



St. Christopher Parish Community

Religious Education Program

Grades Pre-K – 8

2009 – 2010 Handbook

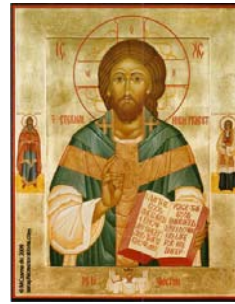
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The Year of the Priests

*Faithfulness of Christ,
faithfulness of priests.*

June 2009-June 2010

Dear Teachers, Parents & Students:

Welcome to all. Your commitment to this program is a witness of your faith in our Lord and of the importance you place in passing our Catholic faith on to the children. I pray that your participation in Religious Education helps you to grow in knowledge and love of our Lord.

This year's two Faith Formation Program themes are ***The Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word, and The Year of Priests*** and both share the messages of studying God's Word and proclaiming our faith through discipleship and service.

Let us ask God to bless us as we come together to learn about His Son, our Savior and His Church and the faith-filled and faithful priests who serve us.

Sincerely,

Alana Kocsis

Religious Education Director

Grades Pre-K to 8

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Parish Information

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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What to expect this year?

- **This year's curriculum**

Grade Pre-K The Sadlier Series
Discovering God's Love
Discovering God's World

Grades K – 6 The Sadlier Series
We Believe, Parish Edition

Grades 7 & 8 The Sadlier Series,
We Live Our Faith, As Disciples of Jesus
We Live Our Faith, As Members of the Church

Grades K-8 The Diocese of Manchester
Circles of Care, Safe Environment Curriculum

Junior High – Grades 7 & 8

Beginning this fall, junior high classes meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. Please refer to the separate class schedule and mark your calendars.

This program change allows more space to “meet and move about” and be free of the Sunday morning traffic that often interfered with class time. The size of the class has grown and having the use of the hall gives the students more opportunities that were not possible in the conventional classroom setting.



Pilgrimage Rosary Program

Each student will have an opportunity to bring a blessed statue of Our Lady and rosaries home to share with the family. The kit includes everything needed to make this wonderful devotion a part of your family prayer. The kit is then returned at the next class, so another student can bring it home.

This program is made possible through the generosity of parishioners and non-parishioners who donated the rosaries and the statues to our students.

Pre-K Program



Sunday School

The Pre-K Program is designed as a support for the parents and families, these classes are an introduction into our Catholic Faith as their little ones begin their religious education.

Sadlier’s “Discovering God’s World” is the curriculum for this program. The classes for the Pre-K follow the Sunday Morning Schedule.

Home Study



St. Christopher offers a Home-Study Program

We respect this concept and support it because the parents are the main teachers of our Catholic faith to their children. This program allows the parents to teach at home. There is also a series of four meetings throughout the year that all are required to attend. All classes are on a Sunday and meet at 6:00 p.m.

Date

September 20
November 29
February 14
May 16

Place

Religious Education Center
Church Hall
Church Hall
Church Hall

Sacrament Preparation Schedule

First Reconciliation

Open to students in Grade 2 and up.

Class schedule:

- October 18 – Parents only
- November 1
- November 8
- November 15
- November 22

Date for First Reconciliation:

Saturday, December 5, 2009
at 10:00 a.m.



First Eucharist

Open to students in Grade 2 and up.

Class schedule:

1. March 7 – Parents only
2. March 14
3. March 21
4. March 28
5. April 11
6. April 18



First Communion Dates

Rehearsal times

Saturday,
May 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Friday,
April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday,
May 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday,
May 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday,
May 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Thursday,
May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday,
May 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Saturday,
May 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each month



Children's Eucharistic Adoration Hour is the First Friday of the month. This hour, which includes group prayer, Scripture readings, the rosary, quiet and reflective prayer, and music, begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m.

This program introduces the children to the beautiful devotion with the hope of leading them into the mystery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and thus following the words of wisdom of our beloved Popes, John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

Parents of children in grades Pre-K, K & 1 are encouraged to bring them in for at least 10 to 15 minutes, so they too can receive the grace of being in the presence of Our Lord.

Each child is to take part in the First Friday Adoration using the following class assignment schedule:

<u>First Friday</u>	<u>Class Assigned</u>
October 2	Grade 2
November 6	Grade 4
December 4	Grade 5 & 6
February 5	Grade 1
March 5	Grade K & Pre-K
April 2	Grade 3
May 7	Grade 7, 8



Join Us for Vacation Bible School 2010

Place: St. Christopher Church
Date: June 27 to July 2, 2010
For: Children in Grades Pre-K - 6

At Vacation Bible School you will:

- ✗ Hear stories about Jesus and His saints
- ✗ Make cool crafts
- ✗ Play zany games
- ✗ Sing fun songs
- ✗ Eat super snacks
- ✗ Make lots of new friends

Watch the Parish Bulletin for news and updates.

Behavior

Students are not to disturb anything in the desks or classrooms. These items belong to the teachers and children who attend St. Christopher School during the week.

Rough behavior, inappropriate language or disrespect of the teachers, other students, property of the church or the school building will not be tolerated.

Parents will be notified of any problems should they occur.

Attendance and Tardiness

Each class is important, which means the student needs to be in class, on time, prepared for class and participate in all the activities to receive the full benefit of the program.

Please notify your child's teacher when you know your child will miss a class, so that you are aware of any assignment he or she missed and may need to make up.

Special Events

Special events are at the end of the year. Each child by class does a presentation for his or her family and friends explaining an important lesson that was studied during the course.

This is a nice way for the children to share their faith experience with their families and to celebrate their hard work. Parents are asked to help with the refreshments for these events.

Mark your calendars!

You do not want to miss your child's presentation.

Arrival

Sunday Morning

Children and parents are to arrive and leave through **the back door only**, which is the door that leads to the large parking lot behind the school.

The door between the school and the church hall and the front doors are for emergencies only. These doors are to remain locked and closed at all times during class hours.

Before Class

Students are to arrive no earlier than 8:15 a.m.

Students need to wait in the lobby of the school for the bell to ring or for their teacher to arrive. No student is allowed in the classroom until the teacher is present.

Please come on time and prepared for class.

Dismissal

Class ends at 9:45 a.m. Your student will not be allowed to leave the classroom without a parent unless we receive permission in writing. Also, let the teacher know in writing before class if someone else is picking up your child. Parents are asked to go to the classroom door when the bell rings at 9:45 a.m. Please be on time as most teachers attend the 10:00 Mass.

Junior High – Arrival and Dismissal

Classes meet in the church hall. Please come on time and prepared for class.

Students dismissed to a parent unless we receive written permission stating otherwise. Parents are asked to come into the church hall for pick-up.

Important dates to keep in mind:

The Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, 2009

Respect Life Sunday

Sunday, October 4, 2009

Holy Days of Obligation

The Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25, 2009

The Octave Day of Christmas – New Year’s Day

Friday, January 1, 2010

Ascension of Our Lord

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Assumption of Mary

Sunday, August 15, 2010

Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2010 Lent begins

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence.

The Triduum,

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

April 1, 2 & 3, 2010

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2010

Clocks change to / from Standard time

Sunday, **November 1, 2009** – Fall back 1 hour

Sunday, **March 14, 2010** – Spring forward 1 hour

- ♣ This handbook contains both the Sunday Morning and Junior High class schedules; please refer to it for the times and dates of the upcoming events.
- ♣ Our parish bulletin is your resource to learn of any additions or changes to this schedule, as well as any news of the many other parish activities. Be sure to take one home each Sunday after Mass.
- ♣ Cancellation of classes for any reason will be announced on WZID 95.7FM, Channel 9 TV, and by e-mail.
- ♣ It is important that the director and your child’s teacher have your current phone number, an alternate phone number and e-mail address. Parents need to be available by phone while your child is in class.

Registration for the 2010 – 2011 programs takes place in April 2010.

Sunday Morning Schedule – Grades Pre-K to 6

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event / Time</u>
September	20 Class at 8:30 -- Opening Mass at 10:00 a.m.
	27 Class at 8:30 / Parent's meeting at 8:45 in the Hall
October	Class at 8:30 - Respect Life Sunday
	4 -11:30 AM Blessing of the Animals
	11 NO CLASS - Columbus Day Weekend
	18 Class at 8:30
	25 Class at 8:30
November	1* Class at 8:30
	8 Class at 8:30
	15 Class at 8:30
	22 Class at 8:30
	29 NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Weekend
December	6 Class at 8:30
	13 Class at 8:30
	20 Class at 8:30
	27 NO CLASS - Christmas Break
January	3 Class at 8:30
	10 Class at 8:30
	17 NO CLASS - Martin Luther King Weekend
	24 Class at 8:30
	31 Class at 8:30
February	7 Class at 8:30
	14 Class at 8:30
	21 NO CLASS - Winter Break
	28 NO CLASS - Winter Break
March	7* Class at 8:30
	14 Class at 8:30
	21 Class at 8:30 - Special Event Special Event Gr. 5 & 6
	28 Class at 8:30 - Special Event Gr. 2, 3 & 4
April	4 NO CLASS - Easter Sunday
	11 Class at 8:30 -Special Event Gr. Pre-K, K & 1- LAST CLASS

* Time changes -- Remember to set your clock the night before.

Junior High – Grades 7 & 8 - Monday Evening Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event / Time</u>
September	21 Class at 6:30 p.m. / Parent to attend first class with student
	28 Class at 6:30 p.m.
October	5 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	12 NO CLASS - Columbus Day Weekend
	19 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	26 Class at 6:30 p.m.
November	2 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	9 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	16 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	23 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	30 NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Week
December	7 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	14 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	21 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	28 NO CLASS - Christmas Break
January	4 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	11 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	18 NO CLASS - Martin Luther King Weekend
	25 Class at 6:30 p.m.
February	1 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	8 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	15 NO CLASS - Presidents' Day
	22 NO CLASS - Winter Break
March	1 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	8 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	15 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	22 Class at 6:30 p.m.
	29 Class at 6:30 p.m. - Special Event - LAST CLASS