

Kaukauna Catholic Parishes



Family Handbook 2019-2020



It is by loving, and not by being loved, that one can come nearest to the soul of another

~George Mac Donald

DISCIPLESHIP GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

- 1) Prior to the sacrament, students must attend two full years of Discipleship instruction.
- 2) Parents are required to participate in programs and activities in the preparation for the celebration of the sacraments.
- 3) To receive sacraments, a child must meet, fulfill and accomplish the diocesan and parish requirements as outlined in sacramental programs.

Attendance

- If your child is unable to attend class, please contact our office grades 1-8 (920) 766-3510, grades 9-12 (920) 766-7887.
- A written note from a parent is required for early dismissal from class and must be presented to the catechist or group leader

Discipline

- Respect for catechists, students and parish property is required
- If a child consistently disrupts the learning process, parents will be contacted. If no improvement is made your child may be dismissed from the program.
- For High School students your child may be sent home if there is inappropriate behavior and you will be notified immediately. We will work with the parent/guardian to resolve the situation.

Parent Involvement

- Parent(s)/guardian must attend all meetings in preparation for their child's reception of a Sacrament.
- Assist your child with at home preparation.
- Assist your child with assignments.
- Parent(s)/guardian and family members are invited to attend all liturgies and class sessions throughout the year.

Drug & Alcohol use

The following guideline is established: any student found to have used/abused alcohol or a controlled substance, or if they have any such materials in their possession, shall be referred to their parent(s)/guardian.

Supervision

Grades 1-8 students should not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to class and must not linger needlessly after class dismissal.

Grades 9-12 students may arrive up to 30 minutes early to "hang out" with their community.

Injuries

If your child receives a minor injury, it will be treated as necessary. If the injury is more serious, every effort will be made to contact the parent(s)/guardian.

Enter and Exit of Building

GRADE 1-5 – Enter through Door #2 of St. Mary off parking lot and congregate in the Church for beginning prayer

GRADE 6-8 – Enter through door #3 closest to 8th St. off of St Mary parking lot and congregate in the Parish Center for your Edge session.

HIGH SCHOOL - All students must enter and exit the building through the Holy Cross mid-playground doors. (door #7).

Inclement weather

If and when the Kaukauna public schools are canceled due to inclement weather classes are canceled.

Parents will be notified via Flocknote of class changes

MEDIA POLICY

We will occasionally take pictures, or video, to display on Facebook, in the Bulletin or other media. At no time will we put names with the pictures. If you do not want your student in pictures or video please contact the Discipleship Department (920) 766-1445. If we do not receive notification, you are consenting to the use of your student's image.

Flocknote

Flocknote is our text and email messaging system. You must provide a valid cell phone number and/or email address for contact by Discipleship. This is the system that will be used for all notifications (change in class schedule, reminders of upcoming events, cancellation of class)

Philosophy of KCYM Discipleship

Kaukauna Catholic Parishes are a Catholic faith community committed to Christ's mission by providing formation which offers opportunities to embrace the Gospel message.

KCYM offers a variety of experiences of our faith, presenting essential truth in a manner appropriate to the abilities of the individual. It offers opportunities for children to deepen their Catholic faith and identity through initiation rites, instruction and formation of conscience. (Adapted from NCD #5 and #229) It is intended to make our faith become a living, conscious and active faith through the light of instruction. (NCD #14) In

sharing and extending the Gospel message KCYM offers experiences that are manifested in service to others.

Parental involvement in the passing on of faith is essential. (NCD #229) The parish recognizes parents as the primary educators of their children and offers avenues to assist in developing personalities and consciences that are consistent with Catholic principles. The Parish catechists and small group leaders are faith –filled individuals dedicated to assisting parents through instruction, retreats and service opportunities.

SACRAMENTS

The sacraments, entrusted to the Church, are actions of Christ, from whom they receive their power. It is Christ who Baptizes, Christ who offers Himself in the sacrifice of the Mass and Christ who forgives sins in the sacrament of Reconciliation. (NCD #97) Kaukauna Catholic Parishes, as communities of faith, strive to follow Christ’s example and live by His teachings. The parishes celebrate His continued presence among us at special moments in the life of their communities members and expresses the Church’s faith and interaction with Christ. (NCD #114) Because the sacraments provide opportunities to build up the Body of Christ and give worship to God, Christians are called to turn to them often for nourishment. (NCD #97)

EUCCHARIST

Parents have a right and duty to be intimately involved in preparing their children for First Eucharist since catechesis aims to help parents grow in understanding and appreciation of Eucharist and to participate readily in catechizing their children. (NCD #122)

RECONCILIATION

Discipleship for children must always respect the natural disposition, ability, age and circumstances of the individual.

Discipleship seeks:

- 1) To make clear the relationship of the sacrament to the child’s life.
- 2) To help the child recognize moral good and evil, repent for wrong doings and turn to Christ and His Church for forgiveness.
- 3) To encourage the child to see that, in this sacrament, faith is expressed by being forgiven and forgiving.

- 4) To encourage the child to approach the sacrament freely and regularly. (NCD #126)

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation according to the CCC:

1286 In the Old Testament the prophets announced the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit; his whole life and his whole mission are carried out in total communion with the Holy Spirit whom the Father gives him “without measure.”

1287 This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah’s, but was to be communicated to *the whole messianic people*. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly on Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim “the mighty works of God,” and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be the sign of the messianic age. Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn.

1288 From that time on the apostles, in fulfillment of Christ’s will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. For this reason in the Letter to the Hebrews the doctrine concerning Baptism and the laying on of hands is listed among the first elements of Christian instruction. The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.

The KCYM program begins in the Fall of the 11th grade and culminates in Confirmation the Spring of 11th grade.

Attendance at all sessions is mandatory. We understand that because of illness or other family commitment an absence may occur. Please work with us for a solution.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or wish to become a member of the Catholic faith, please contact Brittany Schoeder (920) 766-1445.