

Class Calendar

October 1 ~ Family Open House, 8, 15, 22, 29
November 12 ~ Community Room,
19 Family Event ~ Pahler Center
December 3, 10
January 7 ~ Catechist Meeting (no students)
14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18, 25
March 3, 10 ~ Community Room, 17, 24, 31
April 14, 21, 28 ~ Closing Liturgy & Party

Student Absences

If a student will be absent from class, please notify Mary Ann Masar at 354-7551 (REO) or 853-8419.

Fees

One child: \$ 55.00
(additional children) \$50
No student will be turned away due to the inability to pay.

Early Leave

If a student must leave during class time for an appointment, student's catechist or program coordinator must be notified.

Doors

The front door will be unlocked ½ hour prior to our start time (9:30 AM) and locked at 10:00 AM. Doors will reopen at 10:50 AM for dismissal. Should you wish to enter the building between times, kindly use the doorbell to the left of the door and someone will buzz in you.

Emergency Closing

If class is cancelled for any reason (i.e. bad weather) you will be contacted by a member of the program. This call will occur either the night before, or the morning of class.

Safety Procedures

Students must be walked into the building by their parents or guardian. Parents or other authorized adult must come into the building to pick-up their child(ren). If someone other than a parent/guardian picks up a student, student's catechist or program coordinator must be notified.

Virtus Training

In compliance with the new child sexual abuse policy issued by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, all employees and volunteers involved in our religious education programs who have contact with children have completed a volunteer application form, have been fingerprinted, and have been properly screened. Each has attended a three-hour training session focused on child abuse and prevention, along with the reporting of the same to the proper authorities. In addition, all employees and volunteers are familiar with the safety procedures covered in our parish safety policy. Young people ages 14-17 serving as classroom aides, need to be fingerprinted by the parish; that cost will be absorbed by the parish

Copies of the parish's Safety Policy booklets are available in the Religious Education Office

Called to Protect

Praesidium's "Called to Protect" is a multi-media training program focused on matters of personal safety, abuse prevention and the creation of safe environments for children in Preschool through 12th grade.

It does not replace the **VIRTUS** training for employees and volunteers, but is supplementary to that. This first-ever program designed specifically for parents and children in Preschool through 12th grade is based upon the latest child development research on how children and youth can best protect themselves.

Reporting Policy

Principals and Coordinators are asked to publish the following reporting policy in all Faculty Handbooks:

Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect Reporting Policy

If you know, believe or have a reasonable cause to suspect that a child under eighteen years of age or a mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or a physically impaired child under twenty-one years of age has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse** or neglect of the child you SHALL immediately report that knowledge or reasonable cause to suspect to:

1. Lake County Department Job and Family Services @ 440-350-4000 and/or Lake County Sheriff's Department @911.

You SHALL also:

1. Immediately notify your Principal or Program Coordinator that a report has been made, or jointly make that call together; the Principal would then report the same to the Bishop's Office or Br. Patrick Shea.

**Examples include, but are not limited to, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse.

Confidentiality Agreement:

All details of suspected and/or reported abuse are to be kept strictly confidential except for reporting requirements.

(reviewed and approved by Bro. Patrick Shea, Legal Office, Diocese of Cleveland- Mar 17, 2010)

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Classes held on Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Mission Statement: “No one is ever excluded from the church because of a disability. People with disabilities have their place in the Church. Jesus welcomed all people.”

Our program is for students who face physical, intellectual or emotional challenges are acquainted with basic Catholic Christian beliefs and are prepared to receive the sacraments. Class consists of: Prayer, Small Group Activities, Individual Instruction, Good Shepherd Faith Formation Activities (an individualized program for those of special needs)

Fr. Fred Pausche, Pastor
Mr. Paul Kelly, Pastoral Associate
Ms. Mary Ann Masar – Coordinator
Mrs. Amanda Mooney - Catechist
Mrs. Lynn Hadesh – Administrative Coordinator



T.G.I.F.

To Gather in Faith & Friendship

T.G.I.F. is a social/faith sharing group for adults with cognitive and/or physical challenges. Participants are from our parish, surrounding parishes and group homes. Group meets as scheduled (see below) from 6-7:30 P.M. (unless otherwise noted) to share faith, friendship and refreshments.

T.G.I.F. Calendar

August 7 ~ Picnic at Deepwood (5-7:00 P.M.)
No Gathering in September
October 2 ~ Community Room
November 6 ~ Community Room
December 4 ~ SEEKERS COFFEE HOUSE
No Gathering in January
February 5 ~ Community Room
No Gathering in March
April 15 ~ SEEKERS COFFEE HOUSE
May ~ Bowling Event
No Gathering in June
July 15 ~ Community Room

SPECIAL NEEDS

Parent Handbook 2011– 2012

*We hand on to You what was
handed on to Us.....*

