

## Christ the King Church Early Childhood Religious Education Program

2018-2019

Welcome to a new year in Early Childhood  
Faith Formation!

Dear Parents,

I know how busy you are; there are just so many hours and so much to do. Religion class can seem like “just one more thing” on your schedule. But I hope you’ll come to 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 to 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 make this hour as interesting and inspiring as we can. We will do our best to teach the lessons, pray with them and to involve them in faith-building activities.

But then it comes down to you.

What you do and say as Catholic parents will teach your child far more than we ever could. Your example at home speaks volumes. And I ask you to review your child’s lessons each week and share the activities he/she brings home. By letting your children see you attend Mass regularly your child can experience being part of a worshipping parish community. Remember to pray at home, especially in the morning, before meals, and at bedtime.

To this end, here’s a simple prayer ritual you can use at home with your child:

*Parent:* May God walk with you in all you do and say this day.

*Child:* May God also walk with you.

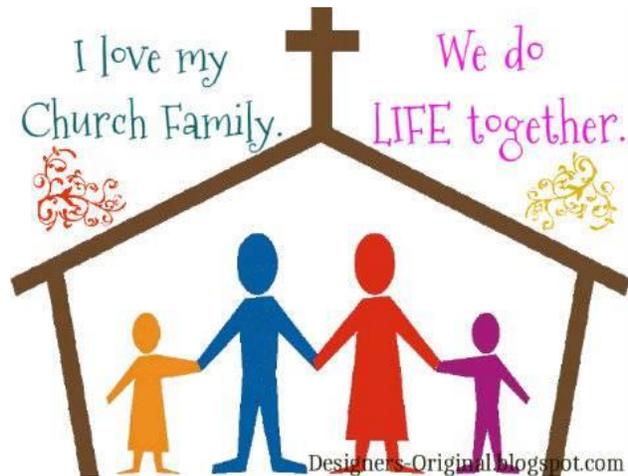
*Parent:* We ask these things (while make the Sign of the Cross) in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

I look forward to working with you, and I need and appreciate your prayerful support.

Classes will begin on **September 30<sup>th</sup>** this year. Please come a few minutes earlier on the first day to locate the classroom in the lower level of the school and get your child settled. There will be class lists by age in the hallway when you enter. There will be two classes each for 3 and 4 year-olds, kindergartners as well as 1<sup>st</sup> graders. I will also be taking new registrations that day at a table in the hallway. You do not need to stop at the table to check in. Just find the classroom already assigned to your child from the lists posted.

On other Sundays, please do not drop off your kids earlier than 9:20am, so our teachers can adequately prepare their lessons. Please remember class ends promptly after mass ends.

This year we have been blessed with over 45 dedicated adult volunteers as well as several youth who’ve committed to help in the Early Childhood Program! Our teachers have been preparing for an exciting year of faith-filled activities, projects, and Bible stories based in the Scripture and Tradition of the Catholic Church.



All ages also have a chance weekly to praise God through songs and movement in a larger group setting with our talented music leaders.

Some of the teachers do plan a snack time during class and are made aware of any allergies in their class. Please sign up on the first day to provide snacks one Sunday for your child's class. If you have any

special concerns for your child due to an allergy, please speak to the teacher on the first day and if necessary, plan to provide a snack for your child during Sunday morning class.

A brochure of the 2018-2019 Early Childhood Religious Ed (ECRE) program is enclosed. Please mark the dates on your calendar for our special upcoming events this autumn and Advent season. If you have any questions on the program, contact me. I am looking forward to seeing you all on the 30<sup>th</sup>!

Bless you and your family,

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