

Christ the King Catholic Church Elementary Religious Education Program 2018-2019



Parents & Guardians:

Greetings and welcome to another year of faith filled moments. Welcome to all the new families.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year working with you to help share our beautiful Catholic faith with your children. To ensure your child receives the most from this program, it is imperative that parents, catechists and the Parish Religious Ed staff all work together as a team. Parents are, first and foremost, the primary educators of their children. It is from you that they first learn about their faith, love and forgiveness. Parent involvement is crucial in the growth and enrichment of your child's faith. We know how busy you are; there are just so many hours in a day and so much to do. Religion class can seem like "just one more thing" on your schedule. We hope you will see it as much more than that. It's the one hour in your child's week when he/she can gather together with other children of the same faith and concentrate on what it means to be a Catholic, a follower of Christ and to learn what the church and gospels teach. We will do our best to teach the lessons, pray with them and to involve them in faith-building activities. We ask that you, the parents/guardians, please make a sincere commitment to:

- Attend Sunday Mass regularly and on Holy Days of Obligation
- Bring your children to Religious Education classes each week
- Help reinforce your child's lessons and prayers at home
- Pray with them daily – even something as simple as "May God bless you today" or "Thank you God for all we have."

Remember, what you do and say as Catholic parents will teach your child far more than we ever could. Your example at home speaks volumes. We look forward to working with you and need/appreciate your prayerful support.

Our first day of classes will be on **Wednesday, September 26**. We will begin with our annual **Family Dessert Social at 6:30PM in the CK School Cafeteria. Please bring a dessert to share. Classes will begin at 7PM and end at 8PM.** I encourage parents to attend this social, meet the faith formation teachers, receive a class calendar and then return to the cafeteria for more information about our programs as students go to their first classes. Classes will end at 8PM, and for safety purposes, parents (or an older sibling) with children in grades 2-3 will need to pick their child up in the classroom.

We use textbooks from Sadlier Publishers. Each grade level has its own focus:

- **Second graders** learn the Mass and prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.
- **Third graders** learn what it means to be a Catholic Christian and who and what makes up the Catholic Church.
- **Fourth graders** are taught the meaning of conscience and the Ten Commandments, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and the Beatitudes.
- **Fifth graders** grow in understanding of the Supreme Sacrament of Jesus revealing God to us and that the Church is the Sacrament of Jesus. They also study the seven sacraments of the Church, the liturgical year and the Creed.

Our year will also include presentations from the Support Advocacy Resource Center (as required by the Diocese of Yakima), craft activities, and service projects with St. Vincent DePaul and Operation Rice Bowl.

Also, included is a copy of the Elementary Religious Education pamphlet, which talks about the program and has the dates for 2nd Grade sacramental preparation activities and a calendar of class dates.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding our Elementary Faith Formation Programs. I look forward to an exciting year!

God Bless You and Your Family,

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