

SAINT IRENAEUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Irenaeus
Youth Faith Formation
Parent and Student Handbook
2017 – 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Faith Formation Program at St. Irenaeus Parish. We would like to express our joy for your commitment to raise your children in the Catholic Faith.

Knowledge of the Catholic Faith and its moral code, appropriate to the age of the learner, must be taught through a continuous progression of content. While the faith is a life to be lived, it is also a truth to be known. Religious instruction and catechesis must also attend to the development of the religious imagination. Therefore, in addition to the cognitive, the aesthetic dimension of religious education must be included in any process of instruction.

“By providing a Christian environment through a home life that reflects love and security, parents are the first religious educators of their children.” By the witness of your Christian life, by attending Mass each week, praying together, taking your child to Confession, going over your children’s religion lesson each week, you will build a foundation of faith for your child.

The role of the parish community in the nurturing and evangelization of the child cannot be overlooked. Parents and children must be actively involved in the life of their faith community. For it is within the believing community that the student learns the values and ideals, reflects on these and at some point makes a decision whether or not to accept them as a way-of-life.

May God bless you and your children.

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POLICIES

ATTENDANCE

Regular and punctual attendance is necessary for your children to benefit from the Religious Education program. If your child must miss class due to illness or other serious cause, please call the office and let us know. 714-826-1140

EARLY DISMISSAL

We can only grant early dismissal if the request is made in writing by the parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must come to the office to pick up the child. Do not go to the classroom. At that time the child will be called from class. Do not ask your child to wait for you outside and do not ask the teacher to dismiss your child early. This is for the protection of your children.

DISCIPLINE

Students are expected to show respect to their teachers and other adults. They are to be respectful of the person and property of other students, and the classrooms being used in the St. Irenaeus School.

All disciplinary action will be administered with Christian love. We ask parents to support the teachers when corrective action must be taken. The student will be given a warning and the behavior will be reported to the Director of Youth Faith Formation. Parents will be informed of any continuing disruption. If behavior continues a meeting with the parents, teachers and the Director will be arranged to find a solution to the situation.

DRESS

Children should be dressed as they would for school. All clothing should be clean and neat. We reserve the right to remove a child from class for inappropriate dress.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The safety and well-being of every child is of utmost concern in our program.

1. Please do not send your child to class if they have a communicable disease or a fever.
2. Please be prompt in bringing your children to class and picking them up from class. Should you have to be late for pick up your student will be in the Youth Formation Office.

Circle of Grace is a program mandated by the Diocese to help children understand the sacredness of who they are and how to seek help through their relationships with trusted adults. The goal of Circle of Grace is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Because of the Sports Program in the afternoon, it will be necessary to be very cautious and follow designated paths to avoid hitting the players. We hope to have a volunteer traffic director available.

MISCELLANEOUS

- No visitors will be allowed without permission from the office. Please come to the office and get an introduction slip for the teacher.
- No outside reading material, radios, games, etc. are to be brought into the classroom. Such items are subject to confiscation.
- Each student is responsible for the condition of the desk which he or she sits and for the contents of same. PARENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE for the damage done by their student.

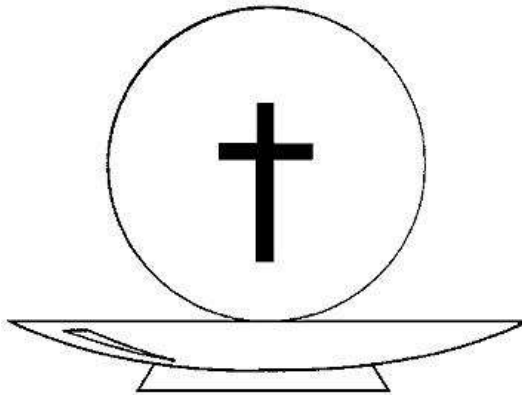
SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

If your son or daughter has not been baptized, please contact the office to be sure that information is on file. We will make arrangements for celebration of the sacrament in the spring of their first year.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

These two sacraments require two years of preparation. If your child is in grades 3 through 8, please be sure that the office has that information and that the student is in special classes. (Probably done at registration, but we do not want to miss anyone).



SUNDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Note
September 17	First Class, Parent Meeting
September 24	
October 1	
October 8	
October 15	
October 22	
October 29	
November 5	
November 12	Safe Environment
November 19	
November 26	No Class - Thanksgiving
December 3	
December 10	
December 17	
December 24	No Class - Christmas Break
December 31	No Class - Christmas Break
January 7	
January 14	No Class - ML King Holiday
January 21	
January 28	No Class - School Open House
February 4	
February 11	
February 18	No Class - Presidents Day
February 25	
March 4	
March 11	
March 18	
March 25	
April 1	No Class - Easter Break
April 8	No Class - Easter Break
April 15	
April 22	
April 29	
May 6	
May 13	Last Class

TUESDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Note
September 19	First Class, Parent Meeting
September 26	
October 3	
October 10	
October 17	
October 24	
October 31	No Class, Halloween
November 7	
November 14	Safe Environment
November 21	No Class, Thanksgiving Break
November 28	
December 5	
December 12	
December 19	
December 26	No Class - Christmas Break
January 2	No Class - Christmas Break
January 9	
January 16	
January 23	
January 30	
February 6	
February 13	
February 20	
February 27	
March 6	
March 13	
March 20	
March 27	No Class - Easter Break
April 3	No Class - Easter Break
April 10	
April 17	
April 24	
May 1	
May 8	Last Class

WEDNESDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Note
September 20	First Class, Parent Meeting
September 27	
October 4	
October 11	
October 18	
October 25	
November 1	
November 8	
November 15	Safe Environment
November 22	No Class - Thanksgiving Break
November 29	
December 6	
December 13	
December 20	
December 27	No Class - Christmas Break
January 3	No Class - Christmas Break
January 10	
January 17	
January 24	
January 31	
February 7	Lesson on Lent
February 14	
February 21	
February 28	Lent Lesson
March 7	
March 14	
March 21	
March 28	No Class - Easter Break
April 4	No Class - Easter Break
April 11	
April 18	
April 25	
May 3	
May 9	Last Class