASS – Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend
January 21 st	<i>Retreat for those in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade</i>
January 22 nd	Class
January 29 th	Class

Our program offers solid Catholic teachings designed to form active, loving Catholic Christians.

As teachers of the Catholic Faith, we live by the following principles:

- We view the family as the first community of faith.
- We know that in our parish there is a wide range of family forms—single-parent, blended, and two-parent families.
- We believe parents are the primary religious educators of their children.
- We identify ourselves as partners with you. One hour a week cannot compare in terms of influence to the thousands of hours a child spends with family and friends.

Therefore, we ask you to make the following commitment:

As we enroll our children in the Religious Education Program, we pledge as parents to assist them in their growth as Catholic Christians in today's world by:

- Surrounding them with Christian values, love, and forgiveness.
- Praying together at home and worshipping together with the Queen of Heaven parish family during our weekend liturgies.
- Listening and discussing with them what happened during religious education classes.
- Participating in the family and parent activities of the program and our parish.

You, as parents are crucial to the passing on of our faith to your children. We will help and support you. Together we can surround the children of our parish with a community whose faith is alive and active.

Please feel free to join your child in class any time. The children will see by your example, your loving support and dedication, which will give them a positive respect for learning about God and our faith.

General Information

Catechists

Catechists are people who have made a commitment to share their faith, time and love of the Catholic Church with the young people in our parish. They are asked to attend training meetings and special workshops that help to prepare them for this important ministry. To ensure the safety of your children, background checks and VIRTUS training are required for all adult volunteers.

Volunteers

There is always a need for volunteers to help in the classroom, with retreats, provide food for special occasions, etc. If you or your child/youth can help in any way, or if you have a special skill or gift that can be used to benefit the program, give the PSR office a call. Watch the bulletin for needs as they arise throughout the year.

Materials

Each student is provided with a workbook and other supplemental materials necessary to complete the learning objectives for the year. The student is responsible for all materials the catechist sends home. Workbooks (if sent home) should be brought to each class.

At the end of each chapter, there is a section designed for family interaction. We encourage you to use the ideas presented to reinforce the values and teachings your child is learning.

Special Needs or Concerns

Please share with the Director of Religious Education (DRE) and your child's catechist any information about your child/children that you feel will be helpful in making the experience a positive one for them. Information will be treated sensitively and respectfully.



Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. Let angels watch me through the night until I wake in morning's light. Amen.

Kindergarten

Guardian Angel Prayer

Grace before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these, your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace after Meals

We give you thanks, almighty God, for all your benefits. You live and reign now and forever. Amen.

1st Grade

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory be to the Father

2nd grade

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. Amen.

3rd grade

Hail Holy Queen

Apostles Creed

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of your mercy.

4th grade

Nicene Creed

5th grade

St. Michael Prayer

The Memorare



Important Contacts

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Class Time

Pre-K through 5th grade: 9:30 AM - 10:40 AM

Junior High: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

PRAYERS

We are privileged to join with you in encouraging your children to pray regularly. Some prayers that the children will be learning are listed below. Please say these prayers with your children. (All of them can be easily located online,)

Preschool

The Sign of the Cross

Morning Prayer

Thank you, thank you, God of light, I know you love me day and night. You watch me run and dance and play. I thank you for my life today. Amen.

Delivery and Pick-Up

We ask that you make every effort to have your child(ren) arrive on time for the start of class. Classes will start promptly at the given times. Please exercise extreme caution in both entering and leaving the premises.

For safety reasons, PreK-5 parents are required to deliver and pick up children in their classrooms . Please use designated parking spaces when you park your vehicle.

Attendance

Attendance is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to provide examples of faith in the home. PSR seeks to support the parents/guardians by offering quality religious education opportunities. Your child's regular attendance is important if he/she is to be able to participate fully in the process and receive the benefits of what is being offered. If your child must be absent, please communicate with his/her catechist on how to best cover the missed material.

Weekend Mass Attendance

ATTENDANCE AT PSR CLASSES DOES NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR ATTENDING MASS ON THE WEEKEND. As the Church teaches, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our experience as Christians. All Catholics have an obligation to attend weekend Mass (except in certain serious circumstances). It makes little sense to educate children in our faith without giving them access to the central expression of that faith: the Mass.

Discipline

Given the limited amount of weekly class time, it is our hope that each student will be as cooperative as possible so as not to deprive themselves or others of valuable learning time. The Pastor, DRE and Queen of Heaven staff believe that all catechists and students are entitled to work and study in parish-related environments that are Christ-like and free of harassment. Queen of Heaven Parish will not tolerate harassment of any type. If harassment occurs, the appropriate disciplinary action may include suspension or expulsion.

Examples of harassment include, but are not limited to, verbal or written taunting; bullying; other offensive, intimidating or hostile conduct; jokes, stories, pictures, cartoons, drawings or objects which are offensive, tend to alarm, annoy, abuse or demean an individual or group. (p.125, Administrative Handbook for Parish Catechetical Leaders)

It is necessary that we have an on-going working relationship between catechists, staff, parents/guardians and students. We would like to be able to address any situation that may arise through the use of positive reinforcement in the classroom prior to its becoming serious in nature. If a situation does arise, the parent(s) will be contacted by the DRE and/or Pastor. Your supportive cooperation will be appreciated.

Dress Code

Students are to demonstrate virtuous attitudes toward neatness, cleanliness, modesty and good sense in attire and appearance.

Any article of clothing that presents a potential hazard to the health and/or safety of the student himself/herself or to others on the property is prohibited. (e.g. no hee-ies to be worn)

Weapons

Queen of Heaven PSR prohibits students, staff and visitors from possessing, storing, making or using a weapon in any setting that is on the property of Queen of Heaven Church.

The term "weapon" means any object which - in the manner in which it is used, is intended to be used, or is represented - is capable of, inflicting serious bodily harm or property damage, as well as endangering the health and safety of persons. Weapons include, but are not limited to, firearms, guns of any type, including air and gas-powered guns, (whether loaded or unloaded), knives, razors, clubs, electric weapons, metallic knuckles, martial arts weapons, ammunition, and explosives.

Any student who has reason to believe that a person has or will violate this guideline shall report such information to the Pastor, Parochial Vicar, DRE, Coordinators or the catechist/teacher immediately. Respective law enforcement officials will be notified.

Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

Use of cell phones and all personal electronic devices (i.e. IPOD, MP3 player, PSP, PDA, etc.) is prohibited during class time.

Cell phones must be turned off and kept out of sight while in the classroom (i.e., remain in student's pocket, purse, backpack, etc.)

Students who choose to keep cell phones and/or electronic devices in view will be asked to place the item in a basket located at the front of the classroom where it will remain until PSR dismissal time.

Communications

The Church bulletin is used to communicate program activities. Please check the bulletin each week for important updates.

Emergency Closings

Please see the back of the Parent Handbook for emergency closing information.

Sacramental Preparation

Traditionally, students celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion in the second grade. The children in our PSR second grade will begin preparation for their First Reconciliation and First Communion during class.

Parents/Guardians participate in a Parent-Child Retreat (2-3 hours) as well as attend educational meetings related to the sacraments. Specific dates and times will be communicated via letter (or email) and bulletin announcements.

Children and young adults in the parish who are beyond the second grade (or otherwise have special needs) and would like to celebrate the sacraments have the opportunity through the SEED program. (Please contact the office for more SEED information.)



*Please note **SPECIAL EVENTS** and **TIMES** on the Schedule at the back of this booklet for those receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion.*