

2022 – 2023 ST. ANNE PARISH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILY HANDBOOK



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SESSION TIMES FOR 2022-2023

Grades K-5 & DASH 1 (6th): Meets on-campus weekly; mid-September through mid-May

Monday: 4:45 – 5:45pm OR 6:15 – 7:15pm

Tuesday: 4:45 – 5:45pm

Wednesday: 5:30 – 6:30pm

DASH 2 (7th) & DASH 3 (8th): Sundays; 5 to 7pm

DASH 2 will be on campus for 1st semester [check calendar for dates] and do remote learning 2nd semester through Google Classroom and St. Mary's Press "Catholicism 101" modules.

DASH 3 will be doing remote learning [through Google Classroom] for 1st semester and meet on campus for 2nd semester [check calendar for dates.]

OUR JOB AND YOUR ROLE: CATHOLIC PARENTING

Our job is to enhance what you are doing at home.

We offer some basics in educational conversations, dabbled with some activities, all of which is a pin drop of what you do as the true Catholic teachers at home!

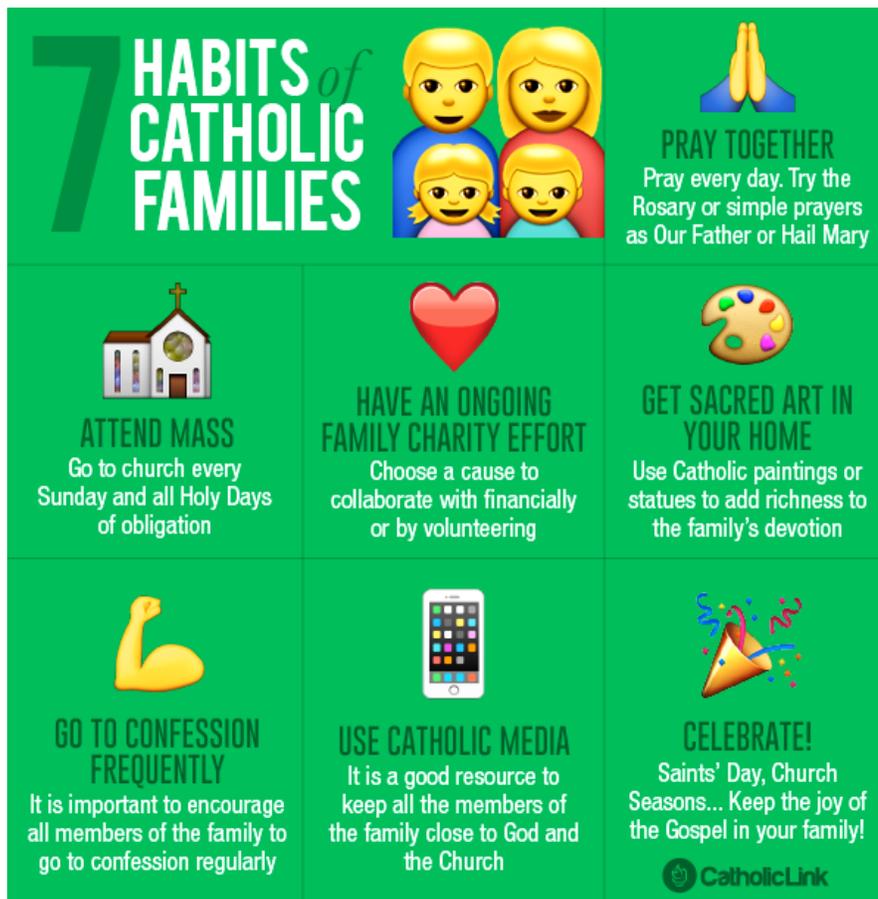
Catholic parenting means connecting our kids to God, teaching them how to listen, dialogue, and wrestle with the Spirit of God. #catholicmom

Please check out these two amazing articles to give perspective on Catholic parenting:

1. [Goal of Catholic Parenting](#) - by a Catholic mom
2. [Catholic Parent](#) - by a Catholic dad

Check out these websites for Catholic parenting resources & support:

1. [United States Council of Catholic Bishops on Family life and Parenting](#)
2. Diocese of Joliet [Catholic Faith for Families](#)
3. [Resources for Catholic Parents](#)
4. [Intentional Catholic Parenting](#)
5. [Strong Catholic Families](#)



FAMILY TEACHING of PRAYERS/KNOWLEDGE

As noted above, our role in Religious Education is to support the family. We are the secondary teachers of faith, you as parents are the first. Therefore, 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 them to ensure proper memorization of key components and prayers of our Catholic faith – this is where your role, as primary educator, is most valuable!

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.***

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

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Homeschool

Homeschool will remain an option for all grade levels. It is **strongly** encouraged that students in sacramental prep years (grades 1, 2, DASH 1 - 3) be present on campus.

Homeschool content for DASH 2 and 3 will **not** match the content on campus. Thus, switching between home to campus will *not* be an option. Curriculum work is robust to do on their own. On campus sessions are 2 hours so content at home will be at least 2 hours as well. A student's academic ability will determine if it takes more or less time to complete. ***It would be beneficial to have a parent be present for each lesson.*** If your child has an IEP, parent help will be required to modify the content to meet their needs.

All homeschool families will be given the materials and lessons they need. All required activities must be completed and turned in for each lesson in order to advance to the next grade level.

Homeschool families are welcome to come to any special events held during class time. 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.

The registration process and fee is the same for those who choose to participate in the Homeschool option as it is for students participating on campus.

OCIA/C (Order 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 OCIA/C.

The sacramental preparation plan for those children in grades 3 – 8 who have had no prior religious education will be determined on an individual basis. This may include attending regular RE classes with their age-mates, separate OCIA/C classes, and/or lessons to be completed with parents at home. ***Please be prepared to have Thursday afternoons (4:45 – 5:45) available for OCIA classes. We will let you know if/when they begin once we have all families registered.***

**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.*



D.A.S.H IS OUR JR. HIGH PROGRAM

The words that encompass DASH – Disciples Actively Striving for Holiness – gives the compass for all content, work/expectations given to our Jr. High students to develop as stronger disciples. Students are moving towards confirming, for themselves, their Baptism (which was chosen by you as parents) in Confirmation.

D.A.S.H was created specifically for St. Anne Jr. High students in 2015 to allow them to **learn information** but to do so in a group environment that allows interaction, connection, deeper conversation, and prayerful experiences. While a textbook is the backbone of all content, students are not just reading from the book.

The image about Discipleship process shows the ultimate dream for each student, each family: moving from “just belonging” to a church, to truly believing what it teaches, becoming an active member, and then living out that “beingness” of a disciple in everyday decisions. This is a lifelong process! DASH content touches especially on moving young adolescents from Belonging to Believing, while witnessing that “being” is possible by allowing our Catholic faith to be infused into all life choices/actions.

DASH 1 = (usually 6th grade) is the foundation of beliefs starting with the Old Testament
 *Classes still meet weekly on weekdays

DASH 2 = (usually 7th grade) focusing on Jesus as our God who is human and our friend
 *Sessions on Sundays

DASH 3 = (usually 8th grade) Strengthening, or starting, personal understanding of how to be a disciple for Jesus in the Catholic Church to personally desire the grace of Confirmation.
 *Sessions on Sundays

Discipleship Process

Being

- Sharing Christ
- Fruits of the Spirit
- Have an emotional healthy spirituality
- Christ Likeness

Becoming

- Knowing Spiritual Gifts
- Serving in ministry

Believing

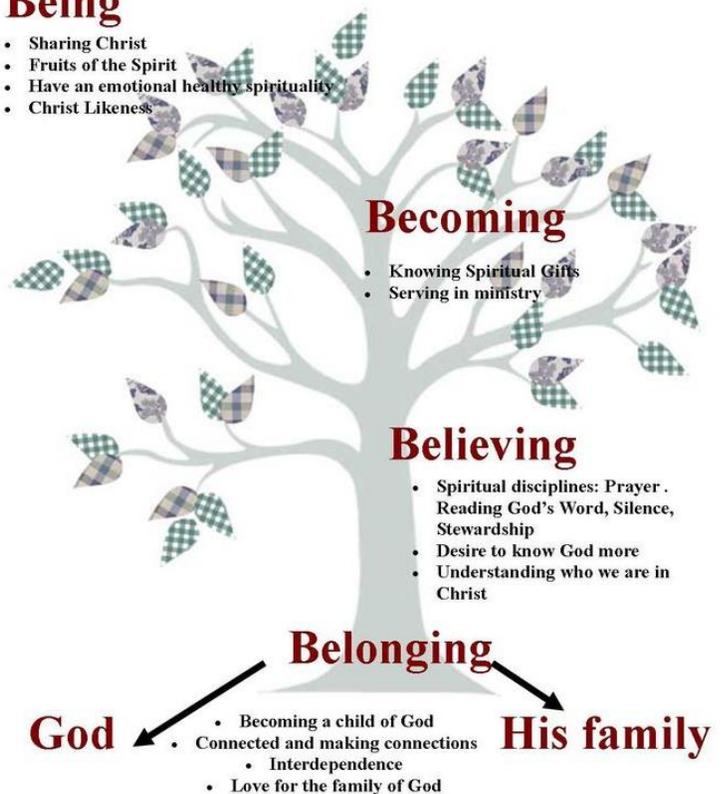
- Spiritual disciplines: Prayer, Reading God’s Word, Silence, Stewardship
- Desire to know God more
- Understanding who we are in Christ

Belonging

God

- Becoming a child of God
- Connected and making connections
 - Interdependence
- Love for the family of God

His family



GENERAL ATTENDANCE POLICY

As we return to weekly, all on campus learning, we expect that students will be here on time and remain for the entire session so as to respect the group's learning time, and miss only if sick.

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 Policy & Expectations for Grades 1, 2 & DASH"

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 your child's DRE.

ATTENDANCE POLICY & EXPECTATIONS FOR GRADES 1, 2 & DASH

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 (DASH 1 - 3).

While occasional absences may be necessary due to illness or other life events, these grade levels, **Grades 1, 2 & DASH 1 - 3** require completion of ALL content. So, if your child is absent, they will need to complete a make-up lesson *for any class missed*.

Grade 2: There are a few additional events to prepare your child, and you, for their upcoming Sacraments. (1) Reconciliation Meeting in September; (2) First Eucharist after Mass Gathering in January; (3) Parent/Child First Eucharist Gathering in March

DASH 2: Presence at all on campus sessions (9 total) 1st semester and **completion of** all other assigned curriculum 2nd semester in Google Classroom **and** St. Mary's Press modules. If a child must miss a campus session (*2 absences understandable*), the full session make-up work will be assigned via Google Classroom **and work must be completed prior to the next session**.

DASH 3: Presence at all on campus sessions (10 total) and **completion of** all other assigned curriculum in Google Classroom. If a child must miss a campus session, (*2 absences understandable*) the full session make-up work will be assigned via Google Classroom. **Work must be completed prior to the next session**.

1st semester work: Students will have a "PLC" – Personal Learning Choice to complete in the manner that matches that choice. The Book and Talk group will have work via Google Classroom. The Course group will have all their content on a different learning platform. Students will also be asked to start all of the items below after the September Parent/Teen/Sponsor meeting.

Confirmation/disciple related items outside of curriculum:

- **Prayer experiences** (done daily – but monthly reflection)
- **Discipleship Project** (a year-long project)
- **Sponsor Conversations** (monthly with topics sent to sponsors)

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

If your child does not complete the required curriculum (*in a timely manner as noted above*) **a conversation/meeting with your child's grade level DRE will determine how to proceed for the following 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.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICIES & EXPECTATIONS

STUDENT Code of Behavior

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Follow all verbal and posted directives. Should we ever return to a mandate for mask-wearing, or social distancing, all directives must be followed to be on campus.



- ❖ 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 book bag. Catechist may ask for phones to be placed near them if a student is seen using it.
- ❖ 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. All choices will avoid any anaphylactic foods for the whole group.*

2022-2023 SAFETY & SECURITY POLICY

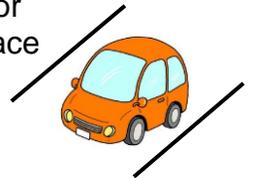
Building

- ❖ 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 & Pick-Up for K - 5 & DASH 1 (Gr. 6)

- ❖ There is absolutely NO parking, waiting, or dropping student off along the curb or ***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 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.** Wait with your child until a catechist or aide is present.
- ❖ Hallway monitors will open the hallway doors at the conclusion of each session. Please pick up your youngest child first and then proceed to your oldest child.
- ❖ Catechists/aides will not release a student at the end of class until a parent or other authorized adult comes to the classroom to get the child.



Drop-Off & Pick-Up for DASH 2 & 3 (Gr. 7 & 8)

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ **Pick-up:** Students will be dismissed TO meet parents in the parking lots at the end of the session. ***If ANY safety issues occur, we will return to indoor pickup!***

PRAYERS & PRECEPTS STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW/MEMORIZE

With YOUR help, at the END of each year your child should know:

Kindergarten:

Sign of the Cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
(Using your right hand, touch forehead, breast/chest, left shoulder, right shoulder)

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 TEACH/PRAY 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