



2023-24 Christ the King Religious Education Program



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Pre-school and Kindergarten (ages 4 & 5) meet during the 10 am Mass. Students are dismissed during Mass before the first reading. Children may be picked up from the church basement after Mass. Sunday school meets October – April.

RE classes for grades 1 – 10: Classes are scheduled from 6:30pm – 7:45pm on Wednesday evenings at the Seton Center, for grades 1-8 and at church, for grades 9 & 10.

Reconciliation: Students in grades 3 and up are given the opportunity to celebrate Reconciliation during Advent and Lent.

Second grade students will celebrate their First Reconciliation on **January 17, 2024**.

Textbook/ HS workbook replacement fees: Students may be issued a workbook and/or use a textbook during the year. **A replacement fee of \$25** exists for lost or damaged textbooks for grades 1-6, and lost workbooks for grades 7-10.

Homework: Homework may be assigned by a catechist as part of class. Homework/make up work may be assigned when a student is absent (see Attendance policy). All homework should be completed before the next class meets.

Registration fees: Registration fees for parishioners* grades 1-10 are as follows:

Students in grades 1-10: \$40 per student

Preschool children (Sunday school): \$25 each

Family max = \$120

Cell Phones: Cell phones are **not** needed in the classroom. Please keep cell phones at home. There is a phone students may use at the Seton Center and at church. Phones may be taken away if used in the classroom.

Cancellation policy: If Spencer Public schools are closed due to poor weather, CCD activities will also be cancelled. If classes are cancelled, for any reason, an email/text* will be sent. (*text notifications will be sent to those who have signed up to receive them). Our calendar is based on the Spencer school district. Please use your best judgement in the event of poor weather, regardless of our cancellation policy.

Photographs and names: On occasion, we may list student's names or post pictures of them. This posting could be on the parish website, in the bulletin, through email or written communication, Facebook or even to the local newspaper. Permission forms to allow/deny this sharing of information must be completed by each family as part of the registration process. Please contact Deb with any questions.

Safe Environment:

The Diocese of La Crosse and our parish has made every effort to protect our children. Part of this protection requires every volunteer and staff member working with children to complete the Safe Environment training, which includes a background check. Classroom training is scheduled for **October 11, 2023**. If you would like to opt-out for your child, please complete the form available at registration. More information about this program can be found at: <http://www.dioceseoflacrosse.com/Safe-Environment>

GUIDELINES FOR PARKING, DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS:

The road between the Seton Center and Church (Wendell Street) will be blocked off when classes are in session. Drop off and pick up, of your child(ren), will be from the Seton Center parking lot. Do NOT use driveways on Wendell St as turn arounds, they are private drives.

Arrival/Before class expectations:

- 1) Since our catechists deserve time to prepare, students are not allowed in the classrooms early. Classroom doors will be opened the catechist.
- 2) Students arriving prior to 6:25pm may wait in the hall until their classroom is open.

After class expectations: When classes are finished, students in grades 4, and older will be dismissed by their teacher. To ensure the safety of our youngest students, those in grades 1, 2, and 3 must be picked up from their classroom. The person picking them up may be a parent or an older sibling or an adult they are carpooling with. If a child in grades 1, 2 or 3 is picked up by an older sibling and is then left unattended, we will require that only an adult picks up the child, parents please stress to older siblings what their responsibility is.

DISCIPLINE POLICY **Christ the King Parish** *last reviewed September 2020*

Appropriate behavior helps to ensure the safety of our children and of those around them. This policy is designed to provide guidance so our students can maximize their learning efforts.

1. Rude, disruptive behavior will not be tolerated in class. If this happens, the student will be sent to the office because this type of behavior is contrary to Christian values, basic respect and common courtesy to those in class.
 - a. First Offense: Student is treated as absent from class and will have a homework assignment to complete to cover the material from class. Parents will be called.
 - b. Subsequent Offense(s): A meeting will be scheduled with Father, the parent, and the DRE to work out the on-going educational plan for the student which may include permanent removal from class.

ATTENDANCE POLICY
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Attendance is critical to learning. This policy is designed to provide guidance so our students can maximize their learning efforts.

1. Under normal circumstances, attendance and participation in all classes and activities as outlined by Father, the catechists, the Education Committee and the Diocese of La Crosse is the norm for all students.
 - a. To receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, it is expected that the student attend all of the preparation classes that are provided in both the first and second grade.
 - b. To receive the sacrament of Confirmation, it is expected that the student attend all of the preparation classes that are provided in all classes prior to and including the Confirmation year. Students also need to complete the Confirmation program.
2. Missed class: If a student misses a class, they (their parents) are responsible for what was missed. If there is a prolonged absence due to special circumstances, parents may work with the DRE to develop an educational plan. Information missed due to absence may be part of the Faith Facts test which is the responsibility of the student/parent.
3. Students ordinarily will be placed in the same grade they attend in the public school. Students will need to demonstrate their understanding of the faith facts for their class in order to advance to the next class. These faith facts are handed out during the year, are online and are available upon request.
4. We highly encourage pre-school, kindergarten and high school students to take advantage of Sunday school and Youth Group.
5. See the Cancellation Policy regarding inclement weather.
6. Mass attendance is expected.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT: You are the most important teacher in your child's life! Our class time is very limited and your help, especially with learning prayers, is essential to your child's spiritual growth.

- Practice prayers with your child.
- Ask your child what they learned each week.
- Attend Mass on Sunday.
- Check for materials sent home with your child/check their folders.

Stay active in your faith and your child will too! May God Bless your family!



FAITH FACTS

Each grade level has a set of criteria that must be mastered in order for the students to advance to the next grade level. As with any learning process, previous concepts should become well known. For example, the Sign of the Cross is mastered in first grade and therefore students should be able to demonstrate it in 5th grade. FAITH FACTS have two areas that are tested on.

Prayer: Each grade has a set of prayers to learn or review. Since we are so limited in time each week, prayers will need to be practiced at home. Prayer testing is due before Christmas. Prayers may be found on the parish website.

Study Guide per class: The main textbook series that we use is Faith and Life and it is an excellent program by Ignatius Press. Students will need to be able to demonstrate understanding of the main ideas of the text. This should be easily accomplished by attending classes. Study guides are provided each year with much repetition between years. The end of year test is NOT a detailed final exam but rather a general knowledge assessment. Students should have learned much more than the basics from the study guide.

Faith Facts Prayer List (updated 2021)

Grade	PRAYERS <i>(these are recited to a prayer tester)</i>
1	Sign of the Cross - Glory Be - Angel of God - Hail Mary
2	Our Father - 10 Commandments - Act of Contrition
3	Apostles' Creed - Before Meal prayer - 7 Sacraments
4	Hail Mary - Glory Be Rosary Mechanics w/Joyful mysteries (name each prayer) *
5	Hail Holy Queen - Our Father - 7 Sacraments
6	O My Jesus - Act of Contrition - Apostles' Creed
7	Hail Holy Queen - 7 Sacraments
8	Recite a rosary, all prayers included (once each) with a set of mysteries of the students' choice **
9	St. Michael Prayer - Act of Contrition
10	Memorare

* In 4th grade for the rosary mechanics, students need to name the prayer, not recite each prayer. They need to know which prayer is said on each bead of the rosary with/and the Joyful Mysteries.

** In 8th grade, students need to name each prayer AND they need to pray each prayer (once). If a prayer is said more than once, then it will just be named after it is prayed. Students in 8th grade may choose which (one) set of mysteries they will use. They need to know one set of mysteries.