

# **Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic School**

## **Religion Handbook 2011-2012**

159 Years of Quality, Catholic Education

### **Our School Philosophy**

We, the faculty of Ss. Peter & Paul School community who have been baptized into Christ Jesus believe that we must "teach as Jesus did." We believe that each child is a unique creation of God with varying degrees of potential in human behavior and academic areas.

We believe that parents enroll their children at Ss. Peter & Paul because we are a child-centered school that teaches values and morals based on the Catholic religion.

We believe that our students must not only have a basic understanding of the Catholic faith, but must also have the opportunities to put those beliefs into practice.

We believe that the Church, Family, and State share the responsibility for the total education of the child: spiritual, physical, mental, moral, individual and social.

We believe that each child is to be prepared for basic life skills to enable them to achieve future personal goals.

We believe it is important for children to learn how to function in group situations and that they learn the value of teamwork.

We believe this school has the responsibility of creating and maintaining an environment that assists each student in translating the knowledge he has acquired into purposeful Catholic witness and responsible citizenship.

We also believe that the students, parents, and faculty are partners in learning. We will do our best to ensure that parents are fully aware of student progress academically and socially to allow them the opportunity to fulfill their role as primary educators.

### **Our Religious Philosophy**

The primary reason for the existence of Ss. Peter & Paul School is the religious education, formation, and development of each child. While the essence of this religious growth is centered around daily classroom instruction, it is our belief that Christian worship, the reception of the Sacraments, personal prayer, planned religious faith experiences, and social action are equally necessary factors in the total program of religious education.

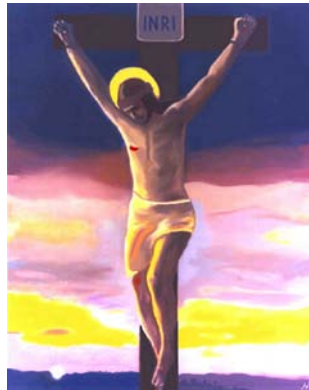


As the Catholic Church has increasingly expanded the opportunities for lay involvement, we strive to inspire our students to an understanding of the importance of caring for their fellow man and to utilize their God-given talents and abilities to improve the lot of those less fortunate. Consequently, we begin preparing them for their adult role in the Church by requiring all students to engage in service to the

parish or community for which they are to receive no remuneration. These requirements are progressively more demanding by grade level culminating with eighth graders who are required to complete 40 service hours for graduation.

### **Our Objective**

The purpose of this handbook is to an insight to the curriculum of the for the 2011-2012 academic school



inform you of the goals and provide Religious Department of the school year.

One of the cornerstones of our rapport that exists between our large part to our efforts to provide communication on their child's their role as primary educator. It is partnership and with you, the parents, in order to build a curriculum that allows for the utmost success for our students. It is our responsibility to make you aware of the curriculum in order to best educate your children by reinforcing the academic goals and objectives that are introduced in school at home as well. It is our hope that students not only receive and learn a religious education, but that they also live and practice that education in everyday life, both in and out of school. Through this we anticipate that your child will grow in love of God and make a life commitment to his/her faith.

school's success is the excellent parents and teachers. This is due in parents with sufficient progress to allow them to exercise our responsibility to form a

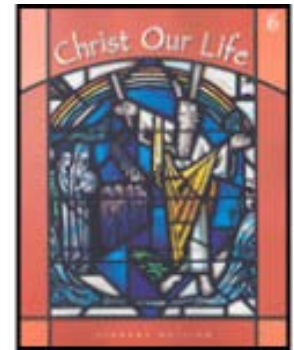
### **Textbooks and Focal Objectives**

While students are taught greatly through class discussion, life experiences, and supplemental materials, each grade level has a texted that is utilized on a daily basis. Textbook series vary across grade levels due to the presence of content that is most meaningful and beneficial to the curriculum at each respective grade level. The textbook series for each respective grade level are as follows:

Kindergarten: *Christ Our Life*; Loyola Press, 2008

Grades 1-5: *Blest Are We*; Silver Burdett Ginn, 2004

Grades 6-8: *Christ Our Life*; Loyola Press, 2009



The curriculum is developed in a way that includes Catholic doctrine, prayer, worship, and scripture at every grade level. It is our goal and responsibility to ensure that our students leave us with a vast knowledge base from the curriculum and meaningful faith experiences that will allow them to be well rounded Catholics for life. The curriculum follows a clear progression from one grade to the next, building on the prior year's curriculum, in order for the students to gain a clear comprehension of their Catholic faith. Each grade level has a focal objective that defines the academic religious content throughout the year.

Kindergarten: The focus is designed to lead the children to an awareness of God's goodness in creation, in the wonder of their unique selves and in the love of people around them.

**Grade 1:** The focus is the journey through life with the Three Persons of the Trinity: God the Father, Jesus as friend and brother, Holy Spirit as a source of strength and joy.

**Grade 2:** The focus is preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Emphasis is placed on recognition of living Catholic values and developing our faith.

**Grade 3:** The focus is the journey through life as a Catholic Christian, developing an understanding of the Marks of the Church as one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.



First Communicants

**Grade 4:** The focus is on building a value system for life by learning to choose the law of love as shown in scripture and tradition.

**Grade 5** The focus is the value and need for the Seven Sacraments as we journey through life.

**Grade 6** The focus is to learn through Scripture, prayer, and discussion about their Catholic identity and faith. The students will study the Old Testament from creation to the birth of Christ and experience different Catholic traditions (meditation, Rosary, Benediction, (etc.).

**Grade 7** The focus is the study of the person of Jesus, human and divine, revealed in the New Testament. Students also begin preparation for Confirmation.



Confirmation

**Grade 8** The focus is to get a historical overview of how others have lived in the Church Community. Another major focus is completing preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. We look at ways we live our covenant today through the Commandments.

### **All-School Liturgical Celebrations and Worship**

It is our goal, as the Catholic School of SS. Peter & Paul Parish, that we shall coordinate our Religion Curriculum and Liturgical Celebrations with the Mission Statement of our Parish Community.

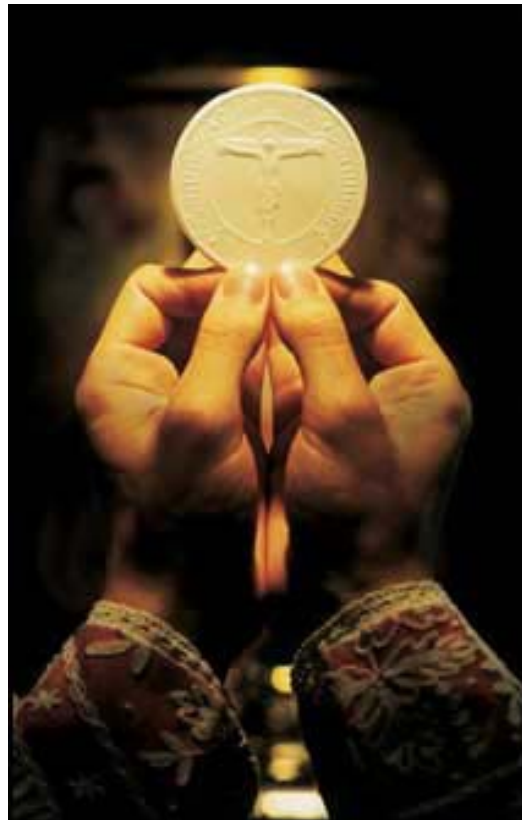
"The members of Saints Peter and Paul parish are part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church founded by Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

We are a community of believers united in the Christian faith with Peter's successor, the Bishop of Rome, and all those in communion with him including our bishop, the Bishop of Joliet. As such, the mission of our parish, like the mission of every Catholic parish, is to help people grow in holiness by living lives that reflect the love of the Most Holy Trinity. We do this by studying and proclaiming the Word of God, and by celebrating the Sacraments of the Church, including, preeminently, the Eucharist in which Christ feeds the faithful with His very Body and Blood. By following the call of the Holy Spirit, by imitating Jesus Christ and seeking to do the Father's will, we share the truth of the Gospel with others by our testimony and example. Through acts of charity and social justice we seek to build a culture of life in the world today as we long for the Kingdom of God in the world to come."



Our children also develop a devotion to our Blessed Mother through recitation of the rosary in the Adoration Chapel.

The dates for this year's Mass schedule, prayers services, and sacramental program dates follow:



<b>DATE</b>	<b>ATTENDING GRADES</b>	<b>PLANNING GRADE/HR</b>	
<b>AUGUST</b>			
Thursday, Aug 25	All School	8th	Rms 81/82
Tuesday, Aug 30	K-3		(teachers)
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Thursday, Sept 1	Gr 4-8	7th	Rm 71
Thursday, Sept 8	Gr 4-8		Rm 61
Tuesday, Sept 13	K-3	2nd	Rms 21/22
Thursday, Sept 15	Gr 4-8		Rm 41
Tuesday, Sept 20	K-3		(teachers)
Thursday, Sept 22	Gr 4-8	5th	Rms 51/52
Thursday, Sept 29	All School		Note -11:00
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
1st week of Oct	<u>No Masses</u>	<i>ITBS</i>	
Thursday, Oct 13	All School	6th	Rms 61/62
Tuesday, Oct 18	K-3	3rd	Rm 31
Thursday, Oct 20	Gr 4-8		Rm 51
Tuesday, Oct 25	K-3		(teachers)
Thursday, Oct 27	Gr 4-8		Rm 72
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Tuesday, Nov 1	All School	4th	Note - 10:30
Tuesday, Nov 8	K-3		(teachers)
Thursday, Nov 10	Gr 4-8	7th	Rm 72
Tuesday, Nov 15	Gr 4-8	4th	Rms 41/42
Thursday, Nov 17	K-3		(teachers)
Wednesday, Nov 23	All School	3rd	Rms 31/32
Tuesday, Nov 29	K-3		(teachers)
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Thursday, Dec 1	Gr 4-8		Rm 62
Thursday, Dec 8	All School	5th	Rms 51/52
Tuesday, Dec 13	K-3	2nd	Rm 21
Thursday, Dec 15	Gr 4-8		Rm 71
Thursday, Dec 22	All School	1st	Advent Mass
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Tuesday, Jan 10	K-3		(teachers)
Thursday, Jan 12	Gr 4-8		Rm 42
Tuesday, Jan 17	K-3	3rd	Rm 32
Thursday, Jan 19	Gr 4-8		Rm 82
Tuesday, Jan 24	K-3	1st	Rm 11
Thursday, Jan 26	Gr 4-8		Rm 52

**FEBRUARY**

Thursday, Feb 2	All School	5th	Catholic Sch Wk (teachers)
Tuesday, Feb 7	K-3		
Thursday, Feb 9	Gr 4-8	8th	Rms 81/82
Tuesday, Feb 14	K-3	1st	Rm 12
Thursday, Feb 16	Gr 4-8		Rm 61
Wednesday, Feb 22	All School	4th	Ash Wednesday
Tuesday, Feb 28	K-3		(teachers)

**MARCH**

Thursday, Mar 1	Gr 4-8		Rm 51
Tuesday, Mar 6	K-3	3rd	Rms 31/32
Thursday, Mar 8	Gr 4-8		Rms 71/72
Tuesday, Mar 13	K-3		(teachers)
Thursday, Mar 15	Gr 4-8	6th	Rms 61/62
Tuesday, Mar 20	K-3	2nd	Rm 22
Thursday, Mar 22	Gr 4-8		Rm 41

**APRIL**

Monday, Apr 2			(teachers)
Wednesday, Apr 4	All School	8th	Triduum
Thursday, Apr 12	Gr 4-8	6th	Rms 61/62
Tuesday, Apr 17	K-3	1st	Rms 11/12
Thursday, Apr 19	Gr 4-8		Rm 42
Tuesday, Apr 24	K-3		(teachers)
Thursday, Apr 26	Gr 4-8	7th	Empowerment

**MAY**

Tuesday, May 1	K-3		(teachers)
Thursday, May 3	Gr 4-8		Rm 52
Thursday, May 10	All School	2nd	First Communion
Thursday, May 17	All School	8th	May Crowning
Tuesday, May 22	K-3		(teachers)
Thursday, May 24	Gr 4-8		Rm 62
Wednesday, May 30	All School	7th	Year-End Liturgy

**ADDITIONAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>ATTENDING GRADES</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>2011</b>				
Tuesday, Sept 13	Reconciliation	Gr. 7-8	12:45 p.m.	Church
Tuesday, Sept 20	Reconciliation	Gr. 5-6	12:45 p.m.	Church
Friday, Sept 23	Scapular Investiture	Gr. 2	1 p.m.	Holy Family Chapel
Tuesday, Oct 11	Reconciliation	Gr. 3-4	12:45 p.m.	Church
Monday, Nov 28	Advent Prayer Services	All Grade Levels	8:00 a.m.	School
Monday, Dec 5	Advent Prayer Services	All Grade Levels	8:00 a.m.	School
Monday, Dec 1,	Advent Prayer Services	All Grade Levels	8:00 a.m.	School
Monday, Dec 19	Advent Prayer Services	All Grade Levels	8:00 a.m.	School
<b>2012</b>				
Tuesday, Mar 13	Reconciliation	Gr. 6-7-8	10:45 a.m.	Church
Thursday, Mar 15	Reconciliation	Gr. 3-4-5	10:45 a.m.	Church
Monday, Feb 27	Lent Prayer Services	All Grade Levels	8:00 a.m.	School
Friday, Feb 24	Stations	All School	1:20 p.m.	Church
Monday, Mar 5	Lent Prayer Services	All Grade Levels	8:00 a.m.	School
Friday, Mar 9	Stations	All School	1:20 p.m.	Church
Monday, Mar 12	Lent Prayer Services	All Grade Levels	8:00 a.m.	School
Friday, Mar 16	Stations	All School	1:20 p.m.	Church

Monday, Mar 19	Lent Prayer Services	All Grade Levels	8:00 a.m.	School
Monday, Apr 30	Ribbons & Pins	Gr. 6-7-8	1:15 p.m.	Holy Family Chapel
Friday, May 11	Renewal Baptismal Vows	Gr. 1	1:00 p.m.	Holy Family Chapel
Friday, May 18	Kindergarten May Crowning		11:00 a.m.	Church
Fri May 25	Graduation	Gr. 8	7:00 p.m.	Church

Sacramental Experiences	Date	Time	Location
First Reconciliation	Saturday, September 24	9:00 a.m.	Holy Family Chapel
Parent Information Meetings	Monday, September 26	7:00 p.m.	Holy Family Chapel
First Reconciliation Date	Tuesday, November 15	7:00 pm.	Church
First Eucharist Parent Information Meetings	Saturday, February 25 Monday, February 27	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Family Chapel Holy Family Chapel
First Holy Communion	Saturday, May 5	2:00 p.m.	Church
Confirmation Student and Parent Information Meetings	Thursday, September 29 Tuesday, January 31	7:00 p.m. TBA	MCSH TBA
Confirmation Retreats	Saturday, September 10 Saturday, September 17	10:00 am – 5:00 pm 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	MCSH Last Names A-L MCSH Last Names M-Z
Confirmation	To Be Announced		

**Protecting God's Children**

Our parish will offer the program on Thursday, September 4 and will do so again on Tuesday, January 17. You may take this program at any parish in the Joliet Diocese. Additional dates are ongoing throughout the Diocese. School Board policy requires all families to go through this program within two years of their children's enrollment.



## Faith Experience Days

All students in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade partake in a religious field trip. The purpose of these field trips is to experience and live the Catholic faith outside of the classroom. This serves as an extension of the religion curriculum.

Kindergarten	Tour of Ss. Peter & Paul Church; Living Stations of the Cross; a May Crowning prayer service
Grade 1	Para-liturg in church to celebrate baptismal vows; Visit church sanctuary per parish pastor
Grade 2	Scapular Investiture; Tour of the sanctuary, windows, sacristy, and confessional
Grade 3	Special liturgy with their second grade prayer partners
Grade 4	Tour of the Ss. Peter & Paul Church and explanation of the church windows
Grade 5	Tour of our Diocesan Cathedral in Joliet
Grade 6	Presentation by a Byzantine Catholic priest and/or a visit to the Naperville Synagogue
Grade 7	Tour of St. Procopius Abbey; Feed My Starving Children
Grade 8	“Dia de los Muertos” (Day of the Dead) at the Mexican Cultural Center; May Crowning



Students at Feed My Starving Children

## Extended Faith Experiences

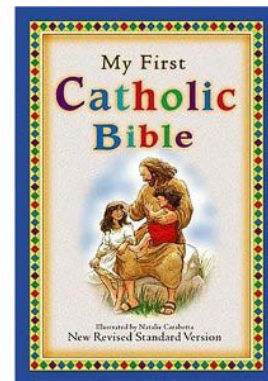
Religious faith experiences are embedded into the curriculum on a daily basis throughout the school year. The students are given the opportunity to explore and live their Catholic faith in a variety of ways.

### *Morning Prayer*

Each day our principal gathers our school community in Morning Prayer over the intercom. It is here that students are reminded to go forth with each new day living and growing in our Catholic roots.

### *Daily Prayer*

In addition to morning prayer, a culture of reflection and prayer is promoted through every class. Each instructor is encouraged to use a variety of prayer methods including but not limited to vocal, reflective,



petitions, and formal prayers. Students pray grace right before lunch with their peers in the cafeteria. Finally each of our homeroom teachers lead the students in a closing prayer, The Act of Contrition, before dismissal every day.

***Advent and Lenten Prayer Services***

During the Advent and Lenten seasons, our students are lead in a prayer service by one of our parish priests. Our students come together in order to reflect and gain a knowledge of the importance of these seasons. Separate prayer services are held in the morning for grades K-5 and 6-8 in each respective building.

***Reconciliation Prayer Services***

As part of our Faith, the sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of the curriculum. Students in grades 3-8 have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation with their peers at school twice a year, one time each semester.

***Grade Level Mass***

Each homeroom is given the opportunity to plan all school or grade level Masses during the year. Certain Masses may have a unique theme during the year. Parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to join the student body in celebration of Mass.



Students in grades K-3 attend mass regularly on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Students in grades 4-8 attend mass regularly on Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. The entire student body worships together on holy days of obligation and other special occasions throughout the course of the school year.

***Study of Our Patron Saints***



St. John Baptist de la Salle  
Patron Saint of Teachers

Our students not only become familiar with the patron saints of our church and school, Saints Peter and Paul, but they also are familiarized with various other patron saints. Each classroom as a patron saint who serves as a model of Christian living and the way in which are students are taught to live.

<b>Classroom Patron Saints</b>		
<b>Classroom</b>	<b>Patron Saint</b>	<b>Feast Day</b>
K1	St. Anthony of Padua	June 13
K2	St. Monica	March 19

K3	St. Maria Soledad	October 11
Room 11	St. Vincent de Paul	September 27
Room 12	St. Nicholas	December 6
Room 21	St. Frances Cabrini	November 13
Room 22	Our Lady of Lourdes	February 11
Room 31	St. Martin de Porres	November 3
Room 32	Bls. Kateri Tekakwitha	July 14
Room 41	St. Peter	June 29
Room 42	St. Paul	June 29
Room 51	St. Patrick	March 17
Room 52	St. John Baptist de la Salle	April 30
Room 61	St. Elizabeth Seton	January 4
Room 62	St. Francis of Assisi	October 4
Room 71	St. Therese of Lisieux	October 1
Room 72	St. John Neumann	January 5
Room 81	St. Lucy	December 13
Room 82	St. Maximillian Kolbe	August 14
Spanish	St. Ignatius Loyola	July 31
Music	St. Cecilia	November 22
Art	St. Luke the Evangelist; St. Catherine of Bologna	October 18; March 9
Gym	St. John Bosco	January 31
Elementary Library	St. Jerome	September 30
Junior High Library	St. Jerome	September 30
Elementary Technology	St. Isidore of Seville	April 4
Junior High Technology	St. Isidore of Seville	April 4

### ***Liturgical Music***

Our parish liturgist, Mrs. Doti Strening, will be working with the students in Grades K-8 on liturgical songs focusing on the formation of the child in worship through sung prayer. This is integrated with other areas of learning helping them become musically independent and providing the child a unique formative experience in sung prayer and a unique opportunity for a better and complete education in the arts and liturgy.



### ***Additional Parish Service Opportunities***

Beginning in fifth grade, boys and girls of the parish have the opportunity to assist at the Altar of the Lord by becoming a member of the Altar Server Ministry. This requires great dedication and affords the students the opportunity to assume a very important role of the Mass. Students may also be asked to serve parish funerals.

## ***Christian Witness Record***

An integral part of the curriculum provided at Ss. Peter & Paul School is the Christian Witness given in the service of others. In pursuit of that goal, students are given guideline to be set in each grade level. Once approving the service indicated on the students' individual witness card, a signature is added which indicates fulfillment of the service requirement for the respective grade level. The service opportunities are tracked on the card which is kept on file in each student's permanent folder.



Service means: unpaid, voluntary, without extrinsic reward (no money, toys, video games, etc.) act of work which is not part of a student's required chores. The service must also meet a true need in the community, home, or school. Its purpose is to continue the life of Christ who lived a life of service as a living witness to the world.

The guidelines for each grade level are as follows:

Kindergarten Collect socks and toiletries for Hesed House

- Grade 1 Collect coins after completing counting money to donate to Feed My Starving Children
- Grade 2 Spring collection of baby food for Loaves and Fishes
- Grade 3 Provide a food basket each month for the Food Pantry
- Grade 4 Perform 10 hours of service
- Grade 5 Perform 10 hours of parish service a year
- Grade 6 Perform 15 hours of service; Loaves and Fishes Food Collection
- Grade 7 Perform 20 hours of service; Feed My Starving Children; Loaves and Fishes Food Collection
- Grade 8 Perform 25 hours of service; Advent/Christmas Service Project; Loaves and Fishes Food Collection

Each grade level will participate in projects as an entire class as well as individual homerooms. These activities will be decided by their respective religion teacher.

All students are encouraged to continue living a life of service above and beyond the minimum requirements of school. Students who show a true understanding of service and exceed the minimum requirements may be honored at the completion of their eighth grade year.



## **Sacramental Program**

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic School is a K-8 school; we are afforded the opportunity to see all of our students grow and mature as an individual physically, mentally, and spiritually. As we all grow spiritually in our Faith formation throughout the years of our life, we encounter many religious milestones on the journey. Here, at Ss. Peter & Paul, the students may embark on their sacramental journey as part of their Catholic education.

### ***Reconciliation and Eucharist***



Second grade is an important year for our students as they prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. In November, the students may receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our hope is that our students and families continue to receive sacrament throughout the rest of their lives at Ss. Peter & Paul. For grades 3-8 they will receive the opportunity to regularly receive the sacrament twice a year with their peers at school. In May, the second grade students will also have the opportunity to receive their First Eucharist with their classmates. On the Tuesday following their First Eucharist, the entire student body celebrates with them at an all school liturgy.

In preparation for these sacraments, the parents/guardians of the students are required to attend important informational meetings for each sacrament in order to assist their child as he/she anticipates the reception of the respective sacraments.

### ***Confirmation***

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witness.” -Acts 1:8

The Confirmation program at Ss. Peter & Paul begins in seventh grade religion class through the reception of the sacrament in the spring of eighth grade. As eighth graders at Ss. Peter & Paul, students will continue their education on Church Doctrine, Dogma, and Tradition. The students will be required to submit various forms for the Diocese of Joliet including choice of an adult sponsor, their Confirmation name and why, a letter to the Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet explaining why they wish to be Confirmed. All candidates are required to attend a mandatory Confirmation retreat and successfully pass a Confirmation interview at the parish.

## **Supplemental Texts and Programs**

### ***Bibles***

*New American Bibles* will be provided for all students for prayer and study. Bibles may be kept in the room or may be brought to class by each student as determined by each religion teacher. Primary classrooms have children’s bibles appropriate for their age and maturation. Sixth graders must purchase their own Bible that they then use throughout Jr. High.

### **Catechism**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* should be available in every classroom. In junior high the YOUCAT (*Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church*) is also available.

### **Protecting God's Children Program**

This is a Diocese of Joliet mandated program requires all teachers, support staff, and volunteers to be fingerprinted, background checked, take the Protecting God's Children in-service, and to take monthly updates via the Virtus website.

Volunteers, such as coaches and chaperones, who have direct contact with children and youth, are required to participate in a 3 hour training session and also undergo a criminal background check.

Volunteers must be re-screened with a background check every five years.



### **Talking About Touching Program (Student Component)**

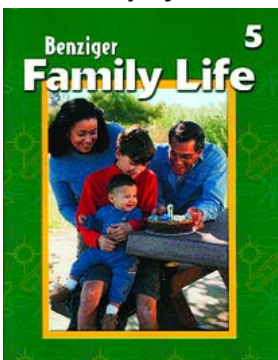
The mandatory student component of the Protecting God's Children program is entitled *Talking About Touching*. As modified by the Diocese of Joliet, it is the normative safe environment program for children enrolled in a Catholic school/REO program in grades K-8. Diocese of Joliet modifications eliminate the need for teachers to refer to private body parts by anatomically proper names. That instruction is reserved to parents.

Our teaching staff has been serviced on this program. Its primary goals are to teach children:

1. How to recognize unsafe touches
2. How to respond appropriately by saying "no"
3. How to tell a "safe" adult about what has happened

Age appropriate materials used in this one day program will be available for review during Parent-Teacher Conferences and taught in the late fall. In accordance with diocesan policy, parents have the right for their children not to participate.

### **Family Life**



We share the conviction that the best catechesis in sexuality comes first from a loving family at home. We also know how important it is to keep parents in this process by working with them and providing them with the best and most appropriate materials .

The Family Life program for grades K-8 will start in February, 2012. As grade 5 deals with the changing body and reproduction, we will also schedule a special evening program with a speaker brought in to address the students and their parents.

All parents will have the opportunity to review the Family Life materials before these classes begin.

### **Steps to Respect Program**

*Steps to Respect* is an eight step program for grades K-8 to educate students on the skills of: conflict resolution, problem solving, making positive peer choices, anger management, and self-respect. It is taught twice a month on Mass days in lieu of Religion class.



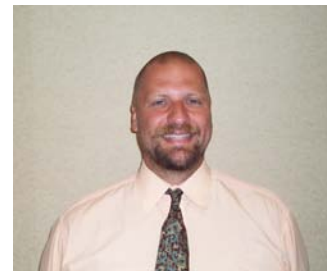
## Rationale for Grading Religion

The students' religion grade is based on their concrete evidence of mastery of Catholic Doctrine, Dogma, and principles presented in each grade level program. The information is gathered by use of assessments such as tests, quizzes, homework assignments, written projects, and the ability to orally recite grade level appropriate prayers.

**We do not** assess the integration of Doctrine, Dogma, and principles in our students' personal lives.

## The Teacher as Catechist

The perfect model of a Catholic teacher is Jesus Christ. The quality of Jesus' teaching is proven by the influence He had on the lives of the people He taught, especially the lives of his disciples. Jesus taught them by actions and words supported with the teachings of Scripture. All persons are called to be Catechists through their Baptism into the Catholic Church. As Catholic school educators we are all expected to model the teachings of Christ regardless of the subject being taught. Therefore, all teachers in their individual classes are Catechists. To spread the good news of Jesus Christ at SS. Peter & Paul in our classes all teachers are certified Catechists through the Diocese of Joliet.



Mr. Joe Fedinec,  
Religion Department Chairman

### *Prayers to be learned:*

Kindergarten	Sign of the Cross; Prayers Before and After Meals; Guardian Angel Prayer; Hail Mary; Our Father
Grade 1	Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be; Act of Contrition
Grade 2	Morning Offering; Act of Contrition; Guardian Angel Prayer
Grade 3	Apostle's Creed
Grade 4	Acts of Faith, Hope, and Live; The Confiteor
Grade 5	The Angelus, Prayer of St. Francis; The Beatitudes
Grade 6	Come, Holy Spirit Psalms selected from textbook; The Rosary - Joyful
Grade 7	Hail, Holy Queen; Memorare; The Rosary – Sorrowful Mysteries
Grade 8	Nicene Creed; Magnificat; The Rosary – Glorious Mysteries

Prayers are reviewed in all grades after mastery at grade level. Mastery is to be determined by oral and/or written tests.