



“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them;
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Matthew 19:14

Parish School Religion Program

2021-2022

CATECHETICAL STATEMENT

The Church's mission of evangelization is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of all people. (Matthew 28:19)

Within this mission of evangelization is the ministry of CATECHESIS.

Its tasks are to proclaim Christ's message; to participate in efforts to develop community; to lead people to worship and prayer; and to motivate them in Christian living, justice, and service.

Catechists carry out this ministry of catechesis by echoing God's Word, respecting the participants' age and development to lead children, you, and adults to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and a continuing growth in understanding of and practice of our Catholic Faith.

ALL OF US are Catechists -- parents and guardians in conjunction with parish catechists, coordinators, directors of religious education, bishops, priests, religious, and **ALL MEMBERS** of our parish community.

General Information for Parents

Opening night for all PSR families is on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. We will start with Mass followed by a brief parent meeting to discuss plans for the year, introduce teachers, and answer any questions that you may have.

Class will meet every Wednesday at St. Anthony Church's Parish Center unless otherwise noted on the calendar. May 4 will be the last class.

Arrival and Dismissal

Classes will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Students should not arrive before 6:20 p.m. Please see "Arrival and Dismissal Plan" for specific information.

Students with a cell phone are asked to keep the phone on silent and stay off the phone during class time. It is the discretion of the teacher if students are permitted to have cell phones during class.

Sacramental Preparation

Students in second grade will prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation. Students in third grade will prepare for Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. Students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade will prepare for Confirmation.

Additional information will be sent home with students regarding the specifics of these three preparations. Information may include any required paperwork, dress code, parent meetings, dates, etc.

Cancellation due to Inclement Weather

If Unit 40 cancels school because of inclement weather, PSR classes will be cancelled for that evening. In case of bad weather later in the day, listen to the local radio stations for cancellation notices.

Arrival and Dismissal Plan

For arrival and dismissal, come from the south on 4th Street and enter the South side of the church parking lot, winding around to the North side of the parking lot, dropping the kids at the Parish Center doors.

Exit onto 4th street heading North.

Arrival

Students should not arrive before 6:20 p.m.

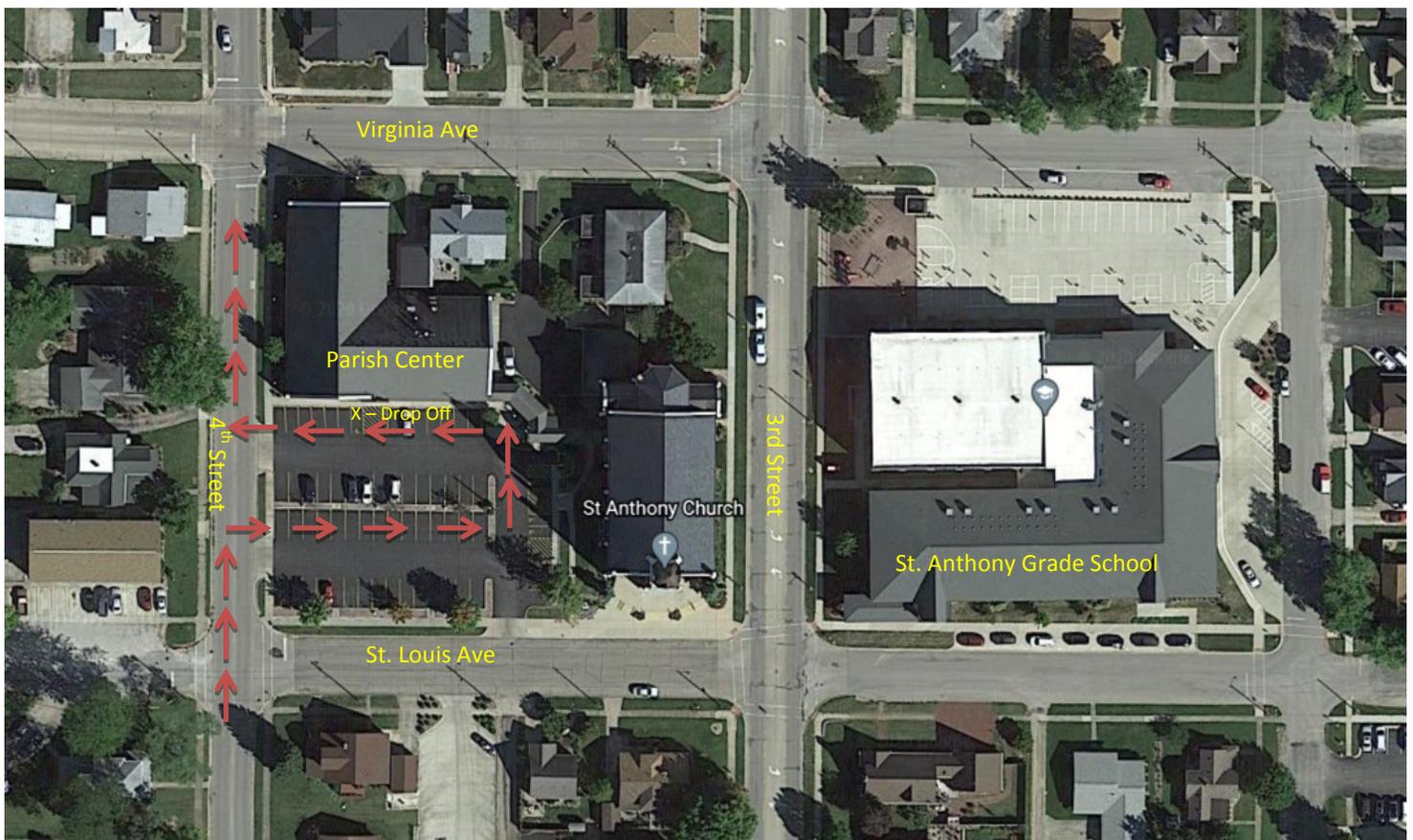
Students should be dropped off at the Parish Center doors.

- ◆ Students will be required to wear a mask when they get out of their vehicle and until they are back in their vehicle at the end of class.
- ◆ Parents should pull up to the curb where each student will have his/her temperature checked before entering the building.
- ◆ If the temperature is 100 degrees or higher, the student will not be allowed to attend class that evening.

Upon arrival, students should stay 6 feet apart in the lobby of the parish center until the teachers come to get the students.

Dismissal

- ◆ Line up following the map below for drop off plan
- ◆ Please do not park and come inside. We are working to follow all social distancing requirements.
- ◆ Please pull up to the Parish Center doors and your child/children will be escorted to your vehicle.
- ◆ Please contact the PSR Director (Brian Schuette 217-254-8776) with any car pool arrangements.
- ◆ If your child is leaving with someone other than those indicated at registration, please send a note with your child.
- ◆ If your child is walking or riding a bike, please contact the PSR Coordinator to make specific arrangements for your child.



Behavioral Expectations and Consequences

On our life journey, religious faith and loving relationships with God, self, and one another are of primary importance. Our Parish School Religion program strives to assist families in this spiritual journey. In light of that, we have some realistic expectations of our students. The following are some of our expectations, as well as consequences for not meeting expectations.

Expectations

1. Respect people and property.
2. Follow directions.
3. Come prepared.
4. Use appropriate language.
5. Behave appropriately.

Consequences

Students who do not meet the expectations will be asked to do one or more of the following:

1. Seat change for the remainder of class.
2. Catechist & student meet to discuss the behavior and how to improve/correct.
3. Catechist will contact PSR Coordinator who will meet with the student to discuss the situation.
4. PSR Coordinator will contact parents to discuss behavior. This may be a phone call or meeting and may include the Catechist and student.

Students in the older grades are subject to the same consequences noted above with the following additions:

1. A student may be asked to write his/her own behavior improvement plan/agreement with the Catechist.
2. If student behavior does not improve, a parent will be asked to sign the behavior plan.
3. A meeting with the student, parent, and PSR Coordinator will be scheduled.
4. A parent may be required to attend class with the student.

Special Considerations during COVID-19

Everyone will have their temperature taken at the door.

Everyone will need to sanitize their hands on the way in the building.

Students will need to stay socially distanced the entire time they are in the building.

Students will need to stay masked while they are in the building.

Classrooms will be disinfected at the end of the school day and again after PSR dismisses.