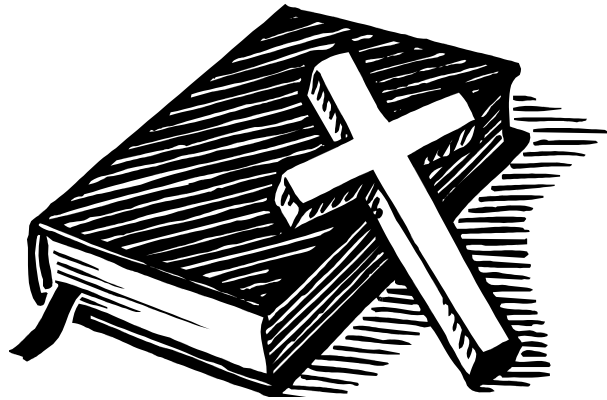


Church of the Holy Redeemer
Church of St. Clotilde
Faith Formation

2011-2012



Parent & Student
Handbook

Table of Contents

Parent Letter.....	3
Holy Redeemer Faith Formation Calendar.....	4
Youth Events Calendar.....	4
Mission Statement.....	5
Objectives.....	5
Registration.....	5
Cancellation.....	5
Confirmation Process.....	6
Disciplinary Policy.....	7

Holy Redeemer Church
2011-2012 Faith Formation Calendar

**Holy Redeemer Faith Formation
&
The Church of St. Clotilde
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**

**Classes will be held from 6:30-7:30 pm every Wednesday starting August 31st.
Classes will run through April 11. Exceptions are noted below.**

August 5, 2011

Dear Parents,

We are excited to welcome you and your family to a new Faith Formation/CCD year!

A calendar is enclosed to inform you about the upcoming events and dates. Class starts at 6:30 p.m. and will end at 7:30 p.m. **unless otherwise stated.** Classes will begin August 31st for all students. **On August 31st ONLY, K-6 will be at the Holy Redeemer School Chapel and Grades 7-11 will be at Holy Redeemer Church.** Our calendar is listed on the next page. We are working with the school. Wednesday nights are reserved for religious and non-school activities. Please let us know if you have problems regarding dismissal times from sports and other activities. All Wednesday evenings during the school year will have some event unless otherwise stated. Take special note of dates for retreats, practices and sacraments, and where they will be held and celebrated. The calendar and other information concerning Faith Formation may be found on Holy Redeemer's web site, www.holy-redeemer.com and in the church bulletin.

A registration form/release form is included. Please fill out the front and back and return it with your tuition payment by August 17, 2011.

During the year, Mass will often be held during class beginning at 7pm. Different classes will participate in the Mass. We invite parents to attend Mass. Please watch the bulletin for detail.

Please feel free to call any member of the Faith Formation/CCD Team if you have a question.

Sincerely,

Fr. Paul Wolf, Pastor
Fr. Paul Schumacher, Sr Associate
Fr. Paul Timmerman, Jr. Associate

HR Faith Formation Team:
Lori Timmerman, Elementary Faith Formation Coordinator
Jeffrey Stocker, Secondary Faith Formation Coordinator and Youth Ministry
Brenda Baker, Faith Formation Secretary

St. Clotilde, CCD
Meg Louwagie, Coordinator

- | | |
|--|---|
| August 24: Teacher Training, 6:30 pm, FF Center | January 23: First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm, HRS |
| August 31: Opening Mass/Parent & children Information Material for FF, grades K-6 at 6:30 pm St. Mary's Chapel.
Opening Event grades 7-11 Holy Redeemer Church 6:30 pm. | February 12: Rite of Ongoing Conversion Gr.10, 8 am Mass (retreat following) |
| September 12: Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm, HRS | February 15: Greenwood Nursery Sales Begin |
| September 25: Harvest Fest | February 22: Grades K-11 attend Mass at HR for Ash Wednesday |
| October 5: Wreath Fundraiser begins | March 4: Confirmation Mass, 10 am Mass |
| October 19: No FF Classes-Fall Break | March 14: Greenwood Nursery Sales Due |
| October 23: Senior High Youth Rally -9 th grade required to attend | March 26-28: Parish Mission |
| October 26: Wreath sale orders are due | March 28: Distribute Greenwood Nursery Certificates |
| November 13: 11 th grade 8 am Mass (retreat afterwards) | April 4: No FF – Easter Break |
| November 18/19: Wreath pick-up | April 11: Last Faith Formation Class 6:30 pm |
| November 23: No FF-Thanksgiving Break | April 18: First Communion Retreat 2:30-4:30 pm, FF Center |
| December 3: Reconciliation Retreat/First Reconciliation, 8:30-11:00 am, Holy Redeemer School/St. Mary's Chapel | April 22: Junior High Youth Rally – 7 th grade required to go and 8 th grade students are encouraged to attend. |
| December 4: Rite of Acceptance, gr. 9, 10 am Mass | April 25: First Communion Practice 6:30pm, Holy Redeemer Church |
| December 28: No FF Christmas Break | April 29: First Communion Mass, 10 am |
| | May 13: Baccalaureate Mass 8 am |
| | May 21-25: Vacation Bible School |

**Bread of Life Area Faith Community Youth Events
2011-2012**

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Oct. 23 – Senior High Youth Rally | Jan. 4 -- Ski Trip |
| Nov. 5 -- Lock-In | Summer 2012 Amusement Park |
| Apr. 22 – Jr. High Youth Rally | Summer 2012 Mission Trip |

Youth Activities and Outreach

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bingo Sunday – Youth needed to work. | Belgian Waffle (CUF) – Feb 22 |
| Applebee's Fund-raiser | Hy-Vee Pie Fundraiser |
| Greenwood Fundraiser -Feb 15- Mar 14 | Volleyball Tournament April 28/29 |

Others to be announced

MISSION STATEMENT

The Faith Formation/CCD Program strives to bring the message of Jesus Christ to all students in the Holy Redeemer Parish and St. Clotilde. Jesus' dying and rising for us will be the central focus of all we do.

OBJECTIVES

1. The Faith Formation/CCD staff will support parents as primary educators in passing their religious values on to their children.
2. The Faith Formation/CCD coordinator will enhance the teacher's spiritual growth with encouragement and any possible help needed throughout the year.
3. The Faith Formation/CCD students will actively participate in Faith Formation/CCD classes, prayer services and liturgies.
4. The Faith Formation/CCD students will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation with understanding.
5. The Faith Formation/CCD staff will help the parents in their understanding of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation by providing a parent meeting, a retreat experience, follow up, and resources.

REGISTRATION

Registration is an opportunity in which parents can meet the coordinator, return the registration forms and pay tuition. If you are unable to make tuition payments, please contact the pastor. The Faith Formation/CCD Handbook will be given to each registered family. Students and parents are asked to read it together.

Grades K-11 meet every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Additional opportunities will be scheduled beyond these times. Please check the attached calendar for specific dates.

CANCELLATION

Announcements regarding cancellation of Faith Formation due to snowstorm or icy conditions will be heard on KKCK 105.1FM and KMHL 1400AM radio station, www.marshallradio.net, GoMarshall.net, and www.holy-redeemer.com. If possible, announcements will be in area schools regarding cancellation due to an approaching snowstorm. If school has been called off in Marshall that day or dismissed early because of weather, there will be NO Faith Formation activities that evening.

HOLY REDEEMER RELIGIOUS CONFIRMATION – GRADES 9-11

Confirmation is a three year program (Grades 9-11) with Confirmation in the 3rd year. Attendance for all three years is mandatory to make an effective program.

1. Students may be excused from class only by a prior call from the parents, if there is an illness or emergency that prevents attendance.
2. Two unexcused absences in any of the years will result in a call to the parents, and the candidate will be put on probation. Once on probation, another unexcused absence, the third in a year will result in a meeting of the pastor, Faith Formation Coordinator, parent and candidate.
3. A candidate must be active for 3 years in the process to be eligible for Confirmation. Candidates who come to Holy Redeemer after beginning their Confirmation process at another church should contact the pastor for an individual consultation.
4. Confirmation candidates are to know and understand the following prayers and teachings: Grace before and after meals, the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, the Apostles Creed, the Glory Be to the Father, the 7 Sacraments, the 10 Commandments, the 2 Commandments of Christ, the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, the Memorare, the Rosary, the 7 Precepts of the Church, the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the 8 Beatitudes, and any other information assigned by the catechist.
5. A retreat experience(s) is required, please see page 4 for further details. If this Retreat time does not fit into your schedule, please talk with Ryan Langr or Patty Lessman to get signed up for a TEC Retreat or some other retreat experience.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY

We recognize that the rights of all students must be respected. Each student must be responsible to follow the rules and regulations. Students in the Faith Formation Program who fail to abide by the established rules shall be handled first by the classroom teacher and if the problem is not resolved then will be referred to the coordinator. If the problem is still not resolved it will be referred to the pastor.

1. Students will be expected to avoid behavior which may be disruptive to the class.
2. Assertive discipline procedure will be carried out by all teachers.
3. Students will be expected to respect the personal property of those students and teachers whose desk and classroom they use at Holy Redeemer School.
4. Students in the Faith Formation Program will be expected to arrive on time for all classes but no earlier than 6:20 p.m. nor linger after classes have ended (unless students have come with a parent who is a teacher).
5. Students will be expected to come to class with all their religion books, Bible or pencils and pens that are required by their teacher.
6. Cell phones and other personal media devices should not be used during class.
7. Students shall listen to one another in discussion in a non-judgmental fashion.
8. Students shall show respect for teachers, aides, and anyone in authority.
9. Students shall speak when acknowledged and respect other's right to speak.
10. Students shall treat others as they wish to be treated.
11. Students are asked to remain outside in nice weather and in the entrance until class begins at 6:30 p.m. NO students will be allowed in the classrooms before teachers have arrived. Students may not go in the Holy Redeemer lockers. Students are asked not to bring basketballs, cell phones, etc. with them.
12. NO snacks, pop, candy, or gum will be allowed in the buildings or classrooms unless brought in by the classroom teacher. Students having them in the classroom will be asked to take them down to the office and may pick them up after class.
13. Respective, cooperative behavior toward other persons is expected at all times. Faith Formation is made up of volunteer teachers who are leading the class, expecting that the students want to learn about God's love for them and share their faith with one another.

Consistent violators in attendance, course work, behavior and respect shall lose their right to attend religion classes.

Parents please support the Faith Formation Team and work with the teachers for a successful program. Bring any concerns or conflicts to the staff. We welcome your ideas and contributions.

The Church of the Holy Redeemer Marshall, Minnesota

Holy Redeemer Church Parish Center & Rectory

503 W. Lyon Street
532-5711 (phone) 532-3262 (fax)

Faith Formation Center

503 S. Whitney Street
532-3602

Holy Redeemer School

501 S. Whitney Street
532-6642

SMSU Campus Religious Center

1501 State Street
532-5731

www.holy-redeemer.com

The Church of St. Clotilde Green Valley, MN