

# Parish of THE IMMACULATE



## Parish Faith Formation Handbook 2017-2018

Welcome!

On behalf of Immaculate Parish, I welcome you to our Faith Formation program. Our Catechetical Staff looks forward to joining our students and families in getting to know more about Jesus AND nurturing our relationships with Him.

May God bless us in our journey together.

If you need anything, please feel free to drop me a line, call, or come & visit. I'm here to serve you and would be happy to help.

God Bless,

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### ***Parish of the Immaculate Mission Statement***

*We, the people of Immaculate Parish are committed to the Mission of Jesus Christ and His Church. As the people of God, our Mission is:*

- *To grow in knowledge of our Catholic Faith leading to a deeper understanding of life with God.*
- *To come together to love and worship God in the Eucharistic Liturgy and Sacraments that are vibrant with true Faith.*
- *To take this faith and serve God by dedicating our time, talent and treasure to live, teach and proclaim the Good New of Jesus to all people.*

*We devote ourselves to this Mission through the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Mary Immaculate.*



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Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm

Mass Schedule  
Saturday Vigil 4:30pm  
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## **Fundamentals of Faith**

The Fundamentals of our faith should be taught to every child. Immaculate Parish Faith Formation Program is held each Wednesday evening weekly from August to May from 6:15 – 7:30pm. This is not a sufficient time to teach everything our children need to know. We acknowledge that the parents are the first teachers of their children. We sincerely hope that the whole family will be involved, especially with the younger children, learning these fundamentals. All students of the Diocese are expected to learn the prayers/concepts for their present school grade, as well as the items listed for all previous grade levels. (This comes from the Diocesan Handbook. If you would like a copy of this just **Ask Us!**)

To review the prayers, please see <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/prayer/traditional-catholic-prayers>.

To review the concepts, please see <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/scripture-and-tradition/catholic-basics>.

### Kindergarten

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer Before Meals
- Prayer After Meals
- Hail Mary

### First Grade

- The Lord's Prayer
- Glory Be
- Morning Offering
- Guardian Angel Prayer
- (Plus Kindergarten)

### Second Grade (First Sacraments)

- Act of Contrition (Act of Sorrow)
- Preparation for First Penance
- Preparation for First Communion
- Responses at Mass
- (Plus Kindergarten & First)

### Third Grade

- Seven Sacraments
- <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/sacraments>
- Ten Commandments
- (Plus Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2)

### Fourth

- Apostles Creed
- Act of Faith

Act of Hope  
Act of Love  
(Plus Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 and 3)

#### Fifth

Beatitudes  
Holy Days of Obligation  
(Plus Kindergarten, Grades 1,2,3 and 4)

#### Sixth

Hail Holy Queen  
Rosary (How to pray)  
Mysteries  
(Plus K, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)

#### Seventh

Corporal Works of Mercy  
Spiritual Works of Mercy  
(Plus K, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)

#### Eighth

Precepts of the Church  
Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
Fruits of the Holy Spirit  
Prayer to the Holy Spirit  
(Plus K, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7)



## **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

We expect parents to be examples of the faith by celebrating Mass every week as a family, being involved in the parish life, teaching their children prayers and fundamentals of the Catholic faith, seeing that their child(ren) come to Faith Formation classes weekly, attending meetings and retreats regarding Faith Formation especially Family Faith Nights, and setting an example of Christianity in their household.

## **REGISTRATION**

All children of the parish and other parishes are welcomed to the Faith Formation Program at Immaculate Parish. In order to maintain accurate and up-to-date information for both Parish and Faith Formation records, we ask you to complete ALL forms thoroughly. All the information on the registration form is important for the catechist and the Director of Faith Formation.

If a child has been absent from faith formation for several years, remedial instruction may be needed through testing, being put in lower grade, home schooling, tutoring or RCIA. Students will be assigned to the grade they are in school or an earlier grade if they need to make up for missed years. They will not be allowed to skip grades.

## **FEES**

There is no fee for a child to attend Faith Formation class whose family is a member. There is a \$35.00 fee for those children not from Immaculate Parish. Checks are to be made payable to Immaculate Parish. This fee is to be paid at time of registration, if possible. **NO CHILD WILL BE TURNED AWAY.** If there is difficulty paying this fee, please inform the Director and some type of arrangement will be made. If you choose, you may pay a little each week.

## **TEXTBOOKS**

All students are provided with a textbook for their use during class time. For that reason, books are kept at school and pages may be detached from the book and sent home after the lesson is completed. The Loyola series that we use (Grades K-7) includes parental components. Your child(ren) will come home with papers for you. Please use these to supplement their understanding of the subject taught.

## **SUPPLIES**

Immaculate Parish will provide all necessary materials for each child. We ask that no toys, no electronic devices including lasers, game boys, iPods, or mp3 players be brought to Faith Formation classes. Cell phones should be dropped in the basket prior to class (unless they are using them for class). Any violation of this may result in confiscation of the phone.

## **ATTENDANCE**

The Faith Formation Program at Immaculate Parish provides every child who so desires an opportunity to learn and grow in faith. Children are expected to attend at least 75% of classes (22/30). If a child will be absent, either due to athletics, or due to illness, parents should contact Diane Willis email [dwillis@immaculateparish.org](mailto:dwillis@immaculateparish.org) or text 270-316-2749 or call 270-683-0689 or it will be necessary for your child to make up the missed work.

## HOMESCHOOL

Parents who homeschool their children are asked to show proof of their children's work (textbook or written/oral assessments). This is to ensure that the objectives for that particular grade are covered prior to the child entering back into the Parish Faith Formation Program and/or prior to the child celebrating a sacrament.

## FAMILY FAITH NIGHTS

Four times this year, you will be invited as a family (siblings included) to participate in Family Faith Nights. The night will consist of a prayer, a presentation and an activity revolving around the subject matter for the evening. Activities will be geared for four different age groups so families can decide which activity would best suit their family. Parents are expected to be present at each Family Faith Night.

## WEATHER

Sometimes it becomes necessary because of weather to cancel classes. Any cancellations will be announced on local radio stations as soon as a decision has been made and sent to you via Call-Em-All or Text-em-All. **When either school (county or city) are out due to weather, there will be no class that evening.**

## COMMUNICATION

Our parish bulletin & website [www.immaculateparish.org](http://www.immaculateparish.org) provides current information on happenings in our Faith Formation. Please read the bulletin weekly for upcoming events. A monthly newsletter will also be sent on the last Wednesday of the month.

## USE OF ROOMS

We are asked to leave the classrooms clean and in order. We are to use only the materials that belong to us and not disturb any of the belongings of the Owensboro Catholic Middle School. **STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BRING FOOD FROM HOME OR GUM INTO THE CLASSROOMS.**

## DISCIPLINE

Life as a Christian is a commitment to live by the example of Jesus Christ. This commitment includes the acceptance of students and their responsibility to respect the rights of others. The Diocese of Owensboro requires that every child read and discuss with parents the CODE OF CONDUCT for their age level and return it to their catechist.

Students are expected to attend class regularly, participate in discussions and activities, and respect their teachers and other students. In instances of extreme behavior such as (but not limited to) **abusive language, fighting, vandalism, and disrespect to the teacher or students, stealing, or leaving the premises without permission**, a conference with student, parent, parish director of program and/or pastor may result. Dismissal from the program could result if issues are not resolved.

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

As members of Immaculate Parish, we ask parents to share their time, talent and treasure with our Faith Formation Program. We ask each family to commit themselves to helping the program through action and prayer. All volunteers who work directly with children must follow the Diocesan Safe Environment policies and complete all necessary training and background checks. Those who are non-supervisory (help indirectly) will sign the Non-Supervisory Adult Code of Conduct.

Some opportunities for volunteering include “Pray-er” (someone to listen to children’s memorized prayers), or dismissal (2 people to take names, help children into their cars, direct traffic). You may sign up using Sign-Up Genius.

Pray-ers - [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A094DAAAE2FA31-prayers](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A094DAAAE2FA31-prayers)

Dismissal - [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A094DAAAE2FA31-dismissal1](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/70A094DAAAE2FA31-dismissal1)

## **SAFETY**

The safety of our children is very important to us! All students are to enter and exit from the rear door of Owensboro Catholic Middle School. No student is to leave the building after arriving at the school. After 6:30pm the door will be locked for safety reasons. If picking up children early, please knock. When picking up your child(ren), please pull around to the back of the Owensboro Catholic Middle School (same as drop-off) and give your name to the traffic supervisor.

Throughout the year, the Director of Faith Formation will review with the catechists and students the Emergency Procedures used in regards to severe weather, fire, and lockdown.

## **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES**

### **ARRIVAL**

Please enter the driveway around the OCMS/Immaculate Church campus at the south entrance. Upon entering the driveway from Christie Place, drive to the end of the second west door of the school building (facing the football field). Drive to the speed bump and stop for the passengers to unload anywhere in the loading/unloading zone. There will be an adult at the door to receive the students. This is the only door which will be used to enter the building. Students will be allowed to enter the building beginning at **6:00pm**. (Class begins at 6:15pm.) Upon entering the building, students will go directly to the cafeteria for gathering. Drivers should proceed to the north exit on Christie Place.

### **DISMISSAL**

Please enter the driveway around the OCMS/Immaculate Church campus at the south entrance and park in one of the four spaces (when available) in the loading/unloading zone. After the four spaces are filled, all other cars may line up in two lanes behind the four vehicles. These two lanes may extend to but not into Christie Place. A traffic monitor will ask you to identify who you are picking up. Please do not arrive prior to 7:15. Actual dismissal will begin at 7:30pm.



At dismissal, students will line up in the hallway nearest the dismissal door. A monitor outside will get the family names to a monitor inside. A helper will assist with safely loading the students. When all four cars in the zone are loaded, a traffic monitor will signal car 1 to leave, cars 2, 3, and 4 to follow single file behind the school to the north exit on Christie Place. When all 4 cars have moved away, the next four cars may drive forward.

### **PARKED CARS**

Those helping for the evening and Catechists/aides may park in the parking area behind the church and/or behind the school annex. Do not block areas used to drop off/pick up students. The west school door will be the only door which will be unlocked. It will be open each evening at 5:30pm for catechists/aides only.

### **CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

Kindergarten – Room 6

First – Room 7

Second – Room 5

Third – Room 4

Fourth – Room 8

Fifth – Room 10

Sixth – Room 13

Seventh – Room 11

Eighth – Room 9

Traffic- Room 12

Attendance – Room 12

## Catechist and Aides Roster

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## Parish of the Immaculate Faith Formation 2017-2018

Wed, August 2	6:00pm	Catechist Orientation
Wed, August 16	6:00-7:30	Registration for Faith Formation (Parents & students) Join us for Mass at 5:30
Wed, August 23	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Sat, August 26	8am-noon	Catechist Certification: Theological Reflection
Sun, August 27	11am-2pm	Confirmandi & Parent Mini Retreat <b>REQUIRED</b>
Wed, August 30	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation <b>FAMILY FAITH NIGHT</b>
Wed, September 6	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Wed, September 13	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
September 16-17	All Masses	Catechetical Sunday: blessing of teachers
Wed, September 20	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
	7:30-8:00	Catechist Meeting
Wed, September 27	6:00pm	<b>WEST DEANERY MASS &amp; DINNER WITH THE BISHOP @ St. Alphonsus</b>
Fri, September 29	7:30-4:30	Confirmation Retreat at Gasper River <b>REQUIRED</b>
Wed, October 4	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Wed, October 11		No Faith Formation; Fall Break
Wed, October 18	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Sun, October 22	11am-2pm	Confirmandi & Sponsor Mini Retreat <b>REQUIRED</b>
Wed, October 25	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation <b>FAMILY FAITH NIGHT</b>
Sat, October 28	8am-noon	Catechist Certification: Intro to Scripture
Wed, November 1	5:30pm	Holy Day Mass – All Saints Day
	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
November 4-5	All Masses	Confirmandi Rite of Enrollment
Wed, November 8	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation: Safe Environment
	7:30-8:00	Catechist Meeting
Wed, November 15	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Sun, November 19	11am-1pm	First Reconciliation Mini Retreat (Students & Parents) <b>REQUIRED</b>
Mon, November 20	6pm-7:30pm	First Reconciliation Mini Retreat (Students & Parents) <b>REQUIRED</b>
Wed, November 22		No Faith Formation; Thanksgiving Break
Wed, November 29	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Wed, December 6	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Wed, December 13	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
December 20 & 27		No Faith Formation; Christmas Break

Wed, January 3	6:15-7:30 7:30-8:00	Faith Formation Catechist Meeting
Mon, January 8		Confirmation Letters to the Bishop due
Wed, January 10	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Wed, January 17	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Sat, January 20	12-5pm	<b>CONFIRMATION DAY @ THE CATHEDRAL REQUIRED</b>
Wed, January 24	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Sat, January 27	8am-noon	Catechist Certification: Catechist as Minister
Sat, January 27	12:00pm	First Reconciliation Reception Set-up
Sun, January 28	11:15am	Interviews for Confirmation <b>REQUIRED</b>
Sun, January 28	2:00	<b>First Reconciliation</b> + Reception
Wed, January 31	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation <b>FAMILY FAITH NIGHT</b>
Sat, February 3	9:00am	Confirmation Rehearsal for Candidates & Sponsors
Sun, February 4	10:00	Celebration of the Sacrament of <b>Confirmation</b> + Reception
Wed, February 7	6:15-7:30 7:30-8:00	Faith Formation Catechist Meeting
Wed, February 14		No Faith Formation; Ash Wednesday
Wed, February 21	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Wed, February 28	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation (ACRE Test for 5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
Wed, March 7	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Wed, March 14	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Sat, March 17	8am-12 noon	Catechist Certification: Intro to Sacraments
Sun, March 18	11am-1pm	First Communion Mini Retreat (Students & Parents) <b>REQUIRED</b>
Mon, March 19	6pm-7:30pm	First Communion Mini Retreat (Students & Parents) <b>REQUIRED</b>
Wed, March 21	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation <b>FAMILY FAITH NIGHT</b>
Wed, March 28	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Wed, April 4		No Faith Formation; Spring Break
Wed, April 11	6:15-7:30 7:30-8:00	Faith Formation Catechist Meeting
Wed, April 18	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Wed, April 25	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation
Sat, April 28	9:00-noon	First Communion Rehearsal and Mini Retreat
Sun, April 29	10:00am	Celebration of <b>First Communion</b>
Wed, May 2	6:15-7:30	Faith Formation Marian Devotion & End of Year Picnic
Wed, May 9	5:30-7:00	Mass & Catechist Dinner
Sun, May 20	10:00am	Senior Recognition Mass & Breakfast

## Parish of the Immaculate Family Events 2017-2018

August 5-6	All Masses	Blessing of Backpacks
August 5	5:30pm	Steamer Fundraiser for Youth (Raise \$ for NCYC)
August 6	11:00am	Steamer Fundraiser for Youth (Raise \$ for NCYC)
August 12-13	All Masses	Blessing of Keys & Drivers
August 15	7/9/5:30	Holy Day: Assumption
August 19-20	All Masses	Blessing of Child in the Womb
August 21	All Day	BWW Fundraiser for Youth (Raise \$ for NCYC)
September 23	Afternoon	Parish BBQ and Raffle
September 24	After Masses	Youth Pancake Breakfast (Raise \$ for NCYC)
October 1	3:00-6:00	Parish Fall Festival
October 4	6:15pm	Blessing of Pets (St. Francis Day)
November 1	7/9/5:30	Holy Day: All Saints
December 2	9am-1pm	Camp Elf
December 2-3	All Masses	St. Nicholas
December 5	6:00pm	The Art of Advent
December 8	7/9/5:30	Holy Day: Immaculate Conception
February 13	6:00pm	Mardi Gras
Fridays of Lent	12 noon/5:30pm	Stations of the Cross
February 24-25	All Masses	Blessing of Child in the Womb
March 25-31		Holy Week
March 31	7:30pm	Easter Vigil
June 24-29	Tentatively	Vacation Bible School

### **Youth Group 2016-2017**

August 4	5:00-11:00pm	Steamer Fundraiser for Youth (Raise \$ for NCYC)
August 6	5:00pm	Youth Group Kickoff
August 13, 20, 27	6-8pm	Youth Group in August
August 21	All Day	BWW Fundraiser for Youth (Raise \$ for NCYC)
September 2		Walk for Life
September 10, 17, 24	6-8pm	Youth Group in September
September 24	After Masses	Youth Pancake Breakfast (Raise \$ for NCYC)
October 1	3-6pm	Fall Festival
October 15, 22, 29	6-8pm	Youth Group in October
November 15-18		NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference)
November 5, 12, 19	6-8pm	Youth Group in November
December 3, 10, 17	6-8pm	Youth Group in December
December 9		Youth Clean Hall (Raise \$)
January 7, 14, 21, 28	6-8pm	Youth Group in January
February 11, 18, 25	6-8pm	Youth Group in February
March 4, 11, 18, 25	6-8pm	Youth Group in March
March 9-11		Youth 2000
April 8, 15, 22, 29	6-8pm	Youth Group in April
May 6, 20	9-8pm	Youth Group in May

***Sacramental Dates***  
**First Reconciliation**

Sunday, November 19	11:00am	or
Monday, November 20	6:00pm	
Parent & Student Mini Retreat		<i>Bring Baptismal Certificate</i>

Sunday, January 28	2:00pm	<b>Celebration of First Reconciliation</b>
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**First Communion**

Sunday, March 18	11:00am	or
Monday, March 19	6:00pm	
Parent & Student Mini Retreat		

Saturday, April 28	9:00am	Pictures, Rehearsal and Mini Retreat
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Sunday, April 29	10:00am	<b>Celebration of First Communion</b>
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**Confirmation**

Sunday, August 27	11:00am	
Mini Retreat for Parents & Candidates,		<i>Bring baptismal certificates</i>

Friday, September 29	All Day	Retreat for Candidates @ Gasper River
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Sunday, October 22	11:00am	Mini Retreat for Sponsors & Candidates
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November 4-5	All Masses	<b>Confirmation Rite of Enrollment</b>
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Saturday, January 20	12:00-5:00pm	<b>Confirmation Day at the Cathedral</b>
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Sunday, January 28	11:15am	Confirmation Interviews
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Saturday, February 3	9:00am	Rehearsal for Candidates & Sponsors
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Sunday, February 4	10:00am	<b>Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation,</b> Reception afterwards
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## A Prayer for Family Commitment

Dear God our Father, you have called  
all Christian families to be a sign of your love  
to the world.

Help us to be generous with the gifts of life & love that you have showered on our family.  
May we share them so that our homes  
become true signs of unity and fruitful love.

Let us never forget to thank you each day  
for all that sustains us and to look to Christ,  
who comes to us in the events of family life,  
in the sacraments of the Church,  
and in service to the poor.

In all of this, our family becomes  
a living expression of your Church,  
a hallowed home of life and love.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may all of us—spouses, parents, and children—share, as members of his Body, in Jesus’  
mission to build a civilization of love.

Father, we ask this in Jesus’ name in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.