

***Religious Education for Youth***  
***Customs and Courtesies for the Safety and Wellbeing of All***

**Drop off and Pick Up**

- Students are to arrive on time and be ready to begin class.
- Classes for K - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade begins promptly at 9:45am Sunday mornings. Students should be in their seats by 9:40am and ready to begin at 9:45am.
- Grade K – Grade 3 - Parents/guardians are to accompany their child/ren to their classroom and sign students in and out. Parents/guardians are to pick their children up in their classrooms up to 10:50am. After that they will pick up their child/ren in the school cafeteria (this allows teachers to make it to Mass).
- Parents/guardians of student(s) (Grade 4 - Grade 8) can drop their child/ren off in front of the school between 9:30 and 9:40am. Please use care in dropping off your children.
- Grade 9 - 11<sup>th</sup> - Class begins promptly at 6:30pm Sunday evenings.
- Students are to go to their designated classrooms and be in their seats no later than 6:25pm and ready to begin at 6:30pm.
- Students are to be picked up in the parking lot of the Religious Education Building no later than 8:10pm
  - If the student has a learner's permit we ask that they use EXTREME caution when pulling in and out of the school parking lot.
- You can always check the Religious Education Calendar on our parish website for class dates and times.
- Cancellation of classes due to bad weather will be posted on our parish website (click REFRESH on your browser to assure you have the latest Home Page). You may also check for announcements when you call the parish REY line 527-9778 ext 21. Parents/Guardians: Please use your best judgment for the safety of your children.

**Attendance and Special Instruction**

- To ensure a safe arrival if your child is late, please accompany him/her to the Religious Ed. Office which is on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Religious Ed building.
- Three 'tardies' equals one absence.
- Three absences will require a meeting with REY Coordinator and Pastor to discuss further options for continuing.
- If student requires early dismissal from class, please speak with REY Coordinator beforehand.
- If your child has a special learning or medical condition, please inform the REY Coordinator as soon as possible so appropriate arrangements can be made.
- Weekend Mass attendance is required of every Catholic. The Sacramental Grades (Grade 2, Grade 10 & 11) have a sign-in sheet for attending Mass, located at all entrances to the church and sacristy.

**Expectations**

- Proper and civil behavior is expected of our students at all times. Class disruptions will not be tolerated.
  - Any form of disrespect towards other students, teachers, and/or property will result in dismissal from the days scheduled class and result in an unexcused absence.
  - Foul and discriminatory language will not be tolerated. This will result in dismissal from the days scheduled class and will result in an unexcused absence.
  - Issues like this will be handled by teacher, REY Coordinator and Pastor.
  - REY Coordinator will be on site during scheduled class times.
- Hats are not to be worn, nor should there be gum, food, or drink in the classrooms (or in church for that matter).
- iPods, cell phones, and other such devices are not allowed in the classrooms (or the church), teachers have the right to take them away till the end of the class. If they do make their way into the class or church they must be turned **OFF**.
- If there continues to be an issue, the REY Coordinator has the right to hold devices in the office till classes are dismissed.

## THE SACRAMENT YEARS

Students in a grade receiving a Sacrament (Reconciliation and Eucharist, or Confirmation) are to attend all classes and are to have successfully completed all prior grades. If for some reason a student is unable to attend a class, they must obtain written parental permission excusing them from the class. Students receiving a Sacrament are allowed 3 absences for the year; if they should exceed this number they are to contact the REY Coordinator and Pastor to discuss further options.

Parents are the first and best teachers of the faith. Catholic families are required to attend one of the weekend Masses here at OLV or one of the neighboring parishes with their children who are enrolled in Religious Education. If you are unable to get a ride to Mass, please call the rectory and other arrangements can be made. We also ask that parents help their children with assignments that are sent home and with the learning of their prayers. This is a great opportunity for both parents and children to grow deeper in their faith.

Students are also encouraged to make regular use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 3:00 – 3:45pm or you can schedule a meeting with the Pastor or Vicar for a time that works best for you. Confessions will be heard in the REY Building in the month of December, March and April.

Students will also be required to attend the praying of the Stations of the Cross during the season of Lent. This will also be a time that students will be asked to make good use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. More information will be given when the season is closer.

- ❖ The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be received by those who desire to receive it. Sacraments are not to be forced on someone, but rather are to be received with an open and desiring heart by the one making the choice to receive them. The student has every right not to receive this Sacrament if they have a legitimate reason. If for some reason the student does not wish to receive Confirmation, they should make arrangements (without fear or embarrassment) with the REY Coordinator and the Pastor to discuss their options as soon as possible.