

Class Dates 2016-2017

Kindergarten–Seventh Class Dates

September 11, 18, 25
October 9, 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20
December 4, 11, 18
January 8, 15, 22
February 5, 12, 19
March 5, 12, 19
April 2, 9, 23

Eighth Grade Class Dates

September 11, 18, 25
October 9, 23, 30
November 6, 13, 20
December 4, 11, 18
January 8, 22
February 5, 12, 19, 26
March 5

Class Times:

*Sunday Morning
9:00am - 10:30am*

Children's Liturgy Dates

Saturdays 5:00 pm

September 17, 2016
October 15
November 19
December 24
January 21, 2017
February 18
March 18
May 20

Special Events

Christmas Pageant
December 24, 2016
Stations of the Cross
March 17, 2017
Confirmation
March 12, 2017
First Communion
May 6, 2017

St. Catherine Labouré Parish

Religious Education Family Handbook 2016-2017



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Glenview, IL 60026
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CATECHISTS

2016-2017

Spiritual Director

Father Maina

Religious Education

Coordinator

Mrs. Pat Klein

Sacrament Coordinator

Mrs. Marie Oskerka

Kindergarten

Mrs. Chris Albrecht

First Grade

Mrs. Dorothy Brait

Ms. Sharon Dassouli

Second Grade

Mrs. Cathleen Burrell

Mrs. Nancy Deletto

Third Grade

Mrs. Angela Shim

Ms. Maeve Plunkett

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Shirley Dias

Mrs. Carol Staniec

Fifth Grade

Mr. Ken Gunther

Ms. Michelle Healey

Six Grade

Miss Mary Hauser

Mr. Ed Willer

Seventh Grade

Mrs. Shereen Olickal

Mrs. Janice Seipp

Eighth Grade

Mrs. Karen Leydon

Mr. Brian Sobecks

Mr. Tim Snow

Leaving Class Early

- * If you will be picking up your child early due to a family commitment, please write a note to your child's catechist stating the time your child will be picked up.
- * Please go to the classroom and personally pick up your child.
- * **We will not allow a child to leave the building early without an adult.**

Absences

- * If your child is sick on a class day, please call the office at (847)724-2240 and leave a message. When reporting the absence, please leave the student's name and grade level.
- * If your child has to miss a class due to any conflict, please notify the catechist in writing beforehand so the absence is excused.

Custody Concerns

- * If parents are divorced or separated, the program presumes that both parents have access to the children, unless one parent can provide evidence that he or she has the sole right.
- * Both parents can request email and mailing addresses.

Safety Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

- * All of our families need to take every safety precaution when dropping off and picking up your child on Sunday mornings. Many children are too small to be seen by large vehicles. Drop off and pick up is everyone's responsibility. Please observe **curb side** pickup and drop off in the circle drive area and the Chapel area. We ask you to drive safely and maintain a level of courtesy toward all members of our community.
- * Children can enter the building through:
 - Church after mass by the east door.
 - Parking lot entrance near Holy Family Chapel.
 - Left door of the circle drive school entrance.
 - Doors will be secured at 9:15.

Grade Level Goals

Kindergarten Students Will...

- * Learn the **Sign of the Cross & Glory Be**.
- * Be introduced to prayer.
- * Develop a love for God and his creations.
- * Leave Kindergarten wanting to be a good person.

First Grade Students Will...

- * Learn about: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Communion and Baptism.
- * Develop a sense that prayer is a conversation with God and that we belong to a community.
- * Learn the **Hail Mary and Our Father**.
- * Practice a sharing and caring attitude towards their fellow classmates.

Second Grade Students Will...

- * Prepare and receive Reconciliation and First Communion.
- * Develop a better understanding of the Mass: the Gospel and Eucharist.
- * Learn the **Act of Contrition**.
- * Discuss Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter.
- * Strive to give Jesus our best.

Third Grade Students Will...

- * Grow in God's love through scripture and liturgy.
- * Learn about saints, prayer, and sacraments of Initiation.
- * Learn the **Apostles Creed**.
- * Learn the Marks of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic.
- * Participate in the Christmas Liturgy.

Fourth Grade Students Will...

- * Hear that they are called by name to love and serve God.
- * Learn the **Ten Commandments** and **Beatitudes**.
- * Develop knowledge of the Rosary, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and Saints.
- * Participate in the **Stations of the Cross**.

Fifth Grade Students Will...

- * Learn the **Seven Sacraments** and their symbols.
- * Study the seasons of Advent and Lent.
- * Increase their knowledge of Mary and the Rosary.
- * Memorize the **Holy Days of Obligation**.

Sixth Grade Students Will...

- * Learn how to look up scripture in the bible to enhance their understanding of the Word of God.
- * Be introduced to the **Old Testament** and how the stories relate to our present lives.
- * Memorize the **Ten Commandments**.
- * Understand the value of the **Ten Commandments** and the background of our faith.

Seventh Grade Students Will...

- * Understand that scripture helps to develop a closer relationship to God and his word.
- * Study the life of **Jesus**, the Sacraments, Parables and Beatitudes.
- * Learn the **New Testament's** four gospels and Acts of the Apostles.
- * Relate Jesus to their lives and daily successes.
- * Develop Christ like behavior.

Eighth Grade Students Will...

- * Understand the **Sacrament of Confirmation**
- * Review Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.
- * Recognize the **Holy Spirit**.
- * Learn about **Scripture**.
- * Celebrate Liturgical Rites and Symbols of the Church.

Admission Policies

Non-Discrimination

- * Our parish operates under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
- * We do not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Priority for Admissions

- * Priority for enrollment will be in this order: (1) families who are already enrolled, (2) new parish families, then (3) families of non-parishioners.
- * The parish is authorized to make discretionary exceptions to these priorities.

Tuition Costs

- * For families with one child, the fee is \$190.00, two children, \$290.00, three or more children, \$390.00.
- * The First Communion fee is an additional \$60.00.
- * The Six Grade Bible fee is an additional \$20.00.
- * The Eighth Grade Confirmation fee is an additional \$70.00.
- * The late fee for registering after June is an additional \$50.00.
- * For families not registered in the Parish the fee is an additional \$200.00.

Allergies

- * Please update, now and throughout the school year, all your child's allergies (including food) and current medications on the registration form.
- * On special occasions, we may serve food.

Emergency Phone Numbers

- * Please register your current home, cell phone numbers and email addresses.
- * For emergencies we need contact information updated.

Attendance Procedures

Daily Arrivals

- * Regular attendance is expected.
- * Please be sure your child arrives on time. Late arrivals can be disruptive to class.

Progress Reports

Progress reports are issued in December and April.
The report covers the following areas:

EVALUATION GOALS:

ATTENDANCE
KNOWS GRADE LEVEL DOCTRINE
CLASS PARTICIPATION
COMPLETES HOMEWORK
COMES PREPARED TO CLASS
USE OF TIME & TALENTS
ATTITUDE/EFFORT
RESPECTS AUTHORITY
& PROPERTY
FOLLOWS DIRECTIONS
CONDUCT IN CLASS
CATECHISTS COMMENTS

GRADE LEVEL PRAYERS & GOALS:

KINDERGARTEN - SIGN OF THE CROSS –GLORY BE
1 OUR FATHER & HAIL MARY
2 ACT OF CONTRITION
3 APOSTLES' CREED
4 BEATITUDES
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
5 SEVEN SACRAMENTS & SYMBOLS
6 THE OLD TESTAMENT
THE TEN COMMENDNTS
7 THE NEW TESTAMENT
LIFE OF JESUS
8 SCRIPTURE
SACRAMENTS

Safety Procedures for Kindergarten, First and Second Graders

- * Children in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades must be signed in and out of class. Children will remain in their classrooms until an **adult** signs them out.
- * Please be prompt for arrivals and pickups.
- * At the first class, parents fill out a form that lists adults that are allowed to pick-up your child.

Discipline Procedures

- * If there is a discipline problem in the classroom, the child will be sent to the Religious Education Office. If the problem persists, parents will be called.
- * Cell phones calls, texting and taking pictures is not allowed during class sessions. If phones are used in class, they will be taken to the RE office and then picked up by the parent.

Lost & Found

- * There is a container in the RE office for lost items.

Celebrating Liturgy & Reconciliation

Liturgies are convenient for our class times:

- * Saturdays at 5:00 pm, Sundays at 8:00 am, 11:00 am, and 6:00 pm in Spanish
- * Reconciliation -Saturdays at 4:00 pm. to 4:45 pm.
Wednesdays 10:30 am to Noon

Parental Involvement

- Model in your family an active Christian faith and reinforce the values for living a Christian faith.
- Accept the responsibility to have your children attend all classes.
- Check your child's folder to see what they have accomplished.
- Take an active approach and attend Mass and Holy Days.
- Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- Attend special events in the program.

Dear Parent,

Welcome to a new year of Religious Education. We are blessed about the prospect of working with you to ensure that your child receives an outstanding Catholic Religious Education experience. We believe that every child can be successful and that all of us play an important role in the development of your child's spiritual growth.

Our goal is to help parents stimulate faith development in their children through Liturgy, Eucharist, Scripture and Prayer. To help your children achieve this success, it is up to all of us to work together in a supportive and cooperative environment as we guide your child to grow in our faith. One of the most important ways to grow spiritually is to attend Sunday Liturgies together as a family.

Please use this handbook for information about our program. You can also stay informed by reading the church bulletin, and the parish web site at: **www.StCatherineLaboure.com**. Look for the Religious Education Box.

May your experience in the Religious Education Program at St. Catherine Labouré be positive, spiritual and faith filled!

Peace,
Mrs. Klein
Religious Education Coordinator



Sacraments

Faith formation is an important part of our program; we encourage students to attend all years of formation. Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation are Sacraments that are received in our program. Preparation for each of the Sacraments is a two year program. Reconciliation and Communion begin in Grade 1 and Confirmation begins in Grade 7.

Protecting God's Children

- We participate in the effort of the Archdiocese of Chicago to ensure the safety of all children. Materials will be incorporated from the Child Lures Program throughout the year.
- We have the Parent Guide from the Child Lures Prevention Program which addresses topics as harassment, boundaries, and self-esteem. If you wish more information regarding this program, please call the Religious Education Office at 847-24-2240.

Safety Plan – Emergencies

- St. Catherine Laboure Religious Education is dedicated to providing a safe, orderly, and secure learning environment. During an evacuation for fire or other emergencies parents can join their children in the specified area away from the building but cannot leave with them until the evacuation is over or as directed by the catechists and emergency personal. During a lock down situation you will be allowed to enter the building after emergency personal clear the area.

FAITH SHARING AT SCL

Dear SCL Religious Education Parents:

We thank you for again choosing St. Catherine Laboure’s Religious Education program for your children. We are honored to be able to again offer you the Sunday morning “Sharing Our Faith” program. It is designed for busy parents interested in growing in their Catholic faith at the same time their children are.

Since Advent of last year, the Church has been celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy, promulgated by Pope Francis. The SCL Sharing Our Faith program has been doing the same thing. Last winter we explored the “Doors of Mercy” along with other short study units. This year, we will continue with “Luke: the Gospel of Mercy”.

While your children are in their Religious Education classes, come to the SCL School Library Media Center. The sessions last as long as your children’s classes, ninety minutes. A study guide will be provided; so will coffee and pastries. There are no tests, no grades, only growth in the faith. Come the first week and decide whether it is for you. You have nothing to lose; you’ll already be at SCL dropping off your children. So come in, meet your friends or make new ones, have coffee and learn about what you profess to believe every Sunday in the Creed.

Thank you and we look forward to meeting you.

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Mission

St. Catherine Laboure Parish provides a structured program for the religious education of elementary school children attending the public school system. The curriculum includes all dimensions of religious education: doctrine, scripture, liturgy, prayer, service and sacramental preparation. The curriculum is taught in the spirit of cooperative learning and hands on activities that connect religion to everyday experiences. Classes are available on Sunday mornings for kindergarten through eighth graders.

Additional liturgical experiences and activities are offered throughout the school year. Parental involvement is an important aspect to the development of the program. A volunteer form is given to every family to experience spiritual growth.

New catechists are always welcome to join our program. For additional information please call the religious education office at 847-724-2240 (Extension # 1)



**St. Catherine
Laboure**

Schedule and Topics

While your children grow in their faith, you can too.

We are all called to be saints: people who display Christ-like lives.

This requires we know what it is to be Christ-like. Hence, we need to learn about our faith. If someone asks us what we as Catholics believe, do we know how to answer?

FIRST SEMESTER 2016

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| 9.11 | Overview of the Gospel of Luke |
| 9.18 | Forming ourselves in the Faith |
| 9.25 | - Luke: Gospel of Mercy Session 1 |
| 10.9 | - Luke, Session 2 |
| 10.23 | - Luke, Session 3 |
| 10.30 | - Luke, Session 4 |
| 11.6 | - Luke, Session 5 |
| 11.13 | - Luke, Session 6 |
| 11.20 | - Luke, Session 7 |
| 12.4 | - Luke, Session 8 |
| 12.11 | - Luke, Session 9 |
| 12.18 | - Luke, Session 10 |

SECOND SEMESTER 2017

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| 1.8 | - Luke, Session 11 |
| 1.15 | - Luke, Session 12 |
| 1.22 | - Luke, Session 13 |
| 2.5 | - Luke, Session 14 |
| 2.12 | - Luke, Session 15 |
| 2.19 | - Luke, Session 16 |
| 3.5 | - Luke, Session 17 |
| 3.12 | - Luke, Session 18 |
| 3.19 | - TBA |
| 4.2 | - TBA |
| 4.9 | - TBA |
| 4.23 | - TBA |

We look forward to growing in our faith with you.