

2019 – 2020 ST. ANNE PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILY HANDBOOK



RE Office Hours (Sept – May):

Monday-Wednesday:

10:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Thursday: to be determined

Friday: 8:30 AM - Noon

Phone Number: 630-554-1425

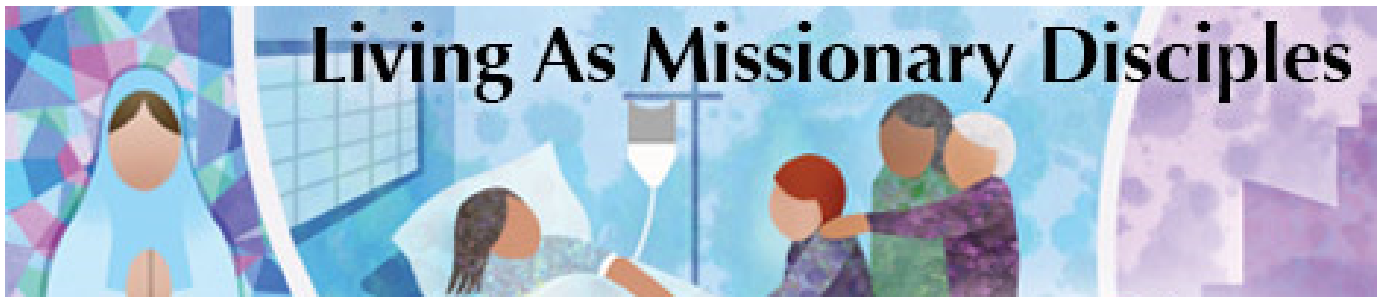
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6 – 8 (DASH) Director: Julie Krakora

JHDRE@stanneparish.org

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RE SESSION TIMES FOR 2019-2020

Grades K-5: Mon - Wed: Session 1: 4:30-5:30 Mon-Wed: Session 2: 6:00-7:00

DASH 1 (6th): Mon – Wed: Session 1: 4:30-5:30 Session 2: 6:00-7:00

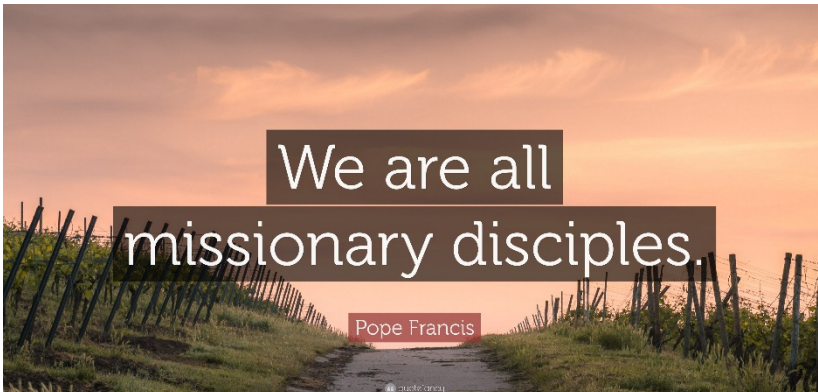
DASH 2 (7th) & DASH 3 (8th): Sunday* Session 1: 3:45-5:30pm Session 2: 6:15-8pm
Thursday* 4:15-6:00 (only 1 group for each level)

*Please note: DASH 2 & 3 have a unique schedule.

View the calendar on the website, or the My Parish App to double check dates & times.

Consider looking at this survey to see where you and your family fall in terms of discipleship
<http://everydayevangelization.blogspot.com/2014/07/a-metric-for-missionary-disciples.html#more>

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES



Picture found on: <https://quotefancy.com/quote/890675/Pope-Francis-We-are-all-missionary-disciples>

We care about your family's faith journey and ask that you fulfil these expectations.

- ❖ Pray together at home.
- ❖ Participate weekly at Mass as a family and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- ❖ **See the note below about teaching prayers to your child(ren)**
- ❖ Participate regularly in the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

- ❖ Live your faith by monitoring your child's choices of behavior, clothing, music, movies, TV shows, and by setting a good example for your children in these areas.
- ❖ Be a good steward: share your time, talent, and treasure.
- ❖ Respect the need to be present for any sacrament specific parent meetings.
- ❖ Talk about your faith at home and ask your child what they learned in class that day.
- ❖ **See note below about precursor to attendance policy.**

FAMILY TEACHING & ASSESSMENT of PRAYERS/KNOWLEDGE

Our role in Religious Education is to support the family. We are the secondary teachers of faith, parents/family are the first. Therefore, by the last day of RE, we ask that you make sure your child(ren) know the specific prayers and concepts (listed by grade level) at the end of this handbook. Though often these topics are part of our grade level curriculum, we don't always have time to go over it to ensure proper memorization of key components and prayers of our Catholic faith – this is where your role, as primary educator, is most valuable!

NEW this year: We plan to include brief "assessments" of basic knowledge and prayers at the beginning, middle, and/or end of the year for each student in each grade level. This will help us assess which topics and prayers we need to focus on, as well as how much the students are retaining.

A PRECURSOR TO ATTENDANCE POLICY

PART OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A PARENT IS TO...

honor class time by arriving on time and remaining for the entire RE session.

We live in an over-scheduled crazy world. We understand and respect your desire to try and be present to RE and other activities. However, it is not possible to be fully committed to two things at the same time; inevitably a choice must be made. When your child is here, we want them fully focused on learning the entire time. Please realize it is very disruptive to the class and the teachers for students to continually come 5 - 15 minutes late or leave 15 – 30 minutes early. **If this happens more than a few times, you will be asked to switch class time or take the absence.** Days missed still apply.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Our faith grows throughout our life and is built on previous knowledge and experience. Thus, involvement in religious education *every year* from 1st – 8th grade is fundamental to your child's spiritual growth. When your child is enrolled we expect regular attendance. We know your time is valuable and ask for your cooperation in valuing classroom time in RE.

Thus, to avoid disruption in your child's class, please make every effort to have them arrive on time and remain for the entire session.

If your child is ill and has missed school that day, or has a fever, please do not send them to RE/DASH. Refer to the guidelines for completing make-up work as explained under "Attendance & Expectations for Sacramental Preparation Years."

Notification of absence is not required, but is helpful especially for those in DASH 2 & 3.

If you want to let us know: call RE office at 630-554-1425 or e-mail: reosec@stanneparish.org

Grades K-6: a maximum of 5 absences/year will be allowed of the 28-30 scheduled sessions

- Any time there is an absence, be it for illness or a scheduled day off, we encourage all families to do the lesson at home. However, students in sacrament preparation years (*see below*) are required to complete and turn in all lessons missed.

DASH 2 & 3: a maximum of 4 absences/year will be allowed of the 18 sessions

- Though not ideal for small groups, it may be possible at certain times for a student who cannot come to their day/time to switch to another day/time, though **advance communication is required**. *To switch one Sunday session to the other, contact Julie by the Thursday prior to the upcoming Sunday session. If you want to switch from Sunday to Thursday, please contact Julie by Tuesday of the week for that Thursday session.*

- At times it may be necessary for Julie to offer a group make-up lesson for a specific level and topic. Details will be provided in an email when this is needed.

Homeschool

Families with a child in kindergarten, or grades 3 – 6, may choose to homeschool that child. However, due to *content covered* and *diocesan policy*, homeschool is not an option for intensive Sacramental years: Grades 1, 2, 7, & 8. **See further information in the handbook with more details about work required.**

Attendance & Expectations for Sacramental Preparation Years:

Per Diocesan Policy, a child must attend at least two consecutive years of faith formation prior to receiving a Sacrament. Thus, in order to receive Reconciliation and First Eucharist a child must be enrolled in RE for grades 1 & 2; and for Confirmation be enrolled for grades 6 – 8.

Especially for sacrament preparation years, ***make-up work is required*** for ***every absence***.

Grades 1 & 2: For make-up work please check the K-5 link on the parish website to find the curriculum guide for your child's grade level. Then, determine which chapter to make up for that date. Complete the chapter review in their textbook and have them show it to the catechist the *following week after their absence*.

Grades 6 – 8: Please contact Julie by email (JHDRE@stanneparish.org), or look for an email from Julie, to receive grade specific material for make-up work. Items given are due at the next DASH session.

*****PLEASE NOTE***** After a child exceeds the allowed number of absences, and/or hasn't completed make-up work, a meeting with your child's grade level DRE **will determine how to proceed for the RE year**. Please be aware that a possible consequence of these actions could be an extension of the preparation process (meaning a delay in a Sacrament.)

EMERGENCY CANCELLATIONS

If school is cancelled in Oswego District 308 due to inclement weather, then RE and DASH sessions are usually cancelled for that day as well.

One Call Now: This service will send a message to your primary phone number and email address to inform you when classes are cancelled due to inclement weather or emergency. ***Please be sure to inform us of any changes to your contact information.***

EmergencyClosings.com

- www.EmergencyClosings.com – you can check the website and/or sign up for email notification of a status change for St. Anne Church
- Radio Stations: WGN 720AM and WBBM 780AM; • TV: Channels 2, 5, 7, 9, 32, CLTV

St. Anne Parish: Check the parish website at <http://stanneparish.org/>

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Home School

The registration process and fee is the same for Home School as for students attending RE classes at St. Anne. However, ***home school is only an option for students in Kindergarten and Grades 3-6/DASH 1.*** Families will be given a textbook for their child/ren to use to complete their work for the year. All chapter reviews and/or packets must be completed and turned in for each lesson throughout the year in order to advance to the next grade level.

Homeschool families are welcome to come to special events during class time, such as Reconciliation in Advent and Lent, and Fr. John's teaching day. Please check in with your DRE to let us know you are present in the building so your child can be placed into a classroom that day.

RCIA/C (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults adapted for Children)

If your child hasn't received a Sacrament at a traditional time (such as Baptism at infancy and Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2nd grade), they are part of this program called RCIA/C.

Children in grades 3 - 6 who have had no prior religious education must attend RE classes with their age-mates to learn the basics of the faith. ***In addition***, they must attend sacramental preparation **classes on several Sundays throughout the year** to prepare for Baptism (if needed) and First Reconciliation their first year, and First Communion their second year.

**Note: A child who begins religious education for the first time as an incoming 2nd grader will be placed into a 1st grade classroom in order to follow diocesan protocol.*

Teens in grades 7 - 9 without any prior religious education, or a need to be caught up in receiving sacraments, will need to work individually with the DRE to make this happen. Some years, if enough teens come forth, a special class will be created. Usually in their first year together teens are prepared in basics of the faith, while also preparing for their specific Sacraments. Typically, in their second year they are then placed back into a regular grade level to prepare for Confirmation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICIES & EXPECTATIONS

STUDENT Code of Conduct

- ❖ Bring your textbook, folder, *Bible*, and/or any other materials you need **for each class**. This applies to all grade levels.
- ❖ Use the restroom before class begins.
- ❖ Respect the church and parish center surroundings, as well as the property of others.
- ❖ Follow the directions given by any adult in the classrooms, hallways, and church.
- ❖ Cell phones should **not** be used **in** class unless directed by a catechist for some reason. **Once class begins**, cell phones must be on silent and left in your pocket or book bag. Catechist may ask for phones to be placed away from you.
- ❖ Be a good listener – pay attention to whomever is speaking and raise your hand and wait for your turn to speak.
- ❖ Participate in classroom discussions and activities.
- ❖ *Taunting and bullying will not be tolerated.*
- ❖ Show respect by keeping your hands/feet to yourself and using appropriate language.
- ❖ Fidgets and other similar devices must stay in your bag.



PARENT NOTES:

DISCIPLINE: If a student must be verbally warned multiple times about his/her behavior, the child may be moved to another seat, asked to take a “timeout,” or brought to the RE Office to speak to the Director. If a child’s behavior remains a concern and is brought to the office a second time, a parent will be called to discuss the situation and seek a solution.

GUESTS: For safety and legal reasons, students may not bring a guest with them to class.

FOOD: Due to allergy concerns and sanitation issues, please do NOT send food with your children to RE classes. **Note:** *Food may be offered at times, especially to Jr. High groups, at the discretion of the DRE to reinforce a lesson or concept.*

2019-2020 SAFETY & SECURITY POLICY

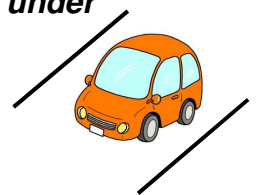
Building

- ❖ Always enter and exit the Joachim Center through the main doors by the Parish Office. All side doors are for emergency use only. Do not open locked doors for others.
- ❖ Once classes have begun, only volunteers, students, and staff members will be allowed in the hallways.
- ❖ Anyone entering the building *during class time* will be asked to sign in and state their reason for being in the building and will be limited to the Parish office, RE Office or the Chapel.
- ❖ Any parent or other adult who needs to remain in the building during class time for special circumstances must get permission to do so from the Director of Religious Education.
- ❖ ***Any parent or other authorized adult needing to take a child home early must report directly to the RE Office*** rather than the classroom to sign out the child. A hallway monitor or aide will bring the child to the office.
- ❖ RE sessions *may* participate in an Evacuation (Fire) Drill, a Shelter in Place (Severe Weather) Drill, and/or a Lock-Down Drill during the year.



Drop-Off – Respect the cones!

- ❖ There is absolutely NO parking, waiting, or dropping student off along the curb ***under the canopy to the church***. You must always park in a legal parking space.
- ❖ Be courteous, drive slowly, watch for pedestrians, and follow the directives of the parking lot monitors.
- ❖ ALL students in grades K-6 must be walked into the Parish Center (Joachim Building) and to their classroom by a parent or other authorized adult. ***No child is to be dropped off at the curb or in the vestibule.***
- ❖ **Do not leave your child in a classroom unattended** (grades K-6). Wait with your child until a catechist or aide is present.
- ❖ **Sunday DASH 2 & 3 families** will follow a single line drop off directly in front of Joachim Center and per the direction of parking monitors. ALL students (for both Sunday and Thursday) sessions ***should be picked up inside*** the building at their classroom.



Pick-Up for K – 6th

- ❖ Catechists/aides will not release a student until a parent or other authorized adult comes to the classroom to get the child.
- ❖ Parents and other authorized adults will be allowed down the hallways to pick up children in no sooner than 2 minutes before the end of class.

PRAYERS & PRECEPTS STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW/MEMORIZE

By the END of each year your child, working with you as parent, should know:

Kindergarten:

Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(Forehead, breast/chest, left to right)

1st grade: all the above plus

Our Father: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

2nd grade: all the above plus

Act of Contrition: My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Glory Be: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

3rd grade: all the above plus

Apostle's Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

4th grade: all the above plus

Commandments:

(Students should know in order the Catholic wording which is different than Protestant wording and numbering.)

1. You shall honor no other god but me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

The Greatest Commandment: You shall love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And then, you should love your neighbor as yourself.

Beatitudes:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5th grade: all of the above plus

Sacraments: Students should be able to name and explain each of the seven sacraments

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments of Vocation: Holy Orders/Ordination, Matrimony/Marriage

DASH 1/ 6th grade: all the above plus

Concepts taught in this grade level include:

The knowledge of Salvation History through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition as discovered through the covenant relationships found in the Old Testament. Cumulative knowledge at the end of the year should include the story and faith connection to each of the main figures of the Old Testament

The below items which are found on pg 2116 of their Breakthrough Bible:

1) The Precepts of the Catholic Church:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.
3. You shall receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.
4. You shall observe the Holy Days of Obligation.
5. You shall observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.
6. The faithful have the obligation of supporting the Church.

2) Knowing the importance and colors of *each* Liturgical season**3) Holy Days of Obligation – and what each means**

DASH 2/ 7th grade: all the above plus

Concepts taught in this grade level include:

Understanding of God's revelation as found through the Incarnation in Jesus Christ and through his signs and wonders (miracles) and teachings (parables) in the New Testament. *Students should be able to know and name a few different miracles (Breakthrough Bible pg. 2087) and parables (Breakthrough Bible pg. 2088).*

The below items which are found on pg 2115 of their Breakthrough Bible:

Theological Virtues of: Faith, Hope, Love

Cardinal Virtues of: Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, Temperance

Finally: Charity vs. Justice & awareness of the 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

DASH 3/ 8th grade: all the above plus

Transubstantiation/Real Presence in the Eucharist

Works of Mercy: (pg. 2115 of Breakthrough Bible)

Corporal: Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked,
Visit the imprisoned, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, Bury the dead

Spiritual: Convert the sinner, Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful,
Comfort the sorrowful, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive all injuries,
Pray for the living and the dead

Gifts of the Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Fear of the Lord

Fruits of the Spirit: Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Self-Control, Gentleness, Love, Goodness, Faithfulness, Kindness, Generosity, Modesty, Chastity

The Nicene Creed: (which includes the 4 Marks of the Catholic Church)

*I believe in **one God**, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

*I believe in one Lord **Jesus Christ**, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

*I believe in the **Holy Spirit**, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

*I believe in **one, holy, catholic and apostolic** Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ALL FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO KNOW/TEACH the ROSARY with their child

Mysteries of the Rosary:

Joyful Mysteries: *Monday & Saturday*

The Annunciation
The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
The Birth of Jesus
The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

Sorrowful Mysteries: *Tuesday & Friday*

The Agony of Jesus in the Garden
The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion

Luminous Mysteries: *Thursday*

The Baptism of Jesus
The Wedding at Cana
The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
The Transfiguration of Jesus
The Last Supper

Glorious Mysteries: *Wednesday & Sunday*

The Resurrection of Jesus
The Ascension of Jesus
The Decent of Holy Spirit at Pentecost
The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
The Crowning of Mary