

Carroll Catholic  
Religious Education  
1607 N. West St.  
Carroll, IA 51401

This handbook is designed to serve as a guide for parents of in the CCRE Program. Please read it.

**CCSD Early Dismissal Days for K-5**  
**Classes start at 4:00. They can come a few minutes early, but not before 3:30 PM.**

Room Assignments 

Make sure your child knows their group for the first night.

Group


**If your child does not have a group listed do not send them until I let you know their group.**

**We are still in need of catechists for groups in grades 2, 3, and 5. The basic qualifications of a catechist are the same as parents sending children to CCRE – you care about children and your faith. Time can be a challenge, but priorities can be reconsidered. Two part time catechists can team up to deal with schedule conflicts and together be responsible for a group. Most groups have less than ten children. Please call me if you are interested or have a suggestion of someone that may be able to help.**

Thank you,

**Deacon Tim Murphy  
792 0513**

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*Christ's cross is the power of God. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18*

**Jesus died to give us life. His suffering means we can be surrounded by his love forever. We can never appreciate enough what Jesus' crucifixion means. The best way to experience the power of his cross is to accept Jesus' invitation to take up our cross and follow him. We may be reluctant at first, but we all know the joy we experience when we make sacrifices out of love for others. Parents do this all the time for their children. And our children learn from us. Last year CCRE children gave over \$400 to Operation Rice Bowl to help the poor. Many groups reached out to the needy in service projects. The 6<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> graders sent letters to a 12 year old with leukemia.**

**Suffering is a part of life and following Christ is hard. But as his followers sharing in his cross our suffering that to many seems meaningless join's with Christ's act to save the world. Much of the world does not see this. We join together as Carroll Catholic Religious Education to help our children live this redeeming mystery.**

**Your family is invited to join other CCRE families for a meal and a Mass to start off another year of CCRE and celebrate the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross September 14 starting at 6 PM in the school cafeteria.**



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**Regular Classes will begin September 21**

**One parent of each Sophomore must attend a Confirmation Meeting at 8:00 PM following classes in the cafeteria that night.**

## September Theme *Revelation*

God has fully revealed what we need to know to live in a close relationship with Him forever in the Jesus Christ. The Gospels tell us all about Jesus. They are short stories that a child can understand and yet the greatest saint can always learn more from them.



Eating dinner together is a regular event in a healthy family. The simple ritual of eating and talking at a table can do so much. That is why Jesus left us with a meal (the Mass) and not a textbook. To appreciate Jesus' action in your family's life more, have a special meal together once a week and--

Recall / read Sunday's Gospel, and let each person answer the question.

**September 4 - Showing others what is right** *Matthew 18:15-20*

How can you help another person do the right thing?

**September 11 – Forgiveness** *Matthew 18:21-35*

When have you forgiven someone who treated you unfairly?

**September 18 – God's generosity** *Matthew 20:1-16*

Which do you like more, being treated justly or being treated with love and care?

**September 25 – Doing God's will** *Matthew 21:28-32*

Why is it important to follow through on your promises to others?

### **Philosophy of Carroll Catholic Religious Education**

*“Parents are the first and foremost catechists of their children. They communicate values and attitudes by showing love for Christ and His Church and for each other, by reverently receiving the Eucharist and living in its spirit, and by fostering justice and love in all their relationships. Their active involvement in the parish, their readiness to seek opportunities to serve others and their practice of frequent and spontaneous prayer, all make meaningful their professions of belief. Parents nurture faith in their children by showing them the richness and beauty of lived faith.”* (from the US bishop's *Sharing the Light of Faith*)

THEREFORE, Parents are asked to **S H A R E** :

**S** **stress** the importance of learning about your child's faith by talking about and taking an interest in what was done in the religious education class. You can discuss the month's theme. (See Revelation above.)

**H** **help** your child actively practice his/her faith by attendance at Sunday mass and daily prayer (mealtime and bedtime are good times). Designate a certain sacred space or area in the house to display a crucifix and the Bible, where family members go to read it. Also, assist your child with the memorization of formal prayers. (See prayers enclosed.)

**A** **accept** primary responsibility for the religious education of your child.

**R** **re-enforce** the catechist's attempt to maintain a teachable atmosphere in the classroom. The catechist has a right to receive the respect from your child and proper conduct in the classroom.

**E** **encourage** good attendance at religious education classes.

**Parents are expected to share their talents as a CCRE volunteer at least once a year.**

## ATTENDANCE

Students will progress in class only if they attend regularly and come prepared. **Please notify the DRE if your child/children will not be attending class** by contacting the religious education office (792-0513 or [ccre@win-4-u.net](mailto:ccre@win-4-u.net)) or sending a note to the class on that day. This is for their safety as well as accountability.

## CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation of classes will be automatic if Carroll Community schools are dismissed early that day due to severe weather. If severe weather occurs after school dismisses, but before Religious Education sessions start, tune to announcements on Radio Station KCIM/KKRL/KIKD. The director will contact the schools and radio station whenever classes are canceled. Catechists need to listen to the radio or call the director for cancellation information. Cancellations will also be posted on the CCRE webpage.



## DISCIPLINE

Young people sometimes need help setting priorities. Learning cannot take place unless the environment has order and purpose, where every person and all property are respected. Further more, religious education classes are short in length. In order for catechists to have enough time to teach the necessary concepts, they are not expected to spend a lot of time on discipline.



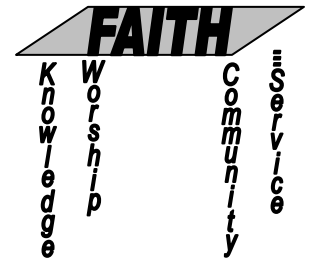
### Established Religious Education Board Discipline Policy:

1. Minor discipline problems are handled directly by the catechist in the classroom.
2. The first time a major problem occurs, the student is dismissed from class and reports to the office. The DRE meets with the student to discuss the problem and possible solutions. The student remains in the office for the remainder of that class period. The DRE also visits with the catechist after class that night. A letter is sent to the parents about the problem.
3. If the student is asked to leave class a second time, he or she again reports to the office. The DRE again visits with the student and talks to the catechist. Parents are contacted, and the student will not be allowed to attend class again until a conference has been held with the parent, student, DRE and catechist. At this conference, options on discipline in the future will be presented and agreed upon by all present.

## Curriculum Overview

**Your home is, by far, the most important center for forming the faith of your child.** It is there that the Word of God takes root and is nurtured through your love, care, guidance, and the principles by which you live. Your view of the community, society, and the world you live in, and most importantly – your relationship with God have a big influence on your child's faith development. Catechists are here to assist you in instilling the Catholic knowledge, traditions, attitudes, and behaviors in your child. Together, we work to form and mentor these young people in the Catholic way of life. When children learn about their faith, they commonly challenge parents and catechists to practice what they preach and teach.

The Catholic way of life is based upon our baptismal call to carry on the ministry of Jesus in the mission of the Church. This mission of the Church is a **community** that **worships** together and **serves** others especially by spreading the **message** of the Good News. Therefore, the following standards for religious education are built on these **four areas** for a balanced formation in the Catholic way of life like the legs of a table.



These standards are rooted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Though goal oriented, these standards by no means satisfy our total response to Jesus' command to love God with our whole mind, our whole heart, and our whole soul, but are a step in helping our children to be able to unreservedly make that response.

## Grade Level Standards

**Children that complete the entire program receive the two basic books of our faith: a Bible in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and the Catholic Faith Handbook in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**Kindergarten:** To show God's love for us is an invitation to love God and everyone in God's family.

**Grade 1:** To develop an awareness of God the Creator, who gives us life and grace and promises us eternal life through Jesus.

**Grade 2:** To present Jesus as the model for Christian living, and to introduce the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist.

**Grade 3:** To deepen the child's understanding of the Church and to help the child experience the Church as a Christian community.

**Grade 4:** To help the child form a conscience according to the teachings of the Catholic Church and to learn the basics of Christian morality as taught in the Old and New Testaments.

**Grade 5:** To help the child understand Catholic sacramental rituals and thus become a more conscious and active participant in the church's sacramental life.

**Grade 6:** To help the child understand the revelation of God in the Old Testament.

**Grade 7:** To enable youth to apply the teachings of Jesus to their lives.

**Grade 8:** To enable youth to gain a deeper understanding of Catholic Church history that is continually unfolding under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**Grade 9:** To enable youth to understand our basic beliefs in the Creed on a more mature level and to identify and respond to issues of peace and social justice in today's society.

**Grades 10:** To help youth appreciate how God acts in our lives in the Sacraments.

**Grade 11:** To challenge youth to live moral lives and to take an active role in the Church with the guidance of sponsors in preparation for Confirmation.

**Sacrament Policy:** The Sacraments are free gifts from God. As such no one can be denied a Sacrament, but they can be asked to be well prepared. The Church does have the responsibility to make sure members are properly prepared to understand, receive, and grow in the grace they will receive. Ideally this is a part of a life long journey of faith. But because some wait until the last possible moment to prepare, some minimum requirements are necessary: Children must be enrolled in the CCRE program for at least 2 years before receiving a Sacrament. This means to be confirmed in 11<sup>th</sup> grade one must attend 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and to receive first communion in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade one must attend 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Those that miss this usual path will receive special instruction during their second year in the program before receiving a sacrament..

## Religious Education Board



**Our Mission Statement:** The Religious Education Board will improve the quality of Catholic Education in our community, by providing support and guidance to families and catechists.

The best way for the members of the board do this is by communication with you. The names and phone numbers of board members are listed below for you. Please consult with them on issues, suggestions, and concerns you feel need attention by the Board.

	Mandy Lawler	775-2008 Holy Spirit	
Angie Gladden	792-2769 St. Lawrence	Alan Loew	775-2101 Holy Spirit
Lois Behrens	669-3616 Holy Angels	Kim Nees	792-5922 Mt. Carmel

The better we communicate the better we can work together to make our program excellent. There are several ways you can contact me: Weekday afternoons are the best time to catch me in my office at



St. Lawrence Rectory at **1607 N. West Street.**

My phone number is **792-0513. To leave a message- ext. 13**

My email is [ccre@win-4-u.net](mailto:ccre@win-4-u.net) .

The CCRE webpage is at  
<http://www.saintlawrencecarroll.org/childrenyouthministry/ccre.html>

And of course, I am in the halls class nights. I will send out a monthly newsletter on the last class of each month by your youngest child.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Tim Murphy  
 Director of Religious Education

# Prayers to Know

Prayer is an integral part of our faith. There are many kinds of prayers. Saying what is in your heart to God is the best prayer to model for your children. Children should experience a variety of ways to pray including both memorized prayers and spontaneous prayers.

**Parents need to help children learn these prayers and make them a part of their lives** to pray together as a family and a church.

## Kindergarten

The Sign of the Cross In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to who his love commits me here, ever this day (night) be at my side, to light and guard, and rule and guide. Amen

## Grade 1

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

## Grade 2

### An Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen.

### Prayer Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord and these Your gifts, which we are about to receive from Your bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Grade 3

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead; On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Continued*

#### Morning Offering

I thank you, Heavenly Father, for giving me another day, I offer you the things I do, and everything I think and say. With you Son and Holy Spirit, helping me in all I do, I want to use your gifts to me, to show You that I love You, Amen.



#### **Grade 4**

**The Rosary** The mysteries and how to say it will be sent home when introduced at CCRE

#### **Grade 5**

#### An Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; I believe that your Divine Son became man and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because You revealed them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

#### An Act of Hope

O my God, relying on Your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

### *5<sup>th</sup> Grade Continued*

#### An Act of Love

O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

#### **Grade 6**

#### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

#### Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.  
Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to comfort; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardon; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen

Praying doesn't stop at Grade 7.

By reviewing through the years and modeling a life of prayer your child will have the roots for a rich prayer life.

And don't forget the greatest pray for all ages: **Mass**