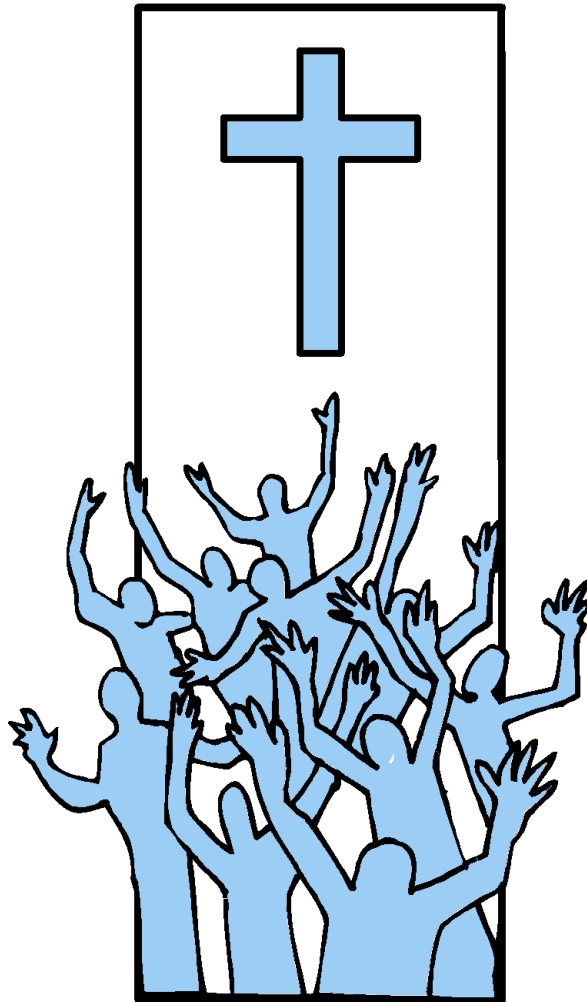


2024-2025

Faith Formation Handbook



Holy Rosary Parish

New Holstein, Wisconsin

The Mission of the
Faith Formation Department of Holy Rosary Parish
is to offer the youth of our parish
an opportunity to encounter Christ,
grow in their personal relationship with Him
and to learn about our Catholic faith.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH FAITH FORMATION DEPARTMENT

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September 11th, 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to this new year of Faith Formation. We are once again blessed to begin our year together in the classroom.

Your support of the children and our program is very important for their success. Please take the time to sit down with your child(ren) and review the material they bring home and/or talk to them about what their lesson was for the week. You may learn something along with them.

We will have opportunities throughout the year for you to assist us in some kind of volunteer opportunity. Please consider helping out when needed. Various areas include the Fall Festival, and Pizza Fundraiser.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at anytime if you have any questions or concerns. My door is always open. I can be reached on my cell phone 920-286-0374, or email at holyrosaryreled@gmail.com

I look forward to joining this journey with all of you and learn from both you and your child(ren) along the way. May this school year be a faith-filled year of fun, learning, and service. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you today and always.

Blessings,

Lindsay Schultz
Faith Formation Coordinator
Holy Rosary Parish

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

To better enable us to evangelize each of your children we ask you to consider the following ways to work with us:

- **BECOME INVOLVED** Your active participation in the Faith Formation program, as well as in the larger parish community, is an invaluable witness to your children, that you believe your faith and worship community are important.
- **FOSTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRAYER** Children need to learn basic Christian prayers: The Sign of the Cross, the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, the Act of Contrition, as well as the Glory Be. These are most successfully learned through doing: ***make prayer an important part of family life. Attend Mass regularly with children.*** Celebrate the liturgical seasons in your home (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost).
- **COMMUNICATE** Throughout the year you will receive letters from your son's/daughter's catechist or our Faith Formation Coordinator. Please read and respond to the communication sent home. Please feel free to contact the Faith Formation Office at any time for any reason.
- **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY** Class time is limited. Please be sure your children arrive for class on time. Notify our office, or your son's/daughter's catechist, before the beginning of class when you know he/she will not be attending the session on a given day or evening. Our catechists volunteer their time and efforts; please respect their time and efforts.
- **HOMEWORK** As with any learning opportunity, practice helps make us better at what we are trying to learn. The same goes for Faith Formation. There may be times when our catechists will be sending homework home to be completed for the following week. We encourage you to sit down with your child(ren) and go over the material.

Grades 1-8 will meet from 6:15-7:30 pm
Grades 9-11 will meet from 6:15-8:00 pm



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



❓ COST

Tuition for our Faith Formation program will be \$85 per child, with a tuition cap of \$235 per family. Confirmation students are \$52.50. There is a \$10.00 Sacramental fee for 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist. Scrip Tuition credits may also be earned to assist you with the tuition fees. There are payment options available for those in need. If you are in need of financial assistance, please contact the Faith Formation Coordinator. Cost should never be a reason to not have your children attend Faith Formation classes.

❓ SCRIP TUITION CREDITS

Scrip is an easy fundraiser our parish community has been participating in for many years. Parents in Divine Savior School and Holy Rosary Faith Formation Program can earn credits toward their tuition when Scrip is purchased from Holy Rosary. Scrip is gift cards, the same gift cards you can purchase at Piggly Wiggly, Kohl's, Mobil and BP gas stations, etc. When the parish purchases in bulk, we are able to purchase the cards at a discount from the merchants. Our parishioners then purchase the cards from the parish for face value.

Scrip is available after weekend Masses in the main wing of church, except holidays. Scrip is also available at Premier Financial Credit Union during banking hours or by calling the parish office. When purchasing scrip, please alert the scrip representative that you would like your purchase to be applied to your tuition credits. Friends and family members can also purchase scrip and have their purchase applied to your tuition credit. Any questions, please feel free to contact the office or ask any scrip representative after a weekend Mass.

❓ SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS Although Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist fall within the second grade, each student preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist must have attended classes for at least one previous year at Holy Rosary or their previous parish.

❓ COMMUNITY SERVICE

As baptized Christians, we are called to serve. As with learning to read and write, we need to teach our youth about service to others. As part of their lesson on service, we will be requiring all students in Grades 7-11 to complete 50 hours of community service, 10 hours a year before Confirmation. We ask that one half of the hours be in service to the Church and the other half to be in an area in the community. If the service will be participating in a ministry during a Mass at Holy Rosary, the student is required to sign the sign-in book in the sacristy to get credit for the service when they turn in their Community Service Form. Community service forms are available in the Faith Formation

Office or from the student's catechist. Forms need to be completed for each different type of service. The same form may be used for several dates of the same type of service (i.e. Serving, Ushering or Greeting at Mass, working at the Food Pantry, etc.). Forms can be returned to the Faith Formation Coordinator or to the student's catechist. If a student needs help finding an area of service, please contact the Faith Formation Coordinator. Encourage your child to start right away and not wait. Service can be a fun activity, waiting only makes it a chore.

Please Note – for those students in Grades 7-11, all students will be notified during the year how many community service hours they have turned into the Faith Formation Office.

ATTENDANCE

All youth of Holy Rosary Parish in first through twelfth grade, who attend local public schools, are expected to participate in the Faith Formation Program and related experiences at Holy Rosary or one of our linked parishes of St. Ann, St. Anna or SS. Peter & Paul, Kiel.

All of our lessons build on one another. When a child misses a class, he/she misses information that is important for understanding other concepts later. Each class is important. If absences are necessary, please help your child complete the missed sessions at home so they better understand the next lesson.

CLASS DISMISSAL

Students are free to leave once their class session has been released. With the traffic in the parking lot after classes, we need to make sure all children are safe. All students in grades 1-6 must be picked up by an adult/older sibling inside of the school building.

For those families who have a student in both the lower grades and high school, you may pick up all of your children at the same time. We will have a waiting area for those children who need to stay until the older student is finished. All children must be picked up by 8:00 pm.

CLASS CANCELLATION

When New Holstein Public Schools are closed or close early due to inclement weather, Faith Formation classes for that day are also canceled. If bad weather conditions develop after school hours, your catechist will call and notify you regarding cancellation. If unsure, please call the Faith Formation Coordinator at 920-286-0374, but parents, please use your best judgment. Your safety and the safety of the children are foremost.

❓ **ABSENTEEISM**

If a student is unable to attend classes due to illness or another valid reason, please call or email the Faith Formation Coordinator or your child's catechist. Attendance is the responsibility of parents. Therefore, the Faith Formation program as a courtesy, MAY call parents but it is not a basic responsibility to do so.

❓ **HOMEWORK**

Homework may be assigned from time to time to assist in the learning of our faith.

❓ **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Students may not use any electronic devices for personal use during class time. In each classroom there will be a place to put electronic devices as the students enter. If the student keeps his/her device and uses it during class it will be taken away and returned to them after class and the parents will be called.

❓ **DISCIPLINE**

Everyone is expected to conduct themselves in a Christian manner, respecting all Catechists, staff, students, and other people (regardless of age or race). Students should also respect the property and belongings of others, as well as materials and property of Holy Rosary Parish. When a problem arises, the following procedure will be followed:

- The Catechist will talk with the student and will issue a verbal warning.
- If the problem continues, the situation will be brought to the attention of the Program Director.
- After the second time the problem is brought to the director's attention, the parish's Pastoral Leader will be notified, and the parents will be contacted and expected to help correct the situation.
- If the problem persists after the student returns to the room, parents will be expected to attend with their student.
- If the problem cannot be rectified, the student may be asked not to return to the classroom and alternate study will be arranged.

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

Elementary and Middle School Program
Sadlier-We Believe Series K-8

Help young disciples learn, live, and hope in the Good News of Jesus Christ! We Believe with Project Disciple is a catechetical series that is proven, faithful, and dynamic.

To better serve our youth, two grades may be combined into one classroom. When this is the case, materials used may be one grade higher or one grade lower than what your child is in.

The following year, the materials used will reversed.

- First Grade-We Believe-God Loves Us
- Second Grade-We Believe-Jesus Shares God's Life
- Third Grade-We Believe-We are the Church
- Fourth Grade-We Believe-God's Law Guides Us
- Fifth Grade-We Believe-We Meet Jesus in the Sacraments
- Sixth Grade-We Believe-We are God's People
- Seventh Grade-We Live our Faith as Disciples of Jesus
- Eighth Grade-We Live our Faith as Members of the Church

For more information about this series please visit-<http://www.sadlierreligion.com/webelieve/>

High School Program

The Catholic Faith Youth Handbook

Alpha for Youth Series

We will be using a series called "Alpha for Youth". This program focuses not only on the student's head knowledge of our faith but more importantly on their relationship with one another and with our God.

This program is a series of 13 videos which are engaging and bring forward everyday conversation about who Jesus is and how He is relevant in our lives today

Catechist Information

Our catechists are freely giving of their time to assist our families with the faith formation of the youth in our parish. Please thank them for the work they do.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Catechist</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
1	Daisy DelCid	daisy301962@yahoo.com
2	Joan Nisler	nisler.joan@gmail.com
3	Diane Cherney	
4	Tammy Mertens	namikagon@hotmail.com
5/6	Mallory Mueller	chuck.mueller8654@yahoo.com
7/8	Dave Whorrall	davewhorrall@outlook.com
High School 9-11:	Sue Roepke	saroekpke@gmail.com
12/Confirm.	Dave Whorrall (Sunday Evenings)	

Parish Staff:

Pastor:	Fr. Alvan Amadi
Pastoral Associate:	Deacon Dennis Bennin
Faith Formation Coordinator:	Lindsay Schultz
Faith Formation Email:	holyrosaryreled@gmail.com
Faith Formation Office:	920-286-0374 (cell)
Holy Rosary Parish Office:	Lynne Becker @ 920-898-4884
Mailing Address:	Holy Rosary Faith Formation 1724 Madison St New Holstein, WI 53061

FAMILY PROMISE OF PARTNERSHIP

STUDENTS:

As a student in the Faith Formation program, I promise to my parents/guardians and to the staff that I will:

- Treat others – classmates, older and younger students, and teachers respectfully.
- Listen attentively and be courteous to the teachers and others.
- Participate in activities, discussions and experiences.
- Continue to seriously explore, develop, and learn about my faith, the best that I can.
- Do any homework given and attend and participate in Faith Formation Sunday/Saturday Masses, if not more often.

Student(s) Signature: _____

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

As I enroll my children in the Faith Formation Program, I promise as a parent/guardian to assist them in their growth as Catholic Christians by:

- Praying together at home and worshipping together with parishioners by attend and participate in Faith Formation Sunday/Saturday Masses, if not more often.
- Listening and discussing what happened during Faith Formation classes and check to make sure homework is completed.
- Participating in the family and parent activities of the program (liturgies, parent meetings, family nights, etc).
- Keep informed by reading the newsletters sent home.
- I will follow and help enforce the policies, student requirements, and guidelines of the program, which I have read in this handbook.

My child(ren) and I have read and understand the procedures outlined in the Faith Formation Handbook. I fully understand and take responsibility for my role as the first and primary educator of faith for my children. Therefore, I understand the role of the Faith Formation Program to be one of supplementing and enhancing my role. *(Please sign, date and return.)*

Parents/Guardians Signature: _____

Date: _____
