

St. Malachy CCD Parent Guide 2018-19

The purpose of the St. Malachy Religious Education Program is to assist parents in the teaching of the faith within a curriculum of study (doctrine/morality) providing opportunities and preparation for the reception of Sacraments, prayer, a deeper understanding of Scripture, Christian service and participation in the community as the Body of Christ in the world.

Registration Fees...

One Child- \$50.00

Two Children- \$65.00

Three or More Children- \$80.00

The registration fees for children who enroll in the program help cover the cost of texts, supplies and other activities. We need and appreciate the financial support of our parents. If a family cannot pay the registration fee, please contact the CCD coordinator. No student will be denied participation in the program due to lack of payment.

Emergency Contact Information...

Parents are asked to complete an Emergency/Medical Form for each child in the program. It is important that the information be updated yearly or as changes occur. Please notify the office at 309-944-5393 if a student's address, contact information, or health needs change.

Medical Needs...

Please make sure that the CCD teacher and coordinator are aware of any medical needs your child may have. We need to be aware of epipens, inhalers and any other medicines or medical conditions. Aside from epipens and inhalers, do not send any medications to CCD with your child.

Absenteeism...

We encourage all students to attend class each week. Please email the CCD coordinator at ehofer@stmalgeneseo.or or notify the church office at 309-944-5393 prior to 2:00 p.m. if your child will be absent.

Class Cancellation Policy...

If Geneseo schools are closed due to weather, CCD will be cancelled. If adverse conditions develop later in the day, call the church office at 309-944-5393 or check the website (www.saintmalachy.org).

Safe Environment...

We recognize that the safety of your children is always uppermost in your mind. We have taken many additional steps in recent years to do our part in ensuring that your children will be in a safe place when they are participating in a program at St. Malachy Church. All of our staff and volunteers have received the required background checks and training.

Sacramental Preparation for Older Children...

In cases where children have not been prepared at the usual age level for sacramental preparation in our parish, parents should contact the CCD coordinator as soon as possible to make arrangements.

K-5 Pick Up/Drop Off Procedure...

If your child is walking or biking home after CCD, a signed consent form must be on record in the office.

When dropping students off, please enter the east drive and follow the drive around the north end of the school to the playground and then exit the west drive.

When picking students up, please enter the east drive and form a line that wraps around the outer edge of the northeast end of the parking lot. Students will be dismissed from the east school exit.

6-7 Pick Up/Drop Off Procedure...

When dropping off and picking up students, please enter the east drive and form a line that wraps around the northeast end of the parking lot. Students will enter and be dismissed from the main school doors that face northeast.

Discipline...

The purpose of discipline is to facilitate and promote a sense of moral responsibility, to create an environment for learning, and to help build persons of character who are able to act independently, make decisions and live unselfishly. Teachers are primarily responsible for creating positive discipline in the classroom. Students are expected to cooperate with reasonable rules and guidelines.

Curriculum...

Kindergarten-will use *Faith First Kindergarten* which has been developed to provide children with a readiness for future catechesis.

Grades 1 and 3-6 will use *Be My Disciples* from RCL/Benziger. This program uses a Christ-centered and truly balanced approach to catechesis- Doctrine, Scripture, Tradition and Spirituality. *Be My Disciples* will lead children to:

- *Grow in their relationship with Jesus
- *Accept the demands of Discipleship
- *Decide each day to choose life in Christ
- *Live as active members of the Catholic Church

2nd Grade will use the *Blessed* series in preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion.

6th Grade also uses ENCOUNTER: Experiencing God in the Everyday. This is a Bible Study program that reveals the story of our faith and God's plans for our lives.

7th Grade's curriculum comes from St. Mary's Press and is called Catholic Connections for Middle Schoolers. It leads Catholic youth to a deeper relationship with Jesus and inspires them to follow him.

Online Resources for Parents...

Kindergarten: <http://faithfirst.com/family.html>

1st-6th Grade: www.bemydisciples.com

7th Grade: www.smp.org/CatholicConnections...Chosen by Ascension Press

Volunteers...

We need many volunteers to keep our program running successfully. If you have any interest in being a volunteer, please contact the CCD coordinator.

CCD Coordinator

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