

**PARISH SCHOOL
OF RELIGION
2017-2018
HANDBOOK**

**HOLY INFANT OF PRAGUE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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PARISH SCHOOL of RELIGION
2016 –2017 CALENDAR

April 29 Class 28
May 6 Class 29
May 13 Mother's Day No Class

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2017

August 27	Catechist Meeting
September 10	Class 1
September 17	Class 2
September 24	Class 3
October 1	Class 4
October 8	Class 5
October 15	No Class
	Oktoberfest Recovery
October 22	Class 6
October 29	Class 7
November 5	Class 8
November 12	Class 9
November 19	Class 10
November 26	No Class
	Thanksgiving Break
December 3	Class 11
December 10	Class 12
December 17	Class 13
December 24	No Class
December 31	No Class
<u>2018</u>	
January 7	Class 14
January 14	Class 15
January 21	Class 16
January 28	Class 17
February 4	Class 18
February 11	Class 19
February 18	Class 20
February 25	Class 21
March 4	Class 22
March 11	Class 23
March 18	Class 24
March 25	No Class
	Spring Break
April 1	No Class
	Easter
April 8	Class 25
April 15	Class 26
April 22	Class 27



May 20 Closing Class 30

Classes are Sundays 9:30-10:45 a.m. for children in Grades K5—12 and adults

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is 9:30-11:00 a.m. for adult inquirers who are not Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic faith. Completion of R.C.I.A. classes and

The lifelong journey of growing in wisdom and knowledge of the word of God never ends. Adults have many opportunities to bring the *good news* of the Gospel to their daily life with classes guided by dedicated facilitators. Adult facilitators seek to help the Parish grow in unity, love & stewardship as Catholic Christians.

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults sessions are for inquirers who desire knowledge of the Catholic faith with the intent of reception into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Classes are on Sundays from September—Easter from 9:30-11:00 in the Chapel.
- Sunday Scripture Study / Faith Discussions / Book Study 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Adult Education Classroom
- Landings International : September-May at 12:30 Catholic adults assist “returning” Catholics reconnect with their faith.
- Wednesday Discussion Group on various faith topics 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Library
- Wednesday Family Faith Enrichment from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00/lesson 6:45/ Childcare provided
- Online study as well as Retreats for men and women are offered on a regular basis through the Sunday bulletin, One Voice or at the Diocese of Birmingham web site www.bhmdiocese.org

REGISTRATION & FEES

A student's family must be registered with the parish to attend class by completing a Parish Registration Form and PSR registration form with payment of a \$25.00 Fee for their textbook. *If a registration fee is a burden, please contact Terry Pruet for assistance, 205-228-8382.*

Parents are asked to pay attention to the PSR registration form section on *Special Needs*. If the student has learning disabilities or physical limitations, please indicate this on the form to assist the volunteer Catechist with teaching.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline will occur when a student is *habitually* disruptive. Parents will be contacted as soon as disruptive behavior is observed and asked to address the situation at home. If the behavior continues in class, parents will be asked to attend class with their child. Respectful behavior is expected from students in fairness to volunteer Catechists and other students. Parents are asked to address all discipline problems according to the individual Catechist's request and classroom rules.

LITURGY

Students and parents are required to attend Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses. It defeats the purpose of the program for students to attend class if they are not practicing their faith on a regular basis with attendance at Mass.

LIBRARY

A well stocked Library is available for students and parents to borrow books, tapes, CD's, videos & DVD's. Library access is available before or after class on Sundays, during the

Volunteer Catechists:

K5-Dawn Pruet, Angela Schauer & Regina George

Gd. 1- Jennifer Horton & Rea Shinn
Peer Catechist: Becca
Hasenbein

Gd. 2- Patrick & Karen Campbell

Gd. 3-Mark & Sherri Thompson

Gd 4-Mary Ann Giattina
Peer Catechist: Katelyn Goodwin

Gd. 5- Melanie Dimler & Melanie Miller

Gd. 6- Tim Bowers

Gd. 7- Matthew Renda

Gd. 8-Debbie Armstrong & Dana LaRussa

Gd. 9- Warren McWhorter

Gd. 10-Ralph Harbison, Jr. & Cath-
McCall

Gd. 11 & 12- Mark & Maria Ka-
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION POLICY

The Parish School of Religion provides opportunities for instruction and preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation & Marriage. The celebration a Sacrament is a visible sign of the presence of Christ and requires involvement with the parish community. Adults, children, parents and youth seeking a Sacrament must participate in the parish preparation process. To begin the process, schedule a meeting with the parish priest, show a willingness to receive the Sacrament, meet the minimum age/grade requirement, attend & participate in classes as scheduled, fulfill all at home requirements & attend required meetings.

Baptism: Preparation classes by appointment with Deacon Ed Pruet for parents seeking Baptism for their child.

First Reconciliation & First Communion: Classes are Sundays from 9:30-10:45 for children in Grade 2 or above. Regular attendance in class is required as well as parent meetings. A certified copy of baptismal certificate required.

Confirmation: Classes are Sunday from 9:30-10:45 a.m. for students in Grade 10. Participation in all scheduled classes, participation in activities & completion of 20 service hours based on the Corporal Works of Mercy. Candidates must have an Adult Sponsor in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. A certified copy of the Candidate's baptismal certificate required.

Marriage: The couple is required to meet with a Priest or Deacon at least four months prior to their wedding date for marriage preparation sessions & approval to proceed. Contact the Parish Office to schedule weddings, receptions, & meetings with required wedding & music directors.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION KINDERGARTEN– GRADE 12

GUIDELINES

- **STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 6 MUST BE SIGNED OUT BY A PARENT & WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO OLDER SIBLINGS**
- Classes meet from 9:30-10:45 according to the PSR Calendar. Class & holiday reminders are posted on the bulletin board in the PSR hallway, Parish Sunday bulletin & parish web site www.hiopcc.org
- Students are expected to attend mass every Sunday and scheduled classes on a regular basis.
- Parents are asked to have students in class by 9:30 and picked up promptly at 10:45.
- Progress for Grades 1-8 is measured by Unit Tests through the *Christ Is Our Life* curriculum published by Loyola Press. Confirmation Candidates are required to take the NCEA's A.C.R.E. Assessment Test.

CURRICULUM

- Student texts for Kindergarten - Grade 8 are from the Loyola series entitled "Christ Our Life", a spiral curriculum that builds on each year.
- Theology of the Body Middle School is taught in Grades 6-8
- Diocesan Standards & Benchmarks
- Text for Grades 9-12 includes This Is Our Faith/ Our Moral Life In Christ/ Theology of the Body For Teens/Our Catholic