

CCD INFORMATION PACKET

PLEASE READ !!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to St. Thomas' CCD program! We are looking forward to a great year with you and your children!

Please fill out the CCD registration form, the media/imaging form and the non-custodial release form if applicable.

You will be given a CCD calendar for this school year, please look closely and **let the office know if your child will be out** on any of the days listed for classes.

There will be **no fees** for the **grade school children**, but donations of small bottles of water, juice boxes, supplies, crafts or cash will be welcomed. The grade school activity books are for the children to keep but will be kept in their classroom until the end of the school year.

Thank you and may God's Blessings be with you and your families!

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CLASSES:

1. Classes are held from **9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings**. The High School class times may vary, please check with the office.
2. Students are to meet at the front door of the Parish Center/Convent before and after classes, and will wait for teachers to proceed to the class rooms and/or for parents to pick them up after class.
3. Any student that is not picked up by 10:50 a.m. will be accompanied to church by a teacher or the PCL/Director/Administrator. No children will be allowed to run or roam the church ground unaccompanied.
4. Students are expected to be on time, courteous, respectful of themselves and others, and to participate and follow the teachers' directions in the class room. **Modest attire is required.**
5. If behavioral problems are encountered you will be notified and may be asked to pick up your child. **No cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed in the classes. If a student is found playing with anything, we will take it away from them and return it to the parents when they are picked up.**

LESSONS:

1. Student textbooks are used in the classroom are NOT taken home. Anyone who wishes to have a copy for home use must purchase it. The activity books are for the children to keep. The day's work that has been completed will be sent home with each student for you to see what your child is learning. Please ask your child about their day to help reinforce what they have learned.
2. **Please inform the PCL/Director/ Administrator or your child's teacher of planned absences, this will help us prepare and plan for class. If your child will not be attending class due to illness or any other reason, please call the office.**

WE ARE HERE TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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St. Thomas' policy in regards to receiving of **First Penance** (Confession), **First Eucharist** (Holy Communion) and **Confirmation** are as follows. We receive our guidelines from the Archdiocese.

1. Preparation for First Penance and First Eucharist starts in the first grade and is completed in the second grade. This is a two-year required program. Weekly attendance is of utmost importance. Dates are announced in ample time for planning.
2. Preparation for Confirmation starts as soon as your child enters the ninth grade of high school, and is completed in the eleventh or twelfth grade. Children have to be in the eleventh grade or above before receiving this sacrament. Confirmation is a three-year required program. Weekly attendance, participation, and cooperation are vital in this preparation. Confirmation will be held at St. Thomas when the need arises. At that time, a date will be announced.
3. For any child who has not received a sacrament at these grade levels, please inform the PCL/Director/Administrator so we can see that each child receives the preparation they need.

The purpose of our Religious Education Program is to help those who wish to deepen their Christian faith and to support and enhance the efforts of parents and guardians who want to share their faith with their children. We are volunteers who feel that it is a part of our Christian faith to share our time and talents where we can and we thank you for the privilege and trust you have given us to teach your children.