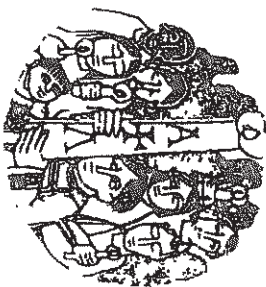


**CORPUS CHRISTI / ST. PATRICK
FAITH FORMATION HANDBOOK**

Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 12



**Corpus Christi Parish
3304 4th Ave.
Council Bluffs, IA.
712 323-2916**

**St. Patrick Church
223 Harmony St.
Council Bluffs, IA.
712 323-1484**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) are celebrated in 2nd grade. You will receive a separate mailing explaining the preparation process and meeting dates for you particular parish. If you have an older child who has not celebrated Reconciliation or First Eucharist please contact your parish so that preparation can begin.

Confirmation is celebrated in the student's sophomore year. You will be getting information on these classes from our high school coordinator. If you do not get the information please contact your parish.

If your child needs a sacrament out of sequence, please contact the parish.

CONTACT NAMES AND NUMBERS

Director:

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Elementary Coordinator:

Julie Achenbaugh ofc. 712 323-1163

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High School Coordinator:

Jill Faust

cell 402 699-3919

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If St. Albert School is closed during the day because of bad weather, there will be no faith formation classes that evening. If weather turns bad during the day catechists will call parents to let them know of cancellation. Cancellations will be listed on KETV. If you are unsure as to whether we have cancelled call your parish or the Director.

FEES

A registration fee of \$75 per student with a maximum of \$200 per family is charged to help defray the cost of the program. This fee is due at the time a child is registered for classes. However, no child will be turned away for financial reasons. All requests for a fee waiver are to be made to the Director and will be kept confidential.

If you are a catechist in the program the fee for your children is reduced to \$50 per child.

All children must be registered by the deadline stated in the registration packet or be charged a \$10 late fee and not attend the first night of class.

CLASSES

Faith Formation classes are held from mid-September through April

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45PM at St. Albert School, 400 Gleason Ave. High school classes are occasionally held at another site or another day but you will be informed of that ahead of time. A calendar of classes can be found in your registration packet.

If your child is preparing for a sacrament there are additional classes for the student and parents. You will receive a separate mailing with those dates. If you do not receive it contact your parish office.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents assume responsibility for supervision and transportation to and from faith formation classes, including immediately following dismissal.

The door in front of the St. Albert statue is the only door to be unlocked during class times. This is for the safety of your child. If your child is in preschool, kindergarten, or 1st grade you will need to pick them up from their classroom when class is over.

CATECHISTS

Catechists (teachers) in our faith formation process are adult members of our parishes who volunteer their time to teach the tenets of Catholicism and

share our faith traditions with the young people of our parishes.

High school students may serve as assistants at the discretion of the Director.

Each classroom will have at least two catechists. If two catechists are not present and a sub cannot be found then the catechist will teach with the classroom door open.

All catechists receive training, have taken the Virtus course, and meet all diocesan requirements.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

In order to provide an environment that promotes maximum learning, good discipline is a necessity.

When discipline problems arise catechists are encouraged to talk with the child to come up with solutions. The Director will try to help and encourage with suggestions to both the catechist and the child.

If disruptive behavior continues a student can totally forfeit their right to participate in the program and parents will be contacted to come and pick up their child. Parents may be asked to attend class with their child if inappropriate behavior persists. (This decision will be made at the discretion of the Director.)

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Faith Formation Program**

This is to acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Faith Formation Handbook. Our family agrees to abide by the rules and regulations contained herein.

Parent(s) Guardian _____

Student _____

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In Accordance with Diocese of Des Moines, Regulation #549.1

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