

## Curriculum

In grades 1-6, we use Christ Our Life. In addition to great textbooks and resources, Christ, Our Life maintains a wonderful website, providing additional activities for catechists, a parent page, family prayers, Sunday reflections, and much more. A link will be provided on the St. Helena's website.

For grades 7 & 8 we use Saint Mary's Press "Discovering" series and Faith Works. Grade 7 & 8 works together on many projects and activities to develop a junior high youth ministry atmosphere.

High School Blocks use a variety of subject materials specific for block titles. Block titles rotate in and out of catechetical years as we provide many opportunities for students to choose topics of interest to them concerning their faith, the Church, morality and liturgy. All students entering 9th grade receive a Catholic Youth Bible. Students are to bring their bibles to class for each scheduled session.

First Reconciliation and First Communion "PREP Sacraments" use a series from "Living the Good News" publishers which we find to be not so "booky." Students engage in activities, discussion, stories, and prayers to develop a friendship with Jesus Christ. Family participation is key to this program. Along with the PREP classes, we also schedule a "Family Banquet" day to show the connection between Church Sacrament and daily encounters of sacrament. This day includes baking bread, watching a movie, touring the church, and sharing a family meal.

Confirmation "PREP Sacraments" will be using resources from a book titled: "Countdown To Confirmation". Students will be focusing on the liturgical dialogue that takes place within the Liturgy of the Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are 6 PREP sessions, an overnight retreat, World Youth Mass, and rehearsal.



Q: What is "PREP Sacraments"?

A: Partners in Religious Education Preparation for Sacraments

Growing together in faith during sacramental preparation is part of community and communion with Christ. It is by sharing faith with our young people that we pass our faith from generation to generation. Sacraments are meant to be community celebrations. It is vital to our program that parents, students, catechists and sponsors work together in the process of preparation to receive sacraments. This is a time for *everyone* to deepen their faith and relationship with Jesus.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Four year olds through fourth graders are welcome to attend our Children's Liturgy during the 10:15 Mass. Students will be dismissed during Mass before the Liturgy of the Word and return for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

### How To Register

- ALL registration is to be done on-line. This can be accessed from the [www.st-helenas-re.org](http://www.st-helenas-re.org) site
- Detailed instructions are available on the website.
- A general family registration is to be completed first, including an e-mail.
- Each student can then be enrolled into grade level classes, Grades 1-12.
- Students enrolling in Sacramental Preparation (Either First Communion or Confirmation) will register for these classes as well with an additional fee and registration on-line.
- Students requesting to receive First Communion must be in grade 2 or above and completed one year of religious education.
- Students requesting Confirmation must be in Grade 11 or above, completed two years of high school courses, and has completed the Rite of Enrollment by the DRE.

All families of students receiving sacraments **must** be parish members. Parish registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office as well as in the Rectory Office (363-3882).



#### Fee Schedule\*

\$25 one child

\$45 two children

\$60 families of three or more

A Separate and additional fee includes:

\$15 Sacrament Preparation Fee per child for First Eucharist and Confirmation.

\*Please note that all fees are donations. St. Helena's does not deny Faith Formation if payment cannot be made. Fees help cover the cost of books, materials, catechist training, publications and so much more.