

General Guidelines

Behavior:

1. Respect and courtesy toward catechists, volunteers and classmates is required at all times.
2. Students are to use supplies and facilities properly. Tables are not to sit on!
3. Leave the facility neat and clean.

Parents:

1. Parents should ensure that their children attend classes and special events regularly and on time.
2. Parents should communicate any special needs or circumstances that may affect a child within the classroom.
3. Parents should be an active part of their children's learning through involvement in the classroom at the catechist's request, reviewing material with their children, and being role models of faith by their own active participation in parish events.

Catechists:

1. Individuals involved in any of the religious education programs, teaching or otherwise, shall be a role model of Christian living. He/she should be a Catholic example to students through witness and prayer.
2. Catechists should provide a loving, Christian atmosphere within the learning environment so that children will be able to grow in their faith.
3. Catechists shall be provided with training and necessary resources to prepare them for teaching.
4. All catechists, volunteers and employees who work with children and/or youth are required to attend VIRTUS training and screening as part of providing a Safe Environment.

Arrivals/Departures

Elementary classes begin promptly at 8:00 am Tuesdays (grades 1-3) and Wednesdays (grades 4-6). Students are dismissed at 8:50am in an orderly fashion. Bus transportation is provided for students attending McAllister Elementary. All students being bussed are to line up quietly in the hall. Walkers with permission* will be excused first. Students being picked up by authorized* adults will be dismissed next. Students riding on the bus are to board single file, and proper conduct on the bus is expected. Students are subject to the same bus rules and discipline code as described in the McAllister Handbook provided by the Vernon-Verona-Sherrill School District (VVS).

Junior High classes begin at 9:00 Sunday mornings, unless otherwise notified. Dismissal is 10:10AM. Students will be encouraged to attend 10:15 AM Mass on Sunday immediately after class.

High School Block Schedules vary for each student. Please keep your own personal schedule of classes and times at home to refer to. Sunday morning block sessions run from 9:00-10:10 am for 6 weeks. Sunday evening block sessions run from 6:30-8:30 PM for 3 weeks. All-In-One block sessions are usually 5 hour within a scheduled block.

**Please return the Walker/Driver Release Form.*

Cancellations

- **Snow Days:** Please pay attention to any delays or cancellations affecting VVS School District. St. Helena's Religious Education classes are CANCELLED in case of a delay or a cancellation in the VVS district. If you belong to a school district other than VVS, and your district is delayed or cancelled, please do not venture out on bad roads.
- **NY State Testing:** Religion class is cancelled for any grade level scheduled for NY State testing that morning.

