

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Monday	9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday and Wednesday	9:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Thursday	9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Friday	9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Saturday	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

The Religious Education Office may be closed during lunch. (12:00 – 1:00 P.M.)

Dear Parents,

We welcome you and your child to the Religious Education year of 2009- 2010. Our program renews its commitment to building the faith life of the students in our care. Our staff and our Catechists take very seriously the call of Christ to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God. We speak boldly and proudly of God's love for us, for our families and our world.

We publish this handbook with the intention of working in harmony with our parents and catechists and for the welfare of our students. With this in mind, it is important that you read this document and return the attached form to the Religious Education Office by October 1, 2009.

We continue to invite **all** of our Religious Education parents to consider a greater involvement that will help us "make a difference." The parish presents a workshop entitled Protecting God's Children for every volunteer who works with our children, but it is also available to all parents who might be interested and who might at any point of the year be likely to volunteer. We are committed to providing our children with a safe environment and a rich program.

The two upcoming dates for this workshop are: **Tuesday, August 18, 2009** and **Monday, September 14, 2009**.

Please call our office for more information concerning these workshops.

May we together work hard to continue demonstrating our faith-in-action to our children as they observe our behaviors, our attitudes, our values and our worship. Your participation will help your child experience a meaningful year of Religious Education and grow in the knowledge of and love for God. Feel free to contact us by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Kowalewski
Director of Religious Education

MISSION STATEMENT

The Religious Education Commission builds on the foundation of our children's faith in partnership with their parents. Drawing from the life of Jesus, our young people and their families are enabled to become active members of St. Mary Parish. Our catechetical team, supported by an engaging curriculum, educates and forms our children in the strong traditions of our Catholic faith, prepares them to receive the sacraments, encourages life-long service to the community, and inspires our families to be alive in the practice of their faith. Through this process of sharing our faith with our young people and their families, our catechists further develop their own faith and relationship with God in the community of his Church.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Religious Education Program will strive to:

- A. aid our young people in the formation of a healthy self-concept.
- B. offer our young people a community where relationships may be formed and they can genuinely grow in friendship, trust, and prayer.
- C. proclaim the MESSAGE of Christ Jesus . . .
 1. to teach faithfully the principle elements of the Christian message for Catechesis
 - a. The Mystery of One God
 - b. Creation
 - c. Jesus Christ
 - d. Holy Spirit
 - e. The Sacraments
 - f. The Life of Grace
 - g. The Moral Life
 - h. Mary and the Saints
 2. to assist students in understanding and remembering:
 - a. the traditional prayers of the Church
 - b. the Beatitudes
 - c. the Ten Commandments
 - d. the Laws of the Church.
- D. provide students with experiences of Christian Community . . .
 1. to celebrate together the principle events of the liturgical year.
 2. to promote participation in personal prayer and communal worship.
- E. guide students into commitments of Christian Service . . .
 1. to design service projects.
 2. to activate Christian concern for issues of life, truth, and justice.

GUIDELINES FOR ST. MARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Classes in the St. Mary Religious Education Program will be taught in conformity with the teaching of the Church as presented in the General Catechetical Directory, in Sharing the Light of Faith, The National Catechetical Directory of United States, The Catechism of the Catholic Church and in accordance with the policies and guidelines of Religious Education Programs within the Diocese of Joliet.

COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Please notify the Religious Education Office if you should move or change any of the following information:
Home Phone Number, Work Phone, Cell Phone, Address, etc.

NEWSLETTER

A newsletter to parents will be sent home with the youngest child of the family. The newsletter will contain information that is pertinent to parents about the children and the program. The newsletter will also carry a reminder of up-coming dates and deadlines for events.

PARENT CONCERNS

Our office number is 708.326.9350. We welcome any calls from parents who wish to express their concerns and we will be happy to answer your questions.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be given to the children in grades 1-8 in January and at the end of the catechetical year. These reports will help parents to keep track of their child's progress within the program. The reports will also contain a record of the child's absences. Content, prayers and beliefs for each grade level are expected to be mastered.

VOLUNTEERS

All adult volunteers are required to attend a program called Protecting God's Children. A volunteer background check form will be filled out by each volunteer. Teen Volunteers will need two letters of reference.

Adult volunteers are a wonderful asset to our program. Please call the Religious Education Office if you are able to give time to help in our program during the year. We count on your presence and your commitment.

CATECHISTS are the heart and soul of the Religious Education Program. They echo the life and stories about Jesus. Their time spent in preparation and presentation is greatly valued.

SUBSTITUTE CATECHISTS are vital to the program. They are needed to fill in when a catechist cannot come on their scheduled time.

CATECHIST ASSISTANTS, both adult and teen, are the strong right arms to the Catechists. Catechist assistants are asked to perform many tasks such as taking attendance, listening to traditional prayers, helping children with class work, accompanying children to the office, making copies, helping with dismissal, etc.

OFFICE ASSISTANTS are willing volunteers who offer their time to help out in the Religious Education Office. They assist with tasks such as: taking phone messages, collecting absentee forms, making copies for catechists, preparing mailings and sacramental booklets, newsletters, etc. Other tasks include monitoring the doors, bathrooms, and hallways for security, greeting the children, and helping with dismissal

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday & Thursday	4:15 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.	Grades K – 6
Wednesday	4:15 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.	Grades 1 – 6
Tuesday, Wednesday	6:45 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	Grades 7 - 8
Saturday	8:30 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. 9:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.	Grades 1 – 6 R.E.A.C.H (children with disabilities)

CONTINUITY

Parents are reminded that their child(ren) should be enrolled in the Religious Education Program the **entire eight years**. Acceptance into the Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation Programs is based upon regular attendance of the student in the Religious Education Program.

A skipped grade will need to be made up.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in the Religious Education Program is open to any child of a family registered in St. Mary Parish and who is five years old through grade eight. You may know neighbors or friends, who for various reasons are not enrolled in the Religious Education Program. We ask you to encourage them to contact the Director at 708.326.9355.

The grade level of a student entering the program will be left to the sole discretion of the Director of Religious Education (DRE) in dialogue with the parent(s) or guardian.

EXPECTATIONS

It is expected that each family become actively involved in St. Mary Religious Education Program and Parish, as evidenced by regularly participating in the Mass and financially supporting the parish, in order to model an active Christian faith and to reinforce the values and attitudes of living that faith. The parent(s) and their child(ren) also **agree** to act in accordance with these values and attitudes.

It is the responsibility of the parent(s) to inform us of a change in status of the marital situation, a custodial situation or of the child’s health.

FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS

There will be fire and tornado drills during the year.

FIRST AID

State law regulates minor injuries to be treated with water, disinfectant and Band-Aids. We follow the rules of universal precaution. The Religious Education Office has available to all catechists in a convenient location a supply of: disinfectant, Band-Aids, rubber gloves and Ziploc bags to dispose of any materials used to clean a wound. If there is a serious injury, we will call 911 and notify parents immediately.

HOME STUDY

Special arrangement must be made with the Director of Religious Education.

It should be noted, that even though a family may home school their children, the child must be in attendance in a Parish Religious Education Program for two years prior to the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation. For St. Mary Parish, that means the child must be in attendance in our Religious Education Program for Grades 2,3,7, and 8. Home Study is not permitted to accommodate schedules or extra-curricular activities.

LOST AND FOUND

If your child loses an article, please check with the Religious Education Office. 708.326.9350

MEDICATIONS

Except in extraordinary circumstances, which must be approved by the Director of Religious Education, personnel will not maintain, administer or supervise the taking of medication.

SEVERE WEATHER CLOSING INFORMATION

The number to call in order to check for a weather-related closing of the Religious Education Program is **847.238.1234**. A CAUTION: The system is automated and may not distinguish between St. Mary School and the Religious Education Program. Since we operate at different hours (sometimes different days), we may make different choices about closing. Though we are specific in telling them that it is Religious Education Program that is closing, it is not always reported that way on the air. When in doubt, please verify by calling our office 708. 326.9350. Our automatic phone system will include emergency closing information. No information given means classes are in session.

Reporting TV Stations: WGN , WBBM, WJOL

STUDENT MATERIALS

Children in the program will be given folders in which they can carry their papers and the Parent Newsletter etc. **Please check their folders weekly and remove papers.** Students in grades K-8 are given **textbooks** and they are expected to bring the text to every class. Students from grades 6-8 are expected to bring their **bibles** to class also. Students who lose their book may purchase a replacement from the Religious Education Office.

REPLACEMENT PRICE LIST

Student text Grades K-8	\$ 15.00
Grade 8 - Service Log Book	2.00
Grade 7 - 50 Questions Booklet	2.00
Bible	8.00
Grade 6-Bible Bowl Booklet	2.00

TUITION

The tuition for 2009-20010:

\$ 175.00 for one child
\$ 250.00 for two children
\$ 315.00 for three or more children
\$ 60.00 for Kindergarten

Program Fees:

\$ 35.00	First Eucharist Program (Grade 3)
\$ 40.00	Confirmation Program (Grade 8)

Registration for next year will begin February 26, 2010. Payment is expected at the time of registration. However, families may have the option to pay in full by June 1, 2010. Final payment is due by August 1st.

A late fee of \$100.00 will be assessed on registrations received after June 1, 2010.

No child will be denied instruction due to lack of funds. If payment for tuition presents a problem for you, financial arrangements can be made with the Director of Religious Education, Kathleen Kowalewski 708.326.9355.

POLICIES

ABSENCES

A student who misses 3 classes in grades 1 through 7 (or misses 2 classes in grade 8) will receive a notification from the Religious Education Office. If the student misses a 4th time, the Director of Religious Education will call to discuss the student's future participation in the Religious Education Program. Depending on the results of this conference, the student may be asked to repeat the same grade the following year.

In any case, all class work must be made up. It is the parent's responsibility to call the Catechist to arrange for make-up work.

ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN

Religious Education personnel are required to conform to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (P.A. 81-1007). A brochure regarding child abuse published by the Department of Children and Family Services has been distributed to our personnel working with children and is available in the Religious Education Office.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is expected for the **full hour and fifteen minutes of class each week**. Every class is important in the student's Catechetical Formation. The Catechist facilitates the formation of community, proclaims the Word, encourages service, and leads the students in prayer each week. Each class builds upon the preceding class.

ARRIVAL TIME

Students are expected to arrive no more than ten minutes before class time.

CELL PHONES

Cell phone use is prohibited before, during and after class in St. Mary School when Religious Education classes are in session. That means any cell phone:

- that rings, or
- is used as a phone or a camera, or
- to text message

is to be claimed by the Catechist or the Assistant and sent to the Director's office. The parent will be required to retrieve the cell phone. It will not be returned to the student. It is recommended that cell phones not be brought into the building. All of our classrooms are equipped with telephones in case of an emergency.

CLASSROOM TREATS

It is the St. Mary parish policy to maintain an insect-free and rodent-free environment in our school. We support this policy by refraining from treats during the Religious Education classes. We ask your cooperation by not sending birthday or holiday treats to class. We make three exceptions to this policy: the last class before Halloween, last class before Christmas and the last class of the year.

CUSTODY ISSUES

If parents are divorced or separated, St. Mary's Religious Education Program presumes that both parents have access to the children and their records unless one parent provides documentation that he or she has sole custody.

DELAYED PARENTS

We expect children to be picked up **promptly** after class. If a parent is delayed in picking up their child, for the safety of the child, **he/she will wait in the Religious Education Office**. The parent will need to come inside for the child.

DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE POLICY

We will tolerate no possession or use of drugs or alcohol on Parish property. Serious consequences (including possible suspension or expulsion) will be taken should there be any infraction of this policy. All Religious Education Staff Members, Catechists, and Volunteers shall immediately notify the office in the event that they observe any person in possession of/or under the influence of drugs/alcohol on school grounds.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will not be sent home early unless the parent or guardian sends a note to the student's Catechist or calls the Religious Education Office. **The catechist may not dismiss any student from the classroom.** An Office Assistant will contact the catechist and request that the student be sent to the office.

Parents are to meet their child(ren) in the Religious Education Office and sign the child(ren) out.

It is recommended that parents schedule ALL extracurricular activities and appointments at a time that does not present a conflict with your child's Religious Education classes. **We do not consider sports activities a valid reason for early dismissal.**

LATE ARRIVALS (TARDINESS)

Late arrivals are to be discouraged as they are disruptive to the class. Parents are requested to make every effort to have their children arrive on time for class sessions. The door monitor will stop tardy students to give them a late admission pass to class. **All tardy students must enter the building at the atrium door.**

SHOE SPIKES FOR SPORTS AND HEELY GYM SHOES

Spikes and Heely gym shoes **are prohibited** in the hallways or classrooms of St. Mary School.

REGULAR DISMISSAL

Classes will end promptly when the bell rings. A student will be released to either parent unless the Religious Education Office has a copy of the court order giving one parent exclusive custody.

SECURITY

At the time of dismissal, we ask that the parents do not enter the building (with the exception of the first week of Religious Education classes). Parents should wait outdoors for their child.

In order to safeguard the well-being of our children during class time, our building doors will be locked at the beginning of each class. Any person having business in the school building during these hours will be asked to come to the Religious Education Office to state his/her business and sign-in.

SKATEBOARDS AND SCOOTERS

Skateboards and scooters **are prohibited** and may not be brought into the building. Any skateboard or scooter that is brought to the classroom will be retrieved and sent down to the Director's office. These items are a significant danger to the child and to other children.

WEAPONS POLICY

St. Mary Parish takes seriously the safety and well being of students in our care. We will tolerate no threats, or possession of any type of weapon (whether real or make-believe) on Parish property. Serious consequences (including possible suspension or expulsion) will be taken should there be any infraction of this policy. All Religious Education Staff Members, Catechists, and Volunteers shall immediately notify the office in the event that they observe any person in possession of a firearm or weapon on school grounds.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

CONDUCT

Students in the Religious Education Classes are reminded that the rooms and desks they use for class are shared with other children within the parish. All are expected to respect the property of the school and other students. Parents are responsible for any damage to or theft of St. Mary's property.

Good conduct, cooperation, attention, and courtesy are expected during class time. Any student who continually fails to cooperate with the Catechist and other students within a class shall be subject to the following procedures.

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| 1 st step | Catechist will speak privately with the student to discuss the situation. |
| 2 nd step | An uncooperative student will be sent to the office to meet with the supervisor. |
| 3 rd step | If the problem continues, a telephone call is made to the parents. |
| 4 th step | If there is no improvement, in fairness and justice to the Catechist and students in the class, the Director reserves the right to require the parents to attend classes with their child until the behavior improves or to provide an alternate form of Religious Education outside of the regular class. |

The Religious Education program defines serious misconduct as, but not limited to, fighting, stealing, cheating, and possession/use of drugs, weapons, and/or alcohol, disrespect to staff, gang involvement, vandalism, aggressive behavior, threats, swearing, vulgarity, and possession of dangerous items.

OTHER EXPECTATIONS

1. The children will enter and exit school in an appropriate manner.
2. The Catechist must be present in the classroom before the students may enter.
3. Students will take assigned places in the classroom.
4. Coats and hats are not to be worn during class. The Catechist will indicate a designated place for coats and hats.
5. Catechists, assistants, and students should display mutual respect.
6. Students will raise their hands and wait for permission before speaking.
7. Students need permission to leave their seats.
8. Textbooks and appropriate materials are required for each class.

HOMEWORK AND THE PARENT'S ROLE

Parents are expected to worship with their children at Mass. Parents should be modeling their faith, talking about their faith and values and telling and re-telling stories about Jesus. Parents are asked to review what has been taught in class and help the children with any homework a Catechist may have assigned. Parents are also encouraged to take time to pray with their children and help them learn the traditional prayers.

Code of Behavioral and Spiritual Expectations For Parents of St. Mary Religious Education Students

The relationship between religious education representatives (Catechist, Administrators, Staff and Assistants) and parents of St. Mary Religious Education Program is one of the strongest and most important elements in the effective faith sharing and education of our young people. This policy statement provides structure to several phases of the relationship. Feel free to contact the Religious Education Board Members with any comments or concerns.

The purpose of this new code of behavioral expectations for parents is:

- To establish patterns of conflict-resolution in a spirit of cooperative communication. We can disagree with one another, even in complicated matters, but still respect each other. We can be respectful in our speech, courteous in our actions, and Christian in our attitudes.
- To establish levels of appeal through appropriate channels that promotes conflict resolution.

Due process seeks to give all parties the chance to make their case and to really be heard. Due process enables many issues to be resolved at the lowest possible level of decision-making.

Student Behavior: Should a parent wish to question/discuss an issue with a Religious Education Representative, any employee or volunteer, the following procedure must be followed:

Step One: Please contact the Religious Education representative by phone to discuss the issue. The telephone conversation between the parent and program representative is expected to be courteous, collegial, and cooperative. A plan should be worked out with follow-up calls or face to face meetings as needed.

Step Two: If the behavior is repeated or is beyond the realm of a telephone conversation, a Religious Education Program representative-parent conference may be scheduled by either the representative or the parent. This personal, private and two-way dialogue will be calm and will be collaborative. The content of this meeting is **confidential** on the part of both parties (i.e. parent(s) and program representative(s)). On any occasion involving a program representative-parent dialogue, especially involving a difference of opinion, the director of Religious Education or assistant director may participate at the request of either party. All of these interactions are part of the confidential relationship regarding all student behaviors.

Step Three: If the above procedure has not successfully resolved the matter, or in those instances when one party's behavior is intrusive, inflammatory, or overbearing the following grievance procedure has been developed:

- The director or assistant director will be involved in conferences, upon request, between the parent and program representative on no more than two occasions. He/she will attempt to resolve the difference.
- The second step will be to involve the pastor, director, and the parent in a confidential conference.
- If an additional parent-director-pastor meeting is required due to elements involving the parent's behavior, a decision may be made by the pastor and by the director to deny the continuation of the family's presence in the program.

Spiritual: Our Religious Education Catechists, Administration and Staff recognize that Jesus has called them to the ministry of teaching. In following Jesus, we strive to provide an excellent and caring education for all students. There is a need for parents, the primary religious educators for children, to constantly search for God in their lives. They are encouraged to:

- walk in the footsteps of Jesus by being an active member of the Parish Community.
- attend weekend Mass with their children.
- be responsible stewards in sharing of time, gift and talent.

Thank You for your continued cooperation.

CURRICULUM

The Religious Education Program of St. Mary Parish uses the series, **Faith First Legacy Series** published by Resources for Christian Living for grades K-8.

Faith First Legacy is a holistic series, which will give the students the knowledge, and skills they need to apply and practice their faith in their daily lives.

Perhaps the most unique and well-thought-out-plan of this series is that each year the children will receive Doctrine, Scripture and Liturgy at their respective learning level of comprehension. An example might be the Sacrament of Baptism, which is taught in first grade, reviewed and looked at with a new perspective through all eight grades. "Repetition is the mother of learning". At each grade level, the students become more aware of their responsibilities within their family, community, church and society. It is our hope that by the time the students are in eighth grade they will have a solid foundation in Church History, Doctrine and Scripture.

Faith First Legacy is built on a unit plan which is the same in grades K-6. Following is an outline of the content in each unit for **Grades 1-6:**

Unit 1 - We Believe. – The students experience in various ways the Word of God as recorded in the Bible. Topics are introduced and deeper meanings are developed each year. Topics included in this unit are: Holy Trinity, Holy Spirit, Covenant, Psalms, Revelations, sin, eternal life, grace, Birth of Jesus, Passover, Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Unit 2 - We Worship –This section invites the students to reflect on the meaning of the word Liturgy. Liturgy includes the celebration of: mass, sacraments, the liturgical year and feasts of Our Lord. The students will experience church history through a study of the Jewish Festival of Weeks, Passover and Pentecost.

Unit 3 – We Live – The six chapters in this unit develop a knowledge and understanding of the Beatitudes, Jesus Our Model, the covenant and the Ten Commandments, sanctifying grace, and John's letters on love of God and Neighbor as recorded in Scripture. The unit relates the above topics to the Ten Commandments in a very easy and meaningful manner.

Unit 4 – We Pray This unit is short but very important for all of us. The various types of prayer are discussed such as: personal and communal, formal and informal and formulated prayers such as the psalms and the Our Father. The Catechist will use various forms with the students as method of teaching an unfamiliar type of prayer such as a guided meditation.

Grades 7 & 8 also have four units with similar topics but the information is distributed throughout two textbooks. The seventh grade textbooks are, Jesus in the New Testament and Mystery of God. The eighth grade texts are Church and Sacraments and Morality.

The Liturgical Year

The Liturgical Church Year is covered in a most comprehensive manner. Don't miss the inspiring and attractive pages toward the back of the textbook! **Faith First Legacy** walks us through the weeks of Advent, Lent, and the Easter Season in a very beautiful and meaningful manner.

Faith First Web Site

The web site for the **Faith First Series** is www.FaithFirst.com. Take advantage of the site and find another world of information displayed on the screen before you. The Sunday Readings, corresponding short reflections, and resources such as: the family pages, activities and games will enrich your child's faith and expand his desire to read more on various topics of interest.

MASTERY OF CATHOLIC PRAYERS AND BELIEFS SPECIAL EVENTS

<u>GRADE LEVEL</u>	<u>PRAYERS/BELIEFS</u>	<u>SPECIAL EVENT</u>
	All Students review Mass responses and liturgy rituals	
Kindergarten	Sign of the Cross Angel of God Glory Be	
1 st	Hail Mary Prayer Before Meals	Church Tour
2 nd	Morning Offering Our Father	Play and Pray Day
3 rd	Prayer of Sorrow Ten Commandments	1 st Reconciliation Agape 1 st Communion
4 th	Seven Sacraments	Hey! Hey! Mary Day
5 th	Eight Beatitudes	Church Connection Day
6 th	Nicene Creed	Church Tour Bible Bowl
7 th	7 Spiritual Works of Mercy 7 Corporal Works of Mercy	50 Questions Jesus Project Run for Life Day of Fast
8 th	7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit Prayer to the Holy Spirit	Confirmation Kick Off with Eddie Slowikowski Service Projects Retreat Interviews Talk on Christian Sexuality Youth Ministry Welcome Evening of Reflection Confirmation Ceremony Workshop: Pastor Steve Troglio

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Parent(s) are expected to attend the Sacramental Preparation Meetings. Please see the schedule below for the appropriate date.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are heard during Advent (Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 12:00 P.M.) and during Lent (Saturday March 27, 2010, at 12:00 P.M.) in addition to the regular Saturday confession times. We strongly encourage our Religious Education Families to go to confession regularly, especially before Christmas and Easter. Our third grade students will make their First Confession in December in preparation for the First Communion. Our eighth grade students will go to Confession prior to their Confirmation. Please check the parish bulletin for more information.

RECONCILIATION

Parent Reconciliation Meeting	Wednesday, October 14	1:00 P.M. or 7:00 P.M. Church
Celebration of First Reconciliation	Saturday, December 5	Group 1 10:00 A.M. Church Group 2 12:30 P.M. Church

FIRST COMMUNION

Parent First Communion Meeting	Tuesday, March 9	1:00 P.M. or 7:00 P.M. Church
Agape	Tuesday, March 23 Wednesday, March 24 Thursday, March 25	Group 1 7:00 P.M. Burnett Hall Group 2 7:00 P.M. Burnett Hall Group 3 7:00 P.M. Burnett Hall

No 3rd Grade classes the week of March 23-27 due to Agape.

Communion Pictures

By appointment only at:
Kelly Photography
815.464.6688
www.mkellyphotography.com

By appointment only at:
Burns Photography
2555 E. Lincoln Hwy.
New Lenox, IL 60451
815.485.4802

First Communion Rehearsal	*Tuesday April 19, 2010 *Wednesday, April 20, 2010 *Tuesday, April 27, 2010	Group 1 7:00 P.M. Hall/Church Group 2 7:00 P.M. Hall/Church Group 3 7:00 P.M. Hall/Church
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*Gift Bearer Practice at 6:30 P.M. in Church on each night.

First Communion Liturgy	Saturday, April 24, 2010 Saturday, April 24, 2010 Saturday, May 1, 2010	Group 1 10:00 A.M. Hall/Church Group 2 1:00 P.M. Hall/Church Group 3 10:00 A.M. Hall/Church
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CONFIRMATION PROGRAM CALENDAR 2009-2010

Parent/Sponsor/Candidate Evening of Reflection Speaker Eddie Slowikowski	Monday, September 28	7:00 P.M. Church
Parent Confirmation Meeting	Wednesday, October 28	1:00 P.M. or 7:00 P.M. Church
Candidate Interviews	Monday, December 7	Schedule beginning at 3:00 P.M.
Talk on Christian Sexuality	Tuesday, January 12	6:45 P.M. at Church
Confirmation Retreat Director: Eddie Slowikowski	Saturday, February 6	Group 1 9:00-12:00 noon. FR Group 2 1:00- 4:00 P.M. FR
Youth Ministry Welcome	Tuesday, February 2 Wednesday, February 3	6:45 – 7:30 P.M. - Library 6:45 – 7:30 P.M. - Library
Evening of Reflection for Sponsor/Candidate	Monday, February 15 Tuesday, February 16	Group 1 7-8:30 P.M. Church Group 2 7-8:30 P.M. Church
CONFIRMATION LITURGY (Requested date)	Saturday, February 20	Group 1 10:00 A.M. Church Group 2 1:00 P.M. Church
Workshop for All Grade 8 Confirmandi	Tuesday, February 23	6:45-8:00 P.M. Burnett Hall Pastor Steve Troglio

R.E.A.C.H

The REACH Program offers classes for the young people with disabilities from our parish and the surrounding community. Please contact Kathy Kowalewski at 708.326.9355 for more information.

R.E.A.C.H SCHEDULE 9:00-9:45 A.M. Saturday

<u>2009</u>			<u>2010</u>		
September	19	9:00 A.M.	January	9	9:00 A.M.
				23	9:00 A.M.
October	3	9:00 A.M.	February	6	9:00 A.M.
	17	9:00 A.M.		27	9:00 A.M.
	31	9:00 A.M.			
November	21	9:00 A.M.	March	13	9:00 A.M.
December	5	9:00 A.M.		27	9:00 A.M.
	19	9:00 A.M.			

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOARD

Elaine Garrett	Ferne Hillger	Lynne Sparks
Donna Gustafson	Andrea Jensen	Gerald Wirth
Mary Heffernan	Kathleen Kowalewski	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BOARD MEETINGS 2009-2010 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday	August 11, 2009	Religious Education Office
Tuesday	October 13, 2009	Bishop Fitzgerald Meeting Room
Tuesday	December 8, 2009	Bishop Fitzgerald Meeting Room
Tuesday	February 9, 2010	Bishop Fitzgerald Meeting Room
Tuesday	April 13, 2010	Religious Education Office

Discernment Meetings 2009-2010

7:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 18, 2010	Religious Education Office
Tuesday, April 13, 2010	Bishop Fitzgerald Meeting Room

Parish Leadership Meetings 2009-2010

7:30 P.M.

Monday	October 26, 2009	Burnett Hall
Monday	May 24, 2010	Burnett Hall