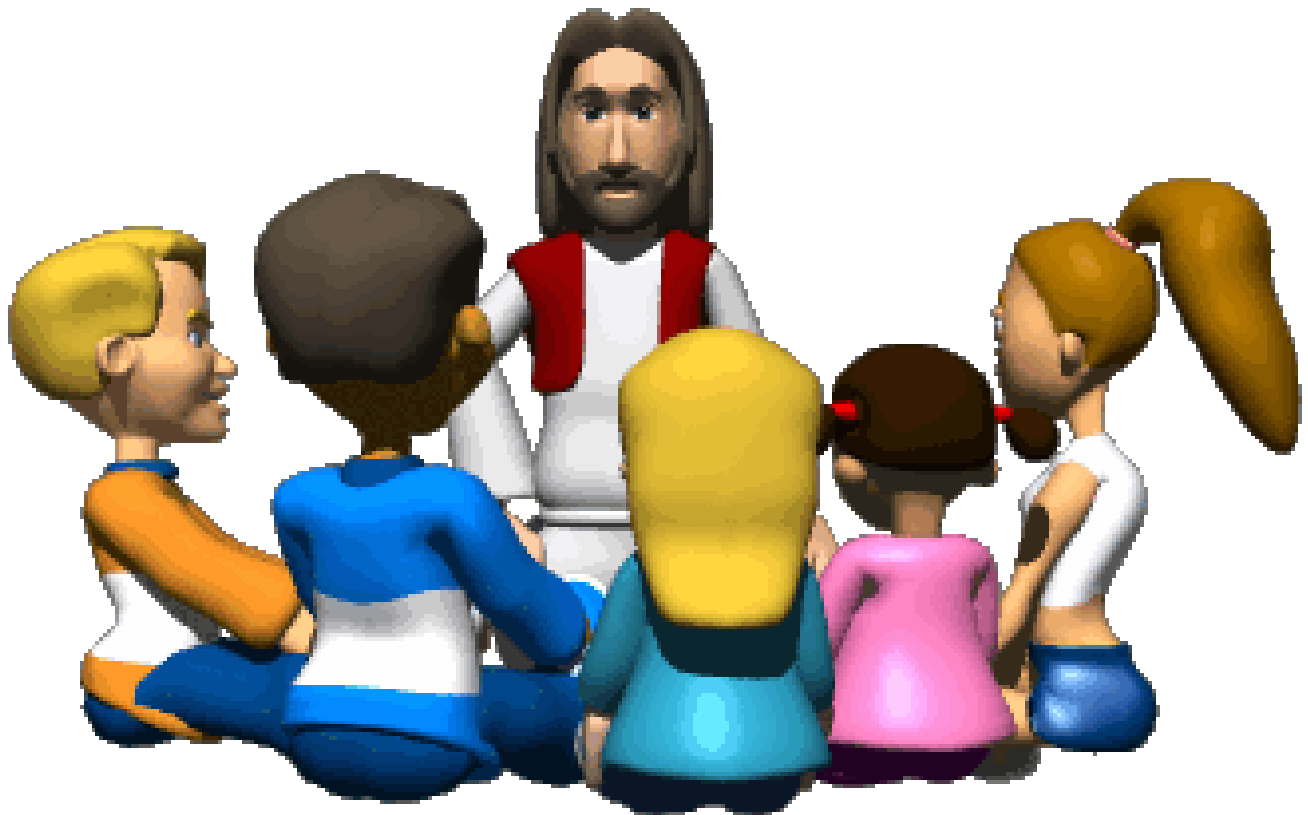


# ST. LADISLAUS CCD

## GUIDELINES AND POLICIES



## GUIDELINES & POLICIES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children in Pre-school and Grades, K-4 meet on Sunday mornings from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Children are asked NOT to arrive before 8:20 a.m. For safety reasons, children in Pre-School, Gr. K, 1, 2, 3 are asked to remain in their classroom until picked up by designated parent or guardian unless otherwise noted in a signed and dated note written by the parent. Please be prompt, picking children up at 10:00 a.m.

Grades 5-10, meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Students are asked NOT to arrive before 6:25. NO SMOKING, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, OR ILLEGAL DRUGS are allowed anywhere on the premises (buildings or parking lot). If found, parents will be notified. Misuse of a car or other vehicle on the Church grounds before, during, or after class will also be reported to parents.

Students are asked to eat before they come to class. No candy, soda, food, or gum, etc. will be allowed in the classrooms except on special days as determined by the catechist. Exceptions to this policy for medical or health reasons should be discussed with the parents and the child's teacher.

Students in Grades 5-10 exhibiting inappropriate behavior, such as talking, lack of attention, etc. will receive warnings. If the student receives a second warning in one class period, he/she will stay after class to clean up, organize, etc. On the third warning in one class period, the student will stay after class AND his/her parents will be notified. If the student receives a third warning more than once throughout the semester, he/she will be required to have a conference with the student, the student's parents, and Sister Mary Ellen before being allowed to return to class. If the problem is not corrected, parents may be asked to accompany their child to CCD Classes for the remainder of the semester or to teach their child at home for the remainder of the semester.

If your child (Gr. K-12) is absent due to illness or a family planned vacation, please call or send a note, in advance when possible. In order to protect our children and prevent absences of which parents are not aware, unexcused absentees will be called on Wednesday evenings. Cooperation of the parents is greatly appreciated.

Each child (Pre-School, K-4) is asked to participate in a Mass with his/her grade level once a year (as listed on calendar). The level of participation by the student is up to him/her, but we expect ALL students to participate, unless excused in writing by the parent.

Special Parent Meetings are held for students preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion. It is important that at least one parent be present for these meetings. Please check the Sunday bulletin for dates and times.

Parents are encouraged to take an active part in their child's religious education. This includes: taking an interest in what the child is learning in CCD, reinforcing these learnings at home, practicing prayers with children, participating in weekly Mass as a family, and living the Catholic Faith in everyday life.

Progress reports will be issued. Parents are asked to take the time to discuss these reports with their child, sign them, and return them to their child's teacher.

Parents are always welcome to come and observe or help out with listening to children's prayers, etc.

We are interested in working with you to obtain the best possible religious education for your children. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to call anytime.

## PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

WE BELIEVE THAT...

Parents are the primary educators of their children. This means that the Religious Education Program at St. Ladislaus is a supplement and not a replacement of religious

Teaching in the home. The religious education staff helps in the religious education of the child through experiences of class instruction, worship, sharing, and discovery.

The purpose of Religious Education is to develop a Catholic Faith that is living, conscious, and active.

The key areas of Religious Education are: the message revealed by God in Jesus which the Church proclaims, supported and enlivened by fellowship in the life of the Holy Spirit, and fulfilled in service to the Christian community and the entire human community. Prayer is integral to being a Christian.

The development of values for the living of a fully human life after the model of Jesus is an integral part of Religious Education.

The full content of Religious teaching is to be presented in accord with the directives of the Church, but always on the level of the child's ability and maturity.

***Education Program Mission Statement:* Parents are the primary educators of their children. Therefore, the religious education (CCD) program at St. Ladislaus is a supplement to the religious experience at home. St. Ladislaus' religious education's (CCD) mission is to develop a Catholic faith that is living, conscious and active through ongoing instruction, worship, sharing and discovery.**