

**HOLY NAME
OF JESUS** 
CATHOLIC CHURCH

***Sunday Morning
Religious Education***

2017-2018

Holy Name of Jesus

89 N. 17th Ave.

Beech Grove, IN 46107

317-784-5454

Monday-Thursday 7:30am-5:30pm

*Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul, and with all your might.
Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.
Recite them to your children and talk about them
when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.
Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

Religious Ed Calendar

Date	Time	Details
Aug 6	10:35am	Family Social and Orientation
Aug 13	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Aug 20	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Aug 27	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Sept 3		No Classes
Sept 10	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Sept 17	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Sept 24	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Oct 1	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Oct 8	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Oct 15		No Classes
Oct 22		No Classes
Oct 29	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Nov 5	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Nov 12	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Nov 19	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Nov 26		No Classes
Dec 3	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Dec 10	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Dec 17	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Dec 24		No Classes
Dec 31		No Classes
Jan 7	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Jan 14		No Classes
Jan 21	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Jan 28	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Feb 4	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Feb 11	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Feb 18		No Classes
Feb 25	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Mar 4	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Mar 11	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Mar 18		No Classes
Mar 25		No Classes (Palm Sunday)
Apr 1		No Classes (Easter Sunday)
Apr 8	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Apr 15	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Apr 22	10:35-11:25am	Classes
Apr 29	10:35-11:25am	Classes
May 6	10:35-11:25am	Classes
May 13		No Classes (Mother's Day)
May 20	10:35-11:25am	End of Classes

All classes are on Sunday morning in the Holy Name School.

Dear Parents,

The mission of religious formation at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church is to encourage lifetime growth in the Catholic faith by drawing upon our rich spiritual and intellectual heritage and sharing it with our children. The main goal of all faith formation is communion with Jesus Christ through his bride, the Church.

Faith formation is a lifelong process that involves everyone at the parish in different ways. Created in the image and likeness of God, we are given a mind to ask important questions. We are also given the ability to seek the truth and to understand what God has planned for us. We are all seeking Christ together, and together we are here to support one another.

Through various formation programs Holy Name provides catechesis for children age 4 through the 8th grade. Standards and curriculum for this formation are developed under the guidance of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Through faith formation, the parish seeks to work in partnership with parents to assist the development of their child(ren)'s faith and prayer life.

Children who were baptized as infants prepare to receive First Penance and First Eucharist in the 2nd grade. Those in 8th grade prepare to receive Confirmation. In order to prepare for these sacraments children need to participate in a formal faith formation program either through the parish or the school.

Holy Name offers formal religious education classes for children age 4 through 5th grade. These classes are held in the school on Sunday mornings from 10:35am to 11:25am, beginning August 6.

Holy Name offers a middle school youth ministry program that seeks to serve our youth in 6th-8th grade spiritually, emotionally and socially. It meets twice per month for an educational evening and a service project. The group meets in the Holy Name gym from 6:00-7:30pm on the scheduled Sundays. Service projects are on scheduled Saturday mornings.

During the summer, Holy Name also offers Vacation Bible School. This is a week-long extravaganza filled with music, dancing, skits and projects that teach and apply Catholic beliefs and values. VBS is a fun time that many of the adult leaders enjoy just as much as the children. It takes place in June.

If you have questions or concerns, or if you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please feel free to contact me by email jchrisman@holyname.cc or by phone 784-5454. I look forward to a great year.

Sincerely,



Mr. Joseph Chrisman
Pastoral Associate

Contacts

- Feel free to contact the Holy Name parish office at 317-784-5454. It is open Monday – Thursday from 7:30am until 5:30pm.
- Pastor: Rev. Robert J. Robeson frrobesson@holyname.cc
- Pastoral Associate: Mr. Joseph Chrisman jchrisman@holyname.cc
- Faith Formation Liaison: Mr. Jonathan Chamblee
- Kindergarten/1st: Ms. Deirdre Tiernan
- 2nd Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Andrew and Miriam Diez
- 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade: Ms. Kathleen Tiernan

Expectations

- Parents/Guardians
 - Ensure that children attend classes regularly and on time.
 - Communicate any special needs or circumstances that may affect their child within the classroom.
 - Be an active part of their child's faith formation.
 - Attend Sunday Mass.
- Participants
 - Attend classes regularly.
 - Treat others with respect.
 - Follow instructions.
 - Contribute to the learning experience.
 - Attend Sunday Mass.
- Catechists
 - Provide a loving, Christian environment for learning and faith formation.
 - Prepare and teach from the Archdiocesan Curriculum guide.
 - Be a Catholic Christian role model.
 - Attend Sunday Mass.

General Program Instructions

The aim of the entire endeavor of faith formation is communion with Jesus Christ. At Holy Name of Jesus we take seriously that parents are the primary educators of their children. In cooperation with you, we seek to offer age appropriate faith formation for our children so that together we might grow in communion with Jesus Christ. Remember, faith formation is not solely about learning information. Jesus taught his followers many things, but he also sent them out to do what he did. Faith formation should continue throughout the week.

On the day of our child's baptism we promised to raise our child in the faith, namely, that we would teach them God's commandments and show them how to live the Christian life. This means that we participate in the sacramental life of the Church frequently and consistently.

Of primary importance is Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass attendance. Gathered together in Jesus' name, we offer worship to God, and we receive the great gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, which means, everything we do should reflect that we are dedicated followers of Jesus Christ.

Saturday Evening Mass	Sunday Morning Masses
5:00pm	7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30 am

Also of great importance is receiving the sacrament of penance. This sacrament offers us the opportunity to unburden ourselves of any sin and to receive reconciliation. Penance offers healing to a damaged relationship with God and with our neighbors. Catholics are to go to confession at least once per year, but once per month is a good idea.

Monday Confession	Wednesday Confession	Saturday Confession
5:00-5:30pm	6:15-7:00pm	3:30-4:30pm

Finally, prayer is essential to the Christian life. We need some time for personal prayer, but we also need to pray in our families. John Paul II called the family the "primary school or virtue" in which children first learn who God is and how to pray. This foundation is crucial.

Note: Be sure to check the weekly bulletin for changes in the schedule and Holy Days.

Pick up and Drop off

- This year classes fit between the 9:30 and 11:30am masses. There might be the rare occasion that 9:30 mass will run long, but we tried to minimize that possibility with the schedule.
- Class begins at 10:35am. Please be on time.
- **Children should not enter the class before 10:30am.**
- Enter through door # 2, or the "Main School Entrance." Parents, please park and escort your child to his or her class. **Please sign in.**
- At the conclusion of class, please enter through the same main door and come to your child's class to collect him or her. **Please sign out.**
- Children will only be released to a parent or guardian or another authorized adult. Please make arrangements beforehand.

Class Cancellation

- If for any reason, we need to cancel class, Joe Chrisman will post an announcement on Holy Name's Facebook page. Additionally, he will email the announcement to the email that is on file.

Attendance and Absences

- Attendance is expected, especially for those in a sacramental preparation year.
- If your child needs to be absent, please notify Joe Chrisman at jchrisman@holyname.cc and/or your child's teacher.
- Repeated absences will result in a conference with Fr. Bob.

Discipline

- The catechist or program leader will attempt to handle any discipline issues, should they occur, immediately. However, we strive to take a proactive approach to discipline. The behavior expectations of all participants are:
 - Treat others in a Christian manner.
 - Behavior in class should reflect the reason for being there: communion with Jesus.
 - Disrespectful, rude, or foul language and/or disrespectful attitude will not be tolerated.
 - Follow directions and instructions.
 - Respect others and the property.

Communication

- Email is the primary way of communicating information for religious education. Please be sure to check your email.
- If you have complaints or concerns, please direct them to Joe Chrisman.
- If you have a complaint or concern about Joe, please direct it to Fr. Bob.

Finally

Please take your child to Mass on Sundays. The Church obliges the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evening) and Holy Days of Obligation. Sit where he or she can easily see, and share your experiences with each other.

May this year be filled with many blessings, and may we succeed in bringing Christ's presence into the world.